

# BRICKENDON

## Newsletter

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## Summer Barbecue on the Green!

**Saturday 21st June from 6.30pm**  
**Adults £8 (£5 children aged ten and under)**

A great opportunity - for those who live in the Parish (particularly if you've recently moved here) for the whole family to come along, enjoy a mouth watering barbecue (vegetarians catered for), lovely home made salads and yummy desserts. Meet your neighbours, make new friends, renew acquaintances - while our favourite "**Melody Makers**" play *their* hearts out - and *your* requests. Bring your own tipple and glasses. There'll be a raffle too and plenty of room on the Green for the kids to play!

**BUT...**

*if you have every intention of coming, then we must know AND have your money by SUNDAY 15th JUNE as we need to order the right amount of food from the butcher a week in advance. Sorry, but this year we CANNOT accept last minute nor unpaid for bookings after this date!*

**Please book with Mavis and Derek Cook, 10 Fanshaws Lane. Tel: 01992 511424**

*If you're willing to make a dessert or salad, Beryl would like to hear from you on 01992 511617 and Brian Chandler would welcome help with the barbecue. Please ring him on 01992 479315*

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**'STOP STANSTED EXPANSION'**  
**Public meeting Monday 2nd June 7.30pm**  
**in Fanshaws Room (the Parish Hall)**  
**on the Green**

Mike Fairchild, who has been actively involved with the above campaign, has agreed to come along to give us an update. Some of you may have read a brief summary about this in the May/June Newsletter.

If BAA's plans, to expand the existing single runway or build a second runway, should be allowed to go ahead, have no doubt it would have tremendous implications for us and our children.

If you don't really understand what it's all about, then do please come along to this meeting and find out!

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**US getting to know you -**  
**YOU getting to know us!**

**Wednesday 16th July 8pm**  
**Fanshaws Room (the parish hall) on the Green**

Drop in for an informal glass of wine and a nibble! Newish residents particularly welcome. Meet your Parish Councillors, District and County Councillors and those involved with running various clubs and activities.

It's a great opportunity to find out what makes Brickendon tick and what the '**Brick**' factor is.

**Please come along. Look forward to seeing you!**

### Village of the Year 2008

Councillor John Lambie, of Parish Plan fame, is masterminding our Parish's entry in the above this year. Three judges will be arriving on **Wednesday 4th June** at 11.30am and will be whisked away on what we expect to be an impressive whistle-stop tour of the Parish. They will return to Fanshaws Room at about **12.15pm** for a light bite to eat and a presentation - bidding us farewell at 1pm. The focus will be on the local community - *that's you* - as demonstrated in the Parish Plan so **YOU** are welcome to come along to meet them too!

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### FANCY A DAY AT THE SEASIDE?

If you are one of those people who, in response to the Parish Plan questionnaire, admitted to feeling isolated then here's an opportunity to get out and about on a day's outing to the seaside with others who may feel the same.

This doesn't apply *only* to pensioners but to anyone wanting company.

Brian Johnson of Brickendon Green has volunteered to arrange a coach trip with, say a fish and chip lunch, if there are enough people interested.

So please ring Brian on 511390 **now** if you'd like to go so that he can start making the necessary arrangements!

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### Bayford Station incident

At the recent Parish Council meeting, PC Dyton thanked Peter Whittaker without whose help arrests would not have been possible in connection with the above incident in March. So well done Peter!

## Brickendon Petanque/Boules Club

We were delighted to welcome three youngsters to our sessions. They're quickly picking up the techniques and it would be good if others came along to try it out any Tuesday evening and Sunday mornings (as diary) - they may find that they too enjoy it!

We're still on a roll - having won four out of the five matches played this season.

We also hosted a 'friendly' with the Rotary Club of Hoddesdon who had so many members wanting to play that we had to split the event over two evenings.

You can't miss our members now in their smart maroon polo shirts, caps, fleeces and sweatshirts. Members who visited Jersey had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

If you haven't had a go yet then do come along to the Farmers Boy car park any Tuesday or alternate Sunday. See diary for regular playing dates.

Further details from: **John Lambie on 01992 51155**  
or website: <http://www.brickendonboules.org.uk>

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## Brickendon & District Gardening Club

On 14th June members will be off at the crack of dawn, to visit 'Kings' Seeds and Beth Chatto's famed garden.

An outing is also planned to replace the July meeting but details have still to be confirmed. Sally will let all members know when and where as soon as she hears!

Meanwhile we hope everyone is potting up plants to be at their best for sale at the Fete on 7th September.

Our thanks to hostess Athene Saunders for inviting us to wander around her charming gardens at 'Hacketts' in May.

We are pleased to hear that Vicky is out of hospital.

Everyone misses her and wishes her a speedy recovery

Further details from **Sally Chandler 01992 479315**  
and a reminder about

### Bayford Musical Gardens Open Day

Sunday 15th June 11.30am-5pm

£6.50 adults (50p children)

Every other year both large and small gardens in the village are open to the public to raise funds for local projects and charities. Music is played in the larger gardens and there are refreshments, stalls and so on.

It's a great day out - right on our doorstep - don't miss it!

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### LITTER PICKERS

Our grateful thanks to all those who turned out to give a hand collecting rubbish in our lanes - not the most pleasant way of spending a Sunday morning but the amount collected made it very worthwhile. Thanks again!

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### Brickendon Book Club

On 5th June we'll be discussing *'The Tenderness of Wolves'* by **Steph Penny** and on 3rd July *'The Rose of Sebastopol'* by **Katharine McMahon**

We can order sets of most books from the library which can be kept for six weeks. If you've read any of the above books - or there's another you'd recommend us to read - then do please come along or let us know!

Further details from **Sally Chandler on 01992 479315**

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### Pub' activities

Are you a quiz addict? Then go along to **The Woodman, WWE** at 9pm Wednesday nights or to **The Farmers Boy, Brickendon** Sunday 8th June at 8pm. For details of dinners with entertainment visit: [www.thefarmersboy.net](http://www.thefarmersboy.net)

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## Village Walks

We've had two lovely evening walks recently and so since they appear to be more popular than those on Sunday mornings, for the foreseeable future we'll stick to weekday evenings. We've also decided to explore further afield, starting perhaps from Bayford or Little Berkhamstead.

(note, we'll drive to the start!) As usual we'll certainly end at a friendly hostelry. Come and join Peter Millman and the rest of us on Wednesday 11th June and Wednesday 23rd July. We meet at 6.30pm **outside**

The Farmer's Boy pub.

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## TABLE TENNIS

Come along to Fanshaws Room any Thursday evening. We play from 8-10pm. Some children have shown interest in playing. If enough contact Marion, we'll set up the table an hour beforehand for them to play. Everyone's welcome even if their only experience is playing on holiday.

Further details from **Marion Todd 01992 511497**

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## TENNIS?

It seems that our tennis courts are very much appreciated and regularly used by residents of Bayford, Hertford and Broxbourne - but hardly used at all by Brickendon residents! Presumably tennis is no longer a sport encouraged by schools - so sadly no potential Wimbledon champs in Brickendon.

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## POT HOLES

**Report them right away and other highways problems directly to Herts Highways on 01438 737320. Ask for a reference number and note the date of your report.**

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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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## FANSHAWS ROOM SOCIAL COMMITTEE - update

We had an excellent result following the last newsletter with two new members from Brickendon Green joining the committee. Jackie Rorke a working mother, who volunteered to be our secretary and Brian Johnson who is already organising a day at the seaside for us. Also Chrissie Stevens volunteered to organise the children's Christmas party. The not so good news is that our treasurer has given us timely warning that, due to family and business commitments, while he would like to remain a committee member, he has asked us to find a new treasurer before the end of our financial year in February.

So, do we have a volunteer treasurer in the offing?

Only two people, however, offered to wield a paintbrush inside the hall. So decorating inside and outside, with some repairs is likely to cost a total of some £5,000.

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**Report of the  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING,  
ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING  
& PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
22 May 2008**

*Attended by the Parish Council and eight others. A disappointing attendance for the most important meeting of the year. Councillors give up much of their time and a great deal of effort on your behalf so it would have been nice to have had more support on this one evening.(Ed).*

**Annual Parish Meeting**

In his report, Chairman, Cllr Graham Irwin commented on the good working relationship achieved during the first year of office of the new council. He thanked the Parish Plan Team and everyone who helps to make Brickendon Liberty such a special place to live and work in. A special thanks went to our PC Neal Dyton and PCSO Karen Broad who report at every meeting, and to Herts Councillor Mike Tucker and District Councillor William Ashley both of whom rarely miss a Parish Council meeting. Fewer planning applications had been received over the year and of the two major applications, the Malaysian government's plans for an Olympic training centre at Brickendonbury had been 'seen off'. Unfortunately, the Parish Council was unsuccessful in stopping a large grain store at Clements Farm with the potential of causing enormous traffic problems.

**Fanshaws Room Social Committee** Chairman Beryl Scott Smith, gave a brief resume of events and activities during the year. It had worked closely with the Parish Council and two litterbins had been jointly bought. In connection with its award of £4000 in the Community Challenge competition it had prepared a five year business plan. It was awaiting the outcome of a grant application in B&Q's 'One Planet Living' award scheme before embarking on repairs both inside and outside the hall. Steps need to be taken to increase the use of the hall and tennis courts. It is involved with the implementation of items on The Parish Plan 'wish list' to investigate further community activities and facilities for youngsters and look at ways of overcoming problems and identifying elderly people who feel isolated. Fanshaws Treasurer reported a healthy bank balance at the end of the year with a surplus of £3,786. The Summer Fete underpins the committee's finances each year yielding a profit of £4000 in 2007/8.

**Annual Parish Council Meeting**

Cllr Graham Irwin was elected Chairman of the Parish Council and Councillor Anne Downes, Vice-Chairman

**Planning decisions**

*Planning permission refused by EHDC*

**26 West End Road. WWE.** Change of use from stable to granny annex.

**Barnes Hall Manor, White Stubbs Lane.** Erection of triple garage.

*For up-to-date information, visit the Parish Council page on [www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk](http://www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk) where you can keep track of planning applications in the parish.*

**Litterbins**

Erected by Cllrs Irwin and Barnard assisted by a villager.

**Notice Boards**

Three parish councillors and another helper worked in the rain to improve the verge and put paving stones in front of the board on the Green. Thanks to Gary and Nicola from the pub for providing the workers with tea and coffee.

**Highways matters**

Councillor Kotting, our Highways guru, gave an update. Kerbwork by the brook in Brickendon Lane has been done. The gully appears to have been cleared in Pembridge Lane *but on the wrong side of the road*. The large pothole by Clements Farm has been inadequately filled. Cllr Kotting reported that Herts Highways is going to change the way emergency repairs to potholes are undertaken.

**Village of the Year 2008**

Cllr John Lambie's submission has been accepted and the judges are visiting us from 11.30am-1pm on 4th June.

**Election of Fanshaws Social Committee**

All current members (*see list on back page*) were re-elected and two new members - Jackie Rorke as secretary, and Brian Johnson were welcomed to the committee.

**Next Parish Council meeting**

**Thursday 24th July 7.30pm**

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**HOW TO SAVE MONEY BY SAVING ENERGY**

'Cheap' energy has gone forever. We must all become 'efficient' minded in order to save dwindling stocks of non-renewable resources for us and for future generations.

It is likely that very few of you are aware of the cost of electricity other than the figure at the bottom of your bill. Here are a few examples of cost and ways of reducing it.

*Be aware:*

- 1) A one-bar electric fire uses 1 kilowatt (1000 watts) of electricity costing approx; 15p an hour or £1.80 for a 12 hour day, or £648 per year.
- 2) The average TV, when on, uses 500watts and on standby 200 watts.
- 3) The average computer if left on will cost £540 a year even if you turn it off when on holiday.
- 4) A standard size freezer costs £45 per year.
- 5) 10 x 100watt light bulbs cost 15p hour or £1.20 per 8 hour winter's day.

*Ways of saving*

- 1) Turn everything not required OFF.
- 2) Change light bulbs to 80% energy saving bulbs.
- 3) Do not leave fridge doors open for longer than necessary.
- 4) Say goodbye to guests (in winter) **before** opening the front door.
- 5) Repair draughty doors and windows *when the weather is warm* to prevent loss of heat.
- 6) Put only enough water in kettle for present needs. Kettles cost 45p per hour to heat.
- 7) Don't mix cold water with hot for the right temperature. Turn down storage heater or boiler to your ideal temperature.
- 8) Does your outdoor floodlight come on too often and stay on too long? Adjust it, it's costing money

*Taken in isolation, none of these common sense actions will make a big difference to your bills or carbon footprint but taken together, they will make a difference in keeping your bill down - and your conscience clear.*

**Our thanks to Cllr Tim Barnard for this information.**

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**BUDDING POLITICIANS**

don't miss this opportunity!

East Herts District Council is looking for young people aged between 11-18 to join East Herts Youth Council which represents the views of young people on behalf of rural parts of the district. **For further details contact**

**Cllr William Ashley on 01992 511313**

**or [www.eastherts.co.uk](http://www.eastherts.co.uk)**

## Paradise Wildlife Park

### Special events

#### Big Cat talk and tour (Tuesday 10th June)

Thoroughly recommended! This evening visit provides a rare opportunity to visit snow leopards, lions - including rare white lions, jaguars, tigers and cheetahs in their quieter moments and learn about them from dedicated keepers who will accompany you and who are amazingly knowledgeable about their conservation, habitat and so on. Adults £6. Children £3. To book tickets contact Kate on 01992 470490 or email: kate@pwpark.com

#### Wildlife Heritage Foundation Summer Ball Saturday 19th July

Banquet, entertainment & disco, auction, raffle and tours of the Animal Park to raise funds for WHF, a breeding centre for rare and endangered cat species. Tickets £75 per person from Lynn Whitnall 01992 470490 ext 232 or email lynn@pwpark.com

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### IMI 6th ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Sunday 6th July 11-4.30pm

at FANSHAWS

#### The Institute of the Motor Industry

To exhibit contact John Morrish on 01279 435826  
mobile: 07904701312

Watch out for posters giving more information.  
A great day out for all!

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### Hertford Police Station

Were you aware that the police station has moved from Ware Road - much nearer to us?

Its new address is Hale Road, Hertford SG13 8FL. It is just past the small roundabout at the end of Pegs Lane, opposite the school - look for the police cars and vans parked by the side of the Station.

New phone number for our ward constable PC Dyton and PCSO Karen Broad is 01992 533666.

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### BROXBOURNE WOODS CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Broxbourne Woods is one of the few ancient woodlands to survive in this country and is the only National Nature Reserve in Hertfordshire. It is one of a diminishing number of woodlands which are under constant threat from encroachment and development. In spite of protests to the contrary, those governing the country are driven by economic growth and cannot be relied upon to preserve our heritage. The Society was formed almost 40 years ago by a group of dedicated volunteers who realised that Broxbourne was being rapidly urbanised and unless something was done about it much of our precious green belt and woodlands would be lost forever. Although a small society, by supporting the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) and the Woodland Trust, it is able to 'punch well above its weight' so that over the years it has had some notable success in maintaining the peace and tranquillity of this area. We are asking for your support by joining us and using your eyes and ears to alert us to activities and developments that threaten these ancient woodlands.

Further details: John Lucas 01992 446107 or  
Les Adkins 01992 440507 or les@gasn1.com

## Free bus passes

Everyone living in Brickendon Liberty Parish, who is over 60 years of age, is entitled to a bus pass which will allow them to travel, not only at any time on buses in Herts, but on local buses throughout England at non-peak times including, of course, London buses and buses at holiday resorts. (*Not coach services though*).

All you have to do is present yourself to East Herts District Council offices at New Wallfields, Pegs Lane (*turn left at the small roundabout just past County Hall*) between 8.30am and 5pm (avoiding lunch time), taking with you:

- \* A passport size photo
- \* Proof of residency
- \* Proof of date of birth

The pass will be posted to you within four weeks. If you need one more urgently then take two passport size photos and you will be issued with a temporary pass immediately.

If enough of us start to use the local bus to Hertford for shopping and so on, then maybe consideration will be given to improving the service, thus also encouraging more people to save on petrol and improve our carbon footprint by using the bus instead of their cars.

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### RIB VALLEY YOUNG COUNTRYSIDERS

#### Formerly 'The Young Farmers' club

On Thursday 5 June, members meet at 7pm at Edwards Green Farm and then walk up the track to visit Monks Green Farm.

On Thursday 19th June, members will be taking over Brickendon's tennis courts for a knockabout.

*If you'd like to be a member and join in then please contact Heather Peters 07789 231639*

*or Julia Camp 07769 561976*

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### Car Boot Sale

A very successful day with lots of sunshine which brought the punters out and helped us to raise £488.

Our grateful thanks to everyone who worked so hard on the day on the Green, and in the hall cooking the bacon butties etc and not forgetting our publicity team and other behind-the-scene helpers.

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### Celtic Harmony Camp

There's always plenty to do and see at Celtic Camp - particularly at holiday times

*For details of all summer events*

*phone 01438 718543      www.celticharmony.org*

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### Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban

Brickendon Lane

1	June	11am	Family communion (BCP)
15	"	11am	Family service
6	July	11am	Family Communion (BCP)
20	"	11am	Family Service

*Rector: Rev Canon Pauline Higham 01707 875940*

Services are usually held monthly on 1st & 3rd Sundays  
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### FANSHAWS ROOM

The hall is available to parish residents for hire at £6 hour and £7 for non-residents. Equipment such as chairs, tables, crockery and cutlery is also available at reasonable rates.

*Details from: Margaret Robertson on 01992 511582*

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**SERVICES RECOMMENDED BY RESIDENTS**

**Oil & Gas Boiler Servicing**

**Stevenage Boiler Services** (Corgi & OFTEC reg)  
Martin (Office) 01438 212684 (Mobile) 07971 816739  
martin@stevenageboilerservices.co.uk

**Wooden Floors**

**Hertwood**

(Office) 01992 511034 (Mobile) 07961 229422

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**USEFUL CONTACTS**

**Member of Parliament**

Mark Prisk (Conservative) 01920 462182

**Herts County Councillor**

Mike Tucker (Conservative) 01920 464826

**East Herts District Council**

William Ashley (Conservative) 01992 511313

**PARISH CONTACTS**

Parish Clerk John Ingham 01920 438280

**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 5 11617

Deputy Chairman: Brian Chandler 479315

Secretary: Jackie Rorke 511140

Treasurer: Simon Ross 666336

Mavis Cook 511424; Anne Downes 446700;

Frank Harrison 511202; Mike King 511405

Brian Johnson 511390; Ruby Oakes 511656;

Jean Retallick 511226; Margaret Robertson 511582

Meetings take place, monthly, on 3rd Wednesday.

**POLICE**

**Emergency call 999**

General non-emergency call 0845 3300222

**Neighbourhood Watch Organiser**

Mike King 511405

**Police Community Liaison Officers**

PC Neal Dyton PCSO Karen Broad

01992 533666

For non-emergency matters ALWAYS call 0845 3300222

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**LOCAL ACTIVITIES**

**Archery Club** at Celtic Harmony Camp, off Brickendon Lane. Sundays 10am-2pm. Details 01438 718543

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Friday 8pm at Bayford Memorial Hall. Details 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** Sunday (see diary) 9.30am-12noon. Every Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm in Farmers Boy car park. Details John Lambie 511551

**Brickendon & District Gardening Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month 7.45pm. Details Sally Chandler 479315

**Broxbourne Woods Conservation Society** Details John Lucas 446107/ Les Adkins 440507

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

**Countryside Management Services (CMS)**

Details 01462 459395

**Countrysiders**, club for 10-16year olds. Details Heather Peters 07789231639 or Julia Camp 01992 462729

**Easy Bridge Hertford** Details Paul Quayle 01992 589660.

**History Group** Details John Lucas 446107

**Mobile library** every other Tuesday 1.45-2.15pm on Brickendon Green car park. (see diary).

**Quiz** Wednesdays 9pm. Woodman pub WWE:

**Table Tennis** – Adults 8-10pm Thursdays (see diary) Details Marion Todd 511497

**Tennis Courts** £5 hour parish residents; £6 hour non-residents. To book contact Beryl Scott Smith on 511617

**Village Walk** weekday evening once a month (see diary) 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 1st Thursday monthly at The Woodman pub WWE.

**SPORT IN BRICKENDON WEBSITE:**

<http://www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk/sport.php>

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**DIARY DATES**

**June 2008**

2	7.30	Stop Stansted Expansion
4	11.30-1pm	Village of the Year visit
5,19	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library on Green
5,19,26	8pm	Table Tennis
5	8pm	Book club
8	8pm	Farmers Boy quiz
8,22,	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-dark)
10		PWP Big Cat talk & tour
11	6.30pm	Village walk
12	8pm	Reduce reuse recycle meeting
14	7.30pm	Gardening Club
15	11.30-5pm	Bayford Open Gardens
18	8pm	Fanshaws meeting
19	7.45pm	Whist Drive
21	6.30	Barbecue on the Green
27	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club

**July**

3,17 & 31	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library on Green
3	8pm	Book Club
6	11-4.30pm	IMI Classic Car Show
9	7.30pm	Gardening Club
13 & 27	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-7.30)
16	8pm	Welcome to Brickendon
17	7.45pm	Whist Drive
19		PWP Summer Ball
23	6.30pm	Village Walk
24	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
25	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club
Sept 7	11.30-4pm	Fete
Dec 6		Childrens Xmas Party
" 7		Family Christmas Lunch

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