

BRICKENDON

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Parish Council election 3rd May 2007

So far, we know of only five candidates nominated for the five vacant posts on the Parish Council. They are Tim Barnard, Graham Irwin, Leslie Kotting, John Lambie, and Ann Reay

East Herts District Council election 3rd May 2007

William Ashley has been nominated as the conservative candidate

At the time of going to press we could find no information concerning any other candidates for either the Parish or District councils. The final date for nominations is 5th April but we won't know the names of all the candidates until after the 10th April when they will be posted on our noticeboards.

WELL GREEN COMMON – RESULT!

We have been advised by the Herts solicitor, handling the Court case that
“Hertfordshire County Council and Mr Simpson have agreed by virtue of a Consent Order dated 15th March 2007 and issued by Hertford County Court that Mr Simpson will remove all fencing, gates and associated works on Well Green Common identified by the County Council and restore the common to the condition it was in before the said fences, gates and associated works were erected or constructed within four weeks of receipt of the sealed Consent Order.

So it should all be gone by 13th April when we can start planning our picnic!

St George's Day Celebration at Brickendon Grange Golf Club

7.30 for 8pm on Saturday 21st April

As expected, all thirty two places were quickly snapped up with everyone anticipating the usual jolly evening! Mike would appreciate it if everyone could return their menu preferences together with payment no later than Friday 13th April – otherwise your place may be reallocated to someone on the waiting list!
Further details from Mike King 01992 511405

Celebrating the bard at 'The Farmers Boy' pub Saturday 28th April 7.30 for 8pm

What a patriotic lot we are – first it's St George, then it's Shakespeare! But don't worry it's not going to be an entirely cultural evening. Not only will we enjoy a sumptuous meal but we're going to try to take a lighthearted stab at Shakespeare – did you know he was actually born – and died on 23rd April -*with the years in between spent writing plays and sonnets!*

The three-course meal is £16 – chosen and paid for in advance. If you haven't already done so – book your place with Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617. You'll receive a menu shortly from which to choose your meal.

Take time out and feel great with Focused Relaxation

- a wonderful mix of gentle stretching and diaphragmatic breathing exercises, visualisation and meditation. When we become tense the body is less able to repair itself and make natural painkillers and we are apt to tire more quickly. Focused relaxation is very effective in relieving back pain and headaches and can be learned with practice and used anywhere. Sessions now take place every Friday morning from 10-11am in Fanshaws Room (the village hall) and are run by Chrissy an experienced and qualified local teacher of focused relaxation, meditation and reiki.

The fee is £5 per session (£3 concessions)

**Further details from Chrissy on 01992 511495;
email/web: chrissy@kalm-kids.co.uk**

Brickendon Liberty Parish Plan

At its last and final meeting, the current members of the Parish Council approved the plan in principle and paid tribute to all the hard work put into it by a small team of volunteers but particularly

by John Lambie and Desne Boulton.

With a little fine tuning, it is almost ready for the printers.

A good response to separate sets of questions, has been received from companies and organisations providing a service to those living in the parish. These are now being analysed.

We now need lots of photographs, and drawings from YOU to illustrate the final document (see also 'Snapshots of Brickendon' at the bottom of this page).

We would particularly welcome paintings from children featuring any aspect of Brickendon Liberty – the swings, the woods, favourite places, wild animals and so on.

And there will be prizes for those used.

Village Walks

Peter Millman will be leading our very first walk this year on 15th April. It is likely to be just a morning stroll – starting and finishing at The Farmers Boy - so not too strenuous. We set off at 10.30am sharp!

Let's hope it's a beautiful sunny day.

We look forward to seeing you all with the family - and the dog, of course.

Further details from Beryl 01992 511617

Brickendon Book Club

Not everyone managed to finish **Birds without wings** by Louis de Bernieres (*over 600 pages*) but all had read enough for a lively discussion.. The book under the microscope on 5th April is **The Island** by Victoria Hislop which will be followed on 3rd May by Isabel Allende's **Portrait in Sepia** and on 7th June by **Vanishing Acts** by Jodi Picoult. Meetings are held in members' homes throughout the Parish and start at 8pm. If you fancy reading any of these books and coming along to discuss their finer (or worst) points then you will be very welcome.

To find out where readings are being held and for further details, contact Sally Chandler 01992 479315.

The Gardening Club

7.30pm on 11th April

Most people will be familiar with Roy Martin's gardening tips which appear monthly in the Hartford Hundred West Parish Magazine. We are particularly pleased that he is coming along to our next meeting to pass on some of those tips in person.

Neal Holmes-Smith gave a really interesting illustrated talk in March mainly about plants that are particularly suitable for dry gardens and we all look forward to seeing him again as he has a wealth of experience on almost every aspect of gardening.

Vicky has organised a day's outing to Wisley, the RHS gardens on Sunday 27th May. Entry to the gardens is free. The only cost is for the coach journey. She still has a few seats available so if you would like to go, get in touch with her quickly.

**Further details of gardening club activities from:
Secretary Vickey Jackson 01992 511303.**

'new boy' at The Farmer's Boy

Nicola and Gary Esterby (*newish owners of the pub*) are over the moon at the birth of young William Thomas who weighed in at 6lbs 5ozs just in time for tea on 22nd March. A handsome lad (we daren't say he's a very pretty baby because his father insists he takes after him) and if his daddy isn't showing him off in person in the bar then you can always ask to see his latest photo!

Sincere congratulations to the whole family.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

will be held in Fanshaws Room (the village hall) on Tuesday 15th May at 7.30pm.

Mobile Library

In future the dates of the visit of the mobile library will be included in the diary dates on the back page.

*More details from Michelle or Muriel on 01438 737333
www.hertsdirect.org/libraries*

Table tennis

Good exercise (not too strenuous) and good company. What better way to spend a pleasant evening, and much more healthy than sprawling in front of the TV. Why not give it a go and call in for a few games on Tuesday evenings (until 17th April) and after that most Thursday evenings from 8 - 10pm. Bats and balls provided.

For more details call Marion Todd on 01992 511497.

Snapshots of Brickendon!

Since the last Newsletter we've had snow and plenty of sunshine – so we hope you've all been out with your cameras snapping away!

We're looking forward to receiving some stunning photographs taken recently illustrating every aspect of Brickendon Liberty – landscapes, spring lambs, club activities, children playing on the Green, attractive buildings, significant landmarks, the woods and so on for use not only on our website but also to illustrate the Parish Plan and possibly for use on a Parish Calendar for 2008.

We would particularly like everyone to take a photo(s) on Sunday 6th May (or if raining) Sunday 13th May.

There'll be prizes for the best ones used.

Photos should be sent in the first instance to

Beryl Scott Smith, Hill Cottage, 30 Brickendon Green

Brickendon Petanque/Boules Club

April is likely to be the busiest month ever for the club. On the 1st there's a training session from 10.30 until about 3pm with a break for lunch; there's a friendly match with Potters Bar Club on 15th April, and of course we'll be playing as usual on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 5pm until dark, and on the 2nd and 4th Sunday from 9.30am-12 noon in the Farmers Boy car park.

For further details see our

website: <http://www.brickendonboules.org.uk>

Or contact John Lambie on 01992 511551

***It's all happening at
Paradise Wildlife Park!***

Don't miss the **Twilight Tour of the Big Cat Enclosures** which starts at 7pm in the Safari Suite on Tuesday 24th April. It's your chance to come face to face with lions, tigers, jaguar, snow leopards and cheetahs together with lesser known cats such as the nocturnal Geoffroy's cat and palm civits from Vietnam. You'll also be able to meet two rare white lions from South Africa - the latest residents to be introduced to the park. After the tour with a designated keeper it's back to Safari Sam's for a Big Cat Talk.
Tickets: £6 (adults) and £4 (children) must be bought in advance from the pay cabin. Tel: 01992 470490

Please support Lynn's 4th marathon!

Lynn Whitnall, a director of Paradise Wildlife Park, is again running in the Flora London Marathon on 22nd April to raise funds for **Children with Leukemia** and **The Wildlife Heritage Foundation**. This is her fourth successive year and to date she's raised an amazing £25,00 for these very worthwhile causes. Lynn would welcome your support and sponsorship - no matter how small - and we've no doubt at all she'll complete the course - a gruelling 26 miles - yet again. So, good luck from us all Lynn!
For details of sponsorship or to make a donation please contact Lynn on 07769 894174

CELTIC HARMONY CAMP

Have a great Easter and step back into Celtic times with the family in the peaceful surroundings of Celtic Harmony Camp off Brickendon Lane. Celtic characters welcome you into the roundhouses and invite you to take part in its activities. Discover the Magic of the Woods on an Easter Egg hunt, seek out the realistic wood carvings, walk the spiral path of the herb garden, watch the antics of the farm animals or have a go shooting the 'wild boar' with a longbow on the archery field.
The hogs head kitchen will stave off hunger with its daily changing wholesome menu from hog roast to celtic broth. Open every day of the school holidays and every Sunday in term-time April-October. 10am to 5pm. Book on-line www.celticharmony.org and save 20%: adult £6.50; child £5.50; family day pass £19.95 (2 adults, 2 children) or pay on the door adult £8; child £7; family day pass £24.
Or telephone 01438 718543

**HARP, SONG AND TALK
7.30pm 18th May**

A fund raising evening with talented Harpist and raconteur Margaret Knight in the Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban to raise funds for the chapel. Tickets still available at £12 each and include wine and nibbles - there's only room for sixty people. To book and for details please contact Margaret Hills at the Gate House, Hacketts, Brickendon Lane. Phone 01992 511302.

GARDEN WASTE IN WHEELIE BINS

Note, you are perfectly within your rights to put garden waste IN your wheelie bin as we are not provided with brown bins for this purpose.

PARTIALLY SIGHTED?
Would you like a copy of the newsletter twice as large as this one?
Phone Beryl on 511617

Tesco & Sainsbury School tokens

Please don't refuse them when offered! Bayford School would be pleased to have them. Collect and deliver to Heather Ross at 15 Brickendon Lane (Little Fardons) who will pass them on to the school.

**Police request &
Neighbourhood Watch warnings**

Several horses recently strayed into Fanshaws Lane. The police suspect the reason was horse thieves who were disturbed and left in a hurry without the horse they were interested in. If you saw anything that day please let PCSO Karen Broad know tel: 01992 533013
If you see a suspicious van or people please don't hesitate to phone the police and take the van's number.

Also con men are around again. NEVER let a stranger in your home no matter how plausible their reason and if you think they may be up to no good, tell them you are going to - and do - phone the police (or a neighbour).

If you receive an unsolicited telephone call from a security company, politely hang up saying you are not interested. NEVER tell anyone when you will be in or out.

Don't leave car keys on window sills or in obvious places in the house, making it easy to steal your vehicle.

Up-to-date reports of local incidents reported by the Neighbourhood watch can now be found on our website.

NEW NOTICEBOARDS

The Parish Council has decided to spend the £400 awarded for our success in the Village of the Year competitions over the last few years, on a new noticeboard - *it was a toss between a new rubbish bin for the Green or the noticeboard and the latter won!*

Highways report

Herts Highways department has been reorganised with new staff - but no more money. However, the good news is that **Brickendon Lane** has been scheduled for resurfacing in Herts Highways programme for 2007/8. It is also reviewing and identifying owners of **verges** to make them responsible for cutting back bushes and trees. *A projecting branch in Brickendon Lane has smashed the windscreens of at least six cars over the last week.*

Please report potholes directly to the Highways fault reporting line on 01438 737320, make sure you are given a number and note the date you reported it.

Car Boot Sale reminder

12th May 11.30am to 2pm

Start sorting your attic and garage now!

Fanshaws Room (the village hall)

To hire the hall (£5 hour to residents; £6 hour to outsiders) or any equipment in it, please contact Margaret Robertson on 01992 511582

Sunday Services

at the Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban Brickendon Lane

1 April 11am Parish Communion

15 April 11am Family Service

Rector: Rev Canon Pauline Higham 01707 875940

Services are usually held in the Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban on the 1st and 3rd Sunday every month

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Archery Club at Celtic Harmony Details 01438718543

Bayford Friendly Club meets monthly on a Monday 2-4pm at Bayford Memorial Hall. Lifts can be arranged. Details Beryl Callaby 511371

Bayford Jazz Club every 4th Friday 8.15pm at Bayford Memorial Hall. Details John Softly 511254

Bayford Mother, Baby and Toddlers Group. Thursday mornings (term time only) 9.15-11.15am at Bayford Memorial Hall. Details Jane 511306 or Katie 511400

Brickendon Book Club 1st Thursday monthly Details Sally Chandler 479315

Brickendon Petanque/Boules club 2nd & 4th Sunday 9.30am-12noon. 1st & 3rd Tuesday 5.30pm until dusk. Details John Lambie 511551

Brickendon & District Gardening Club 2nd Wednesday each month 7.45pm. Details Vickey Jackson 511303

Easy Bridge Hertford meets in the village hall. Details Paul Quayle 01992 589660

Broxbourne Woods Conservation Society Details John Lucas 446107 or Les Adkins 440507

Celtic Harmony Camp in Bourne Wood. Details of open days and activities from Clare or Luca on 01438 718543

Clinton-Baker Pinetum. Bayfordbury. Details of working parties from Colin Metherill

Countryside Management Services (CMS) Details 01462 459395

Five-a-side football Details Oliver Peters 511422

Focused Relaxation Fri 10-11am. Details Chrissy Stevens 511495

History Group Details John Lucas 446107

Parish Environmental Action Plan (PEAP) Details Graham Irwin 511697

Parish Plan Preparing for the future of Brickendon Liberty. Details John Lambie 511551

Table Tennis – Adults (Winter) Tuesday 8-10pm; (Summer Thursdays) Details Marion Todd 511497

Tennis Courts to book and for keys contact Annie or Mike Wallis 511304 (or Beryl Scott Smith 511617 if Annie or Mike are unavailable)

Village Walk once a month around the environs of the parish. Details Beryl Scott Smith 511617

Whist Drive 3rd Thursday every month 7.45pm. Details Jean Retallick 511226

Woodman Land Rover Owners Club meets 1st Monday monthly at The Woodman pub, Wormley West End. Details Julian Kotting (julian@globallandroversf9.co.uk

USEFUL CONTACTS

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Herts County Councillor

Mike Tucker (Conservative) 01920 464826

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Parish Councillors (until May 2007)

Chairman Graham Irwin 511697

Vice Chairman William Ashley 511313

Desné Boulton 511483; Ray Peters 511205;

Beryl Scott Smith 511617

Fanshaws Room Social Committee

Chairman Frank Harrison 511202

Secretary Mike King 511405

Treasurer Simon Ross 666336

William Ashley 511313; Brian Chandler 479315;

Ruby Oakes 511656; Jean Retallick 511226;

Margaret Robertson 511582; Beryl Scott Smith 511617

POLICE

Emergency call 999

General non-emergency call 0845 3300222

Neighbourhood Watch Organiser

Mike King 511405

Police Community Liaison Officers

PC Neal Dyton 533013

PCSO Karen Broad 533013

For non-emergency matters ALWAYS call 0845 3300222

DIARY DATES

3 & 17 April	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile Library visit
5	8pm	Book Club
6	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club
8/22	9.30 – 12	Boules
3/17	5.30-dark	“
11	7.30pm	Gardening Club
13,20,27	10-11am	Focused Relaxation
15	10.30	Village Walk
15	10	Boules competition (PB)
19	7.45pm	Whist Drive
21	7pm	St George's Day celebration
24	7pm	Big Cat Twilight Tour at PWP
28	7.30pm	Farmers Boy celebration
3	May	Council elections
6	“	Brickendon Snapshot day
12	“	11.30-2pm Car Boot Sale
15	“	7pm Map on Green 'unveiled'
15	“	7.30pm Annual Parish meeting and Annual Council meeting
18	“	7.30pm Margaret Knight Harp concert
23	June	6.30pm BBQ
1	July	11am-4.30pm IMI Classic Car Show
2	Sept	11.30-4pm Fete
8	Dec	3-5 Kids Christmas Party
9	“	12.30 for 1 Christmas lunch

Please send information for May 2007 Newsletter by 23rd

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