

BRICKENDON

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Parish Council election - don't miss voting on 3rd May !

We have six candidates standing for five vacancies. They are:

Tim Barnard, Anne Downes, Graham Irwin, Leslie Kotting
John Lambie and Ann Reay.

Each has given the Newsletter a few words about themselves. (See page 2.)

Congratulations William Ashley!

- who will continue to represent us as our **East Herts District Councillor** (*Hertford Heath and Brickendon*). William, clearly a daunting opponent, had no opposition and is automatically re-elected. Our grateful thanks to him for always being accessible and supportive to anyone needing help with a Council problem over the last four years.

We are pleased and look forward to assuring him of our support over the next four!

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CAR BOOT SALE ON THE GREEN

Saturday 12th May 11.30am TO 3pm

We've been fortunate over the last two years in having a wonderful sunny day – thus encouraging car booters in force and lots of punters! Let's hope our luck stays with us.

Remember, you only have this wonderful opportunity once a year to get rid of unwanted gifts, clear out your garage and attic and sell all those things you couldn't on ebay! So start gathering your goodies together now.

Our 'bacon butties' – (only on sale during the car boot), are now renowned! So, if you're not coming to sell – come to browse and buy and replete yourselves with our delicious refreshments.

*Cost is £7 per car boot. No need to book, just come along. Set up at 10am
Free parking for everyone else.*

We need your help, too. At 9am we lay out the Green and put up parking notices etc. At the same time, we have to set up the tables and chairs etc in the village hall and prepare the food for the onslaught. Car booters usually arrive very early, so food has to be ready by 10am. If you are prepared to help set up the field, then please contact Brian Chandler 01992 479315. If you can spare say, two hours, to help in the kitchen or with selling food, then please phone Beryl Scott Smith on 01992 511617.

Parish Council Candidates

Tim Barnard

I moved to Clementsbury when I retired from a life in the building industry. I now have an avid interest in the Parish and value greatly our village community. I am a member of the Parish Plan team, help to distribute the Newsletter and enjoy participating in parish activities. Now that I have the time and energy I would like the opportunity to support and help preserve the richness of our life here.

Anne Downes

I currently live in Wormley West End and have lived in the area all my life.

My family have always supported community events but, until retiring, I had been unable to take a more active role. With my experience in BP Catering Management; as a lecturer at Hertford Regional College and as Facility Manager of Glaxo's at Ware, I believe I could make a valid contribution to the local community as a Parish Councillor.

Graham Irwin

I was elected to the Parish Council in 2003 and have served as chairman for the past year. I have taken the lead in the council's environmental initiatives; most notably the Parish Environment Action Plan (PEAP), maintenance regime for the village green, the Parish Paths Partnership and the publication of the parish map. I take part in several of the parish clubs and groups and have qualified as a parish clerk for two neighbouring parishes.

15th MAY

The Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings

7pm

The new map on the Green will be officially 'unveiled'. You are invited to come along to this momentous event and partake of a glass of wine.

Many thanks to Daphne Baxter who has illustrated it with some delightful watercolours of local flora and fauna. Thanks too, to Graham Irwin, for obtaining grants to pay for it and master minding it through from start to finish.

7.30pm

After your drink, please stay on to say farewell to our outgoing council which has served us so well during the last four years and tso welcome our new Parish Council at the Annual Parish Meeting – always an opportunity for you to comment on or have an input into parish affairs.

Brickendon Liberty Parish Plan

We're now thinking ahead to layout and printing. We need illustrations (see 'Snapshots of Brickendon')

We would particularly welcome paintings, poetry etc of Brickendon from children.

There will be prizes for those used.

POTHoles AND DAMAGED ROADS

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. The editor reported one last week and it was repaired within the hour! So don't just moan – pick up the phone!

Leslie Kotting

Currently I am serving on the Parish Council's steering committee for the Parish Plan. This research has highlighted some contemporary problems.

Having lived and raised a family in Bayford and Brickendon for over forty years I would now like to be instrumental in attempting to address many of the concerns raised by parishioners in order to maintain and enhance the many advantages that Brickendon Liberty has to offer.

John Lambie

I am a family man living in the centre of Brickendon and will defend the rural setting of Brickendon Liberty if I am given the opportunity to be a Parish Councillor. I am chairman of the steering group surveying residents' opinions before producing our Parish Plan Report this summer. I am active at village events, captain of the Boules Club, and have enjoyed being Santa at the last four children's Christmas parties!

Ann Reay

I live at Jepps Farm in Mangrove Lane, which has been in my family for over 100 years. It is now run by younger family members. Since retiring I have enjoyed taking part in village events and am a member of the Bridge and Book clubs. Being also on the Parish Plan steering group has led to my decision to become more involved in village affairs. I would aim to ensure that the Parish maintains it's rural nature.

WELL GREEN COMMON: LATEST

The contractors will be removing the fencing on 2nd May. So hopefully, shortly after receiving this newsletter, it should all have gone.

Coincidentally...

... a book 'Boosey and Hawkes: The Publishing Story' has just been published. Leslie Boosey, who lived at Bourne Orchard in the early 40's was the joint founder of the leading international music company of 'Boosey & Hawkes' which had the publishing rights of many well known composers like Britten, Copland, and Stravinsky.

Margaret Robertson

Margaret is in the QE2 hospital but expects to be out shortly. We all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her buzzing around again soon!

FANSHAW'S ROOM (the village hall)

To hire the hall (£5 hour to residents; £6 hour to outsiders) please leave a message on 01992 511582

PARTIALLY SIGHTED?

Would you like a copy of the newsletter twice as large as this one?

Phone Beryl on 511617

St George's Day Celebration at Brickendon Grange Golf Club

Perhaps not quite the raucous occasion of the past but nevertheless a most enjoyable evening. Good food, good company, a quiz on famous English people which everyone nearly won, and good entertainment (well, I would say that wouldn't I?) and finally, a reluctance by all to go home. Many thanks to Mike King for organising things on our side.

Did you remember to put your flags out on the 23rd April? It's a good job Mike and Rosemary King did. What a wonderful job too – banners and flags on the Green and all up Brickendon Lane. Well done you two!

Litter Pickers

We had a very successful turnout yet again of volunteers collecting rubbish along the lanes. Clearly not everyone's idea of the best way of spending a Saturday morning.

Every outgoing Parish Councillor was there and the amount of rubbish collected proved it a worthwhile and satisfying way of spending two hours.

The Parish Council's grateful thanks to all those who took part.

Emergency dentistry service

The Newsletter was recently made aware by a relieved patient of this supplementary A&E service at Chase Side Hospital on Enfield Ridgeway. However, you will only be seen if it is a genuine emergency and you have contacted your own dentist first.

Focused Relaxation

- a wonderful mix of gentle stretching and diaphragmatic breathing exercises, visualisation and meditation.

Why not give it a try next Friday from 10-11?

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

Snapshots of Brickendon

Don't forget to get out and about with your camera snapping away particularly on 6th May. We're looking forward to receiving some stunning photographs of Brickendon Liberty, its residents, rural environment, flora and fauna etc. Everything from a bluebell wood to children on the swings. To be used on our website, in the Parish Plan and hopefully on a Parish Calendar for 2008.

If it should rain on 6th May then take them on 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

We had a very useful all day training session at the beginning of April. The outcome was demonstrated by the use of greatly improved techniques at our first competitive match where we had a very respectable result, losing three matches to two, the final by 13-10.

We expect to do even better at matches played home and away on Monday evenings.

See the diary (back page) for normal May playing dates

For further details see our

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

Or contact John Lambie on 01992 511551

*Harps, Song and Talk
Friday 18 May at 7.30pm*

in the Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban

A treat awaits us all as we welcome Margaret Knight back to Brickendon. In the short time since she last entertained us, she has travelled the world. So we are privileged that she has been able to fit us into her tight schedule.

Tickets at £12 each, include a glass of wine and nibbles.

All proceeds will go to the Church

Tickets are limited, & must be booked in advance.

Further details: Margaret Hills 01992 511302

May Village Walk

A very good turn out on a gorgeous day for a most enjoyable first walk this year, in April. Let's hope it's a good omen for the future. We've managed to twist Peter Millman's arm again and he's agreed to lead us on our next walk on 20th May starting as usual from The Farmer's Boy at 10.30am!

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

Further details from Beryl 01992 511617

Brickendon Book Club

On 3rd May the book club will be discussing Isabel Allende's **Portrait in Sepia**.

At its April meeting **The Island** by Victoria Hislop -based on fact and an actual leper island off Crete was considered well worth reading. On 7th June at 8pm the book will be **Vanishing Acts** by Jodi Picoult. Read it and come to our next get-together -you'll be very welcome.

further details from Sally Chandler 01992 479315.

Thanks from The Farmer's Boy

Nicola, Gary and William Estherby would like to thank everyone for their gifts, cards and support following William's birth.

They'd also like to thank everyone for being so friendly and making them so welcome to the village.

Welcome, at last...

To Julia and Richard Neocleous and their children Hannah (16), George(14) and Louis(8)who are moving into **Fanshaw's Farm** on Sunday 29th April. Couldn't move in the Sunday before as Julia and Richard were both running in the London marathon for **Great Ormond Street Hospital** – both did it in 4 hours 50 minutes. (PS the offspring hope to make lots of new local friends!)

Lynn does it again!

Lynn Whitnall, a director of Paradise Wildlife Park, also completed this year's marathon in 4 hours 45 minutes raising over £7,000 for **Children with Leukemia** and **The Wildlife Heritage Foundation**.

Congratulations and well done yet again!

The Gardening Club

A day's outing has been organised to Wisley, the RHS gardens on Sunday 27th May. Entry to the gardens is free.

The only cost is for the coach journey.

Note: This outing is instead of the 9th May meeting.

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

Table Tennis

We'd still like to welcome new (adult) players ! Throughout the summer we'll be playing most **Thursdays** (except the third Thursday and every other month when Parish Council meetings take precedence). Go on, give it a 'go' and call in for a game or two from 8-10pm. Bats, balls, table, tea and biscuits all provided.

All we need now is YOU!

Details from Marion Todd 01992 511497

Sunday Services

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

6 May 11am Parish Communion

20 May 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 Every Friday 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. Most Thursdays 8-10pm 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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Parish Councillors (until 3 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 Beryl Scott Smith 511617

Secretary Mike King 511405

Treasurer Simon Ross 666336

William Ashley 511313; Brian Chandler 479315;

Frank Harrison 511202; Ruby Oakes 511656; Jean

Retallick 511226; Margaret Robertson 511582

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

1,15,29 May	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile Library visits
3	“	am to pm Parish Council Election day
3	“	Book Club
4,11,18,25	10-11am	Focused Relaxation
4	“	8pm Bayford Jazz Club
13,27	“	9.30 – 12 Boules
1,15	“	5.30-dark “
6	“	Brickendon Snapshot day
12	“	11.30-2pm Car Boot Sale
15	“	7pm Map on Green ‘unveiled’
15	“	7.30pm Annual Parish & Annual Parish Council meetings
17	“	7.45pm Whist Drive
18	“	7.30pm Margaret Knight Harp concert
20	“	10.30am Village Walk
23	“	8pm Fanshaws Social committee
27	“	Day trip Gardening Club
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 June

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