

# BRICKENDON

## Newsletter

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*The last two months have been particularly hectic what with the Fete and various fund raising events, so it's nice to be able to relax a bit in October and November before a busy start in December.*

*We are now updating the 'Directory of goods and services'. If you wish your name/company to remain in it then please let the editor know by 16th November otherwise it will be deleted.*

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### *'Looking to the Future'*

#### **Photo Shoot on the Green 10am Saturday 13 October**

The Parish Plan publication is now almost ready to print - except we need to illustrate it with some professional photos - particularly of families and young people. A photographer is coming along as above.

We need a large group photo of about sixteen people and another of youngsters playing football on the Green as well as a few others involving children.

If you and your family are free, then please do come along - if it is raining then the group photo will be taken in the Parish Hall. We'd need you for about an hour.

*Further information from John Lambie 01992 511551*

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#### **Friday 16th November 7.30pm MUSIC IN THE CHAPEL**

We are delighted to welcome back the Kuhlau Quartet of flautists who, in concert with Royal Academy of Music string students, intend to entertain us while raising funds for the Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban.

Tickets are £12 each to include a glass of wine and nibbles  
Tickets available from Virginia Haryott,  
*Wellpond Cottage, Brickendon Lane. Tel: 01992 511575*

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#### **BROXBOURNE WOODS OPEN DAY Sunday 7th October 11am-4pm**

A once-a-year event - see the heavy Clydesdale horses at work; demonstrations by traditional craftsmen making barrels, musical instruments etc. Join a hunt for fungi; make a bird box. Learn about wildlife. Refreshments available including a hog roast. Don't miss this special day! Free Park-and-Ride from Paradise Wildlife Park's overflow car park in White Stubbs Lane.

Paths accessible for buggies and wheelchairs.

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#### **11th November WORK WITH THE WARDENS**

*Try your hand at coppicing and deer basket making. Meet at Broxbourne West Car Park. Further details from Countryside Management Services: 01462 459395*

#### **CELTIC CAMP October events**

There are things happening on designated days throughout October from longbow archery to making besom brooms; there are treasure hunts and things to make and battles to fight. You can also learn survival skills.

These activities end on 29th October with a celebration of the **Samhain Festival** as you light your way at 6pm with torch lanterns to the Chief Roundhouse for storytelling. Celtic broth, mulled wine and refreshments available too!

Booking necessary. By phone on 01438 718543 or  
[www.celticharmony.org](http://www.celticharmony.org)

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#### **HARVEST FESTIVAL at the Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban Brickendon Lane**

**Sunday 21st October at 11am**

*We would love to have the Chapel full for this lovely service - followed by refreshments. All gifts will be taken afterwards to the Cheshire home, Arnold House, Enfield.*

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#### **Christmas Lunch**

Sunday 9th December 12.30 for 1pm

You may think it's a bit early to mention the Parish Christmas lunch but the fact is it will take place shortly after you receive the *next* newsletter. A traditional turkey and Christmas pud meal (vegetarian option) in the Parish Hall with mulled wine to start and wine with the meal.

Cost £6 (adults) £4 (under 12's)

followed by a raffle and entertainment !

It's probably our most popular social event. Sadly we're limited to 50 - and always oversubscribed! So contact Mike King soon on 01992 511405 to book your place.

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#### **Kids' Christmas Party**

Saturday 8th December 3-5pm

We'd love to have every child (up to ten years old) and living in the Parish with us this year.

Apart from lots of party food and presents from Father Christmas himself, we have a special children's entertainer! All for free! Please let Heather Ross know if you're coming by 1st December on 01992 666336

## Report of the Parish Council meeting 27 September

Cllr. Mike Tucker (Herts County Councillor) and PC Neal Dyton were welcomed to the meeting.

Mike is on the Highways committee and always volunteers to follow up any problems with services provided by Herts CC. Neal keeps us up to date with police (and criminal) activity in the Parish.

Noise, the burglar alarm, and to and fro'ing of lorries particularly at night at Kindersfield used by 'Accord' to store and service marquees continues to cause considerable annoyance to residents in Brickendon Lane. The PC is awaiting a response from EHDC.

The lease for the Green is to be renewed.

Neal Dyton reported that the police were constantly monitoring antisocial behaviour in the woods' car parks, in the hope that knowing that the police could appear at any time would encourage the culprits to move elsewhere.

### Notice boards

Consideration is being given to landscaping around the board on the corner of Fanshaws Lane.

### Well Green Common

A further Court Hearing takes place in November in an attempt to get the remainder of the fencing removed. This saga began in November 2003 and is about to enter its fifth year. It would be interesting to know just how much the prevarications of the owner have cost ratepayers to date.

### Planning decisions

#### *Objections by PC*

#### **Tun Abdul Razak Research Centre (Malaysian Rubber Company) Brickendonbury, Brickendon Lane**

Proposals include the upgrade of an existing football pitch to FIFA standards; an accommodation block for 71 'elite' Malaysian athletes to train in summer months only for the 2012 Olympics. The PC's many concerns remained unanswered following a meeting at the Centre. These included the absence of any plans for changing and shower facilities; demolishing listed curtilage buildings; the development was on a greenbelt site; the design for the accommodation block was out of keeping with existing buildings and the environment; no indication of post Olympic use was given; it would only be used exclusively by Malaysian and Asian athletes; there would be an unacceptable and dangerous increase in transport arriving and leaving the site and that the application appeared incomplete.

#### *No objection by PC*

**The Forge/The Lodge, Mangrove Lane** demolition of the Lodge, rear extension to the Forge, car port and change of access.

**East Herts Equestrian Centre, Elbow Lane** outbuilding for general stables use.

**Paradise Wildlife Park** retrospective, change of use of agricultural land for car parking.

#### *Approved by EHDC*

**Rose Cottage, Brickendon Lane** rear extension

**East Herts Equestrian Centre, Elbow Lane.** Hay barn

#### *Planning permission refused by EHDC*

**Edgewood Farm, Broxbourne Common** Unauthorised erection of barn and entrance gates

**14 Highfield Farm, Mangrove Lane** Retrospective application for closeboarded fencing at rear.

### *Other planning matters*

#### **Stanstead Airport proposed expansion**

Public enquiry into BAA Appeal continues.

#### *Appeal to be decided in writing*

**White Stubbs Bungalow** Unauthorised driveway.

#### *Certificate of lawful use*

**Birch Farm Riding School** occupation of dwelling not in breach of planning permissions.

#### **Stocking Woods Paintball activities**

An unauthorised increase in use has created noise and disruption to neighbouring residents who are now keeping diaries as evidence to initiate enforcement action.

*For details of other planning applications visit our website or speak to a Parish Councillor.*

[www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk](http://www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk)

### **Shock! Horror! at Wormley West End**

A dastardly plot has been uncovered as Broxbourne Council tried to purloin part of Brickendon Liberty Parish by placing a 'Broxbourne' sign 100 yards inside our boundary! Clearly they hadn't reckoned with the sharp eyes of our Highways guru and sleuth Cllr Kotting!

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## **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**7.30pm Thursday 22nd November**

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### **Police Alert!**

PC Neil Dyton made several pleas to help protect you - and your property, based on recent experiences in the area.

NEVER leave house or car keys exposed to view on a window sill or near the front or back doors. Thieves can skilfully remove them without breaking in or breaking glass, with the use of a bamboo stick and a piece of wire!

Distraction burglars are at it again in Brickendon.

Do **not** let anyone into **your** home if they do not have an appointment even if they produce an identity card and particularly if they say they want to check anything to do with water or your electricity or gas meters. Do not be fooled by them wearing a fluorescent jacket. Usually only one person arrives at your door but another is lurking ready to gain entry when your back is turned. If you suspect anyone then ring the police immediately - on 999!

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### **Brickendon & District Gardening Club**

Members are off to The Chelsea Physic Garden

(described as 'a secret walled garden in the heart of London') on Sunday 7th October. It was founded in 1673 by the Society of Apothecaries to promote the study of botany in relation to medicine. Scientists only recently seem to realise that the benefits are not just old wives tales but have relevance today.

On 14th November, Jo from The Flower Bar in Hertford is coming to talk about various indoor arrangements, some of which we suspect will touch on Christmas!

*Further details from Vickey Jackson tel: 01992 511303*

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### **WANTED: AUDIO TYPING MACHINE**

Rosemary King is a volunteer reader for talking newspapers for the blind. The organisation desperately needs to replace its current audio typing machine with another - not necessarily new - but which works!

If you know of one and can help out then Rosemary would love to hear from you. Please ring her on 01992 511405.

## Brickendon Book Club

The book being discussed on 4th October is *Stuart; a life backwards* by Alexander Masters. We're having another go on 1st November at Salman Rushdie's *Midnight's Children* and on 6th December will be talking about Scott Fitzgerald's *Tender is the Night*. We can supply a library copy of most books we read which can be kept for six weeks. If you've read any of the books chosen - or there's a book you'd like to recommend - then do come along!

For details ring Sally Chandler on 01992 479315.

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## PARTIALLY SIGHTED?

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

Phone Beryl on 511617

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### Focused Relaxation

Just what everyone needs at the end of the week - some gentle yoga-type physical exercises to make your body feel good, followed by some gentle mental 'massaging' to help you face those everyday problems with a more relaxed attitude. Classes (£5) take place every Friday morning in Fanshaws Room, from 10-11am.

Further information from Chrissy on 01992 511495; email: [info@kalm.kids.co.uk](mailto:info@kalm.kids.co.uk) [www.kalm-kids.co.uk](http://www.kalm-kids.co.uk)

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### Brickendon Petanque/Boules Club

The good news is that we have now won four games against opposing teams - one of which was second to the top team in the league! So we're on our way. The competition season is now over but we're still playing regularly (see diary at back) some enthusiasts can be found in the pub car park secretly practising during the week! Our captain is now talking of a visit to France next year to play the masters! We've always room for more members - especially beginners! Come along and have a go.

For further details see our

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

or ring John Lambie on 01992 511551

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### 'HOME GROWN'

*It may have been pouring outside but we had a delightful Friday evening in September inside when children from both Ponsbourne and Bayford schools demonstrated their talents to a packed Chapel of fans. We were also entertained by the Higham family - with Rod demonstrating his skills as a clarionettist and Rachel treating us to some soulful jazz interpretations. The talented Outram family from Bayford added a further touch of class with their skilful performances for two violins, flute and viola.*

**The evening raised £350 for churches in the parish.**

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### WELCOME NEW ARRIVAL AT THE WOODMAN

Lisa and Rob Durrans, landlords of The Woodman pub in WWE, became the proud parents of wee Chloe - a mere 5lb15ozs when born in July. Our hearty congratulations to the family - albeit somewhat late!

## Fete round up!

It seems a long, long time ago now but we like to think that every fete is 'the most successful yet!' This year's was no exception. It's not only the amount of money we make (this year £3,445.01 plus a bit more to come!) but the spirit of those running it, the goodwill of the sponsors and the general enjoyment throughout the day!

We were incredibly lucky with the weather - some punters said "but you always have bright sunny days" well, long may they continue. There were still people milling around after 4pm - didn't want to leave and all appreciated our claim to run a *traditional* fete! But thinking caps are on already on what else we might do next year to make it even more enjoyable. If you've any ideas please do let Beryl Scott Smith know about them.

We were absolutely delighted at the number of newcomers to the parish who pitched in to give a hand with both setting up and running stalls - just hope they haven't been put off volunteering in the future.

*So a big THANK YOU everyone who gave a hand putting up posters, making sandwiches, parking cars, baking cakes, running games, cooking burgers, keeping an eye on bouncy kids and so on - not forgetting our sponsors:*

**Vicky Booth**

**Brickendon Grange Golf Club**

**Cellfix Labels**

**Celtic Camp**

**County Supplies (Fresh Produce Ltd)**

**East Herts Equestrian Centre**

**The Farmers Boy Pub**

**Grooming Marvellous**

**The Institute of the Motor Industry**

**Limco Executive Limousine Services**

**A H Nicholls & Sons Ltd**

**Paradise Wildlife Park**

**Wilton Electric**

**The Woodman Pub**

*PS - if you lost a pair of glasses, etc - contact Beryl!*

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### Macmillan Cancer Support

Virginia and Beryl want to thank everyone who helped to make the coffee morning such a success - from the 'workers' (to whom a special thanks) to those of you who donated money or who came along with cakes and goodies, and spent your money!

On behalf of the charity we banked £317!

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### Sewage works in Back Lane

If you live in Fanshaws Lane you will be well aware of the number of tankers which have been reversing down Fanshaws and Back Lane over the last few months and perhaps wondering what it's all about. Well, Thames Water is improving the sewage system and is putting down a reed bed on the site. The tankers have been large because it was felt that fewer large tankers would be preferable to twice the number of small ones. They have also promised that the tankers will not be making such late night deliveries as they have been doing disturbing people's sleep.

When work is completed, early in November and everything is in working order, they will be inviting local people to a site visit to explain what they have done and why. So keep an eye on the noticeboard for the date.

## TABLE TENNIS

We're back to playing every Tuesday evening from 8-10pm. Why not come along to the parish hall and join us? We're not yet up to Olympic standards so you're welcome even if your only experience is playing on holiday.

Further details from Marion Todd 511497

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## TENNIS COURTS

Please note, the courts will be closed after the school half term holidays until the Spring for safety reasons. During this time we hope to refurbish the surface and repair the fencing. Regular players will be aware how slippery the surface becomes in damp weather with moss and leaves.

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## Sunday Services

Chapel of the Holy Cross & St Alban, Brickendon Lane

7 Oct & 4 Nov 11am Parish Communion

21 October Harvest Festival 11am Family Service

18 November 11am Family Service

Rector: Rev Canon Pauline Higham 01707 875940

Services are usually held monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

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## FANSHAWS ROOM (the village hall)

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

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## LOCAL ACTIVITIES

**Archery Club** at Celtic Harmony Details 01438 718543

**Bayford Jazz Club** every 4<sup>th</sup> 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
9.30am-12noon. Details John Lambie 511551

**Brickendon & District Gardening Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Focused Relaxation** Every Friday 10-11am.  
Details Chrissy Stevens 511495

**History Group** Details John Lucas 446107

**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 Beryl Scott Smith 51161 - courts closed until Spring after 28 Oct.

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

**Whist Drive** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month 7.45pm  
Details Jean Retallick 511226

**Woodman Land Rover Owners Club** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday monthly at The Woodman pub, Wormley West End  
Details Julian Kotting (julian@globallandroverSF9.co.uk

## Member of Parliament

Mark Prisk (Conservative) 01920 462182

## Herts County Councillor

Mike Tucker (Conservative) 01920 464826

## East Herts District Councillor

William Ashley (Conservative) 01992 511313

## PARISH CONTACTS

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## Parish Councillors

Chairman Graham Irwin 511697

Vice Chairman Anne Downes 446700

Tim Barnard 551077 Leslie Kotting 511410

John Lambie 511551

## Fanshaws Room Social Committee

Chairman Beryl Scott Smith 511617

Secretary Mike King 511405

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William Ashley 511313; Brian Chandler 479315;

Mavis Cook 511424; Anne Downes 446700

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

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## DIARY DATES

### October

2	8pm	Book Club
5,12,19,26	10-11am	Focused Relaxation
5	6.30 for 7	Sports Dinner
2,9,16,23,30	8-10pm	Table Tennis
2, 16, 30	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile Library visits
7	11am-4pm	Broxbourne Woods Gardening Club visit
7		Photos on Green
13	10am	Boules/petanque
14 & 28	9.30 – 12	Whist Drive
18	7.45	Harvest Festival
21	11am	Bayford Jazz Club
19	8pm	'Samhain' at Celtic Camp
29	6pm	

### November

11 & 25	9.30-noon	Boules/petanque
6,13,20, 27	8-10pm	Table Tennis
1	8pm	Book Club
2,9,16,23,30	10-11	Focused Relaxation
11		Work with Wardens (CMS)
13 & 27	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile Library visits
14	7.30pm	Gardening Club
15	7.45pm	Whist Drive
16	7.30pm	Music in the Chapel
16	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club
22	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting

### December

8	3-5pm	Childrens Party
9	12.30 for 1pm	Parish Christmas lunch

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### Please send information for December/January by 23<sup>rd</sup>

**November to:** Beryl Scott Smith, Editor, Hill Cottage,  
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