

BRICKENDON

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Annual Parish Fete on Brickendon Green

Sunday 7th September 11.30am until 4pm

**Punch & Judy * Hoop La * Aunt Sally * Golf Game * Animals from Paradise Wildlife Park *
Coconut Shy * Skee Ball * Bric-a-brac bargains * Jewellery * Books * Barbecue * Beer tent *
Refreshments * Home made cakes * Petanque * Tombola * Garden stall * Melody Makers Band *
Raffle * Shoot a goal * and lots, lots more - with fabulous prizes!**

A great day out - bring your friends and all the family.

HELP!

The success of our fete depends on EVERYONE - and the weather! We just take it for granted that everyone in the parish is coming along to support it and enjoy themselves! So who will spare an hour or so on the day to give a hand with refreshments, or run a stall or game? We also need home-made cakes and jams (Brenda 511551) and home grown produce from the garden and of course plants (Marion and Martin 511497). Then, we need prizes for the tombola (Brian and Sally 470315) and Hoop La (Jackie 511140), bric-a-brac, books and 'jewellery', various games and so on!

If you can help in any way please phone a number above, or Beryl (after 10th August) on 511617.

We're enclosing a book of raffle tickets with this newsletter, with fabulous prizes. There's no obligation to buy or sell to your friends but if you can, do bring the unsold book or counterfoil with money to the fete or give it to Simon, or Beryl - who also has spare books!

Malaysian Independence Day Carnival

**Saturday 30th August 9am until 7pm
at BRICKENDONBURY, Brickendon Lane**

The Abdul Tun Razak research centre (Malaysian Rubber company), once again invites everyone to join in its celebrations. Exotic foods to taste, traditional arts and crafts, and colourful entertainments throughout the day - all at no charge - you could even think you were actually on holiday in Malaysia!

And no problems with parking either!

A great day out - don't miss it!

I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE ON FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST WE'RE OFF TO HUNSTANTON, NORFOLK

Brian Johnson has organised this day trip - and (as an experienced coach driver) will be driving us there himself. Which is why the cost is only a modest £12.50 per person- (£10 for children). By setting off from Brickendon at 8.30am, and with a 20 minute comfort stop, the coach should arrive in Hunstanton shortly after 11am.

Once there, you can do your own thing - have a meal, a walk or whatever, meeting back at the coach for the return journey at about 4.30pm and arriving back at Brickendon at about 7.30pm.

In order to finalise arrangements, Brian needs to know URGENTLY exactly who will be coming, so for further details and to book seats please ring him on 01992 511390. He will also need to be paid in advance.

Village of the Year 2008

Didn't we do well to win the 'Communications' award - and £100. The judges commented that without communications the best laid plans can fail. They praised our website "that even the greatest technophobe can negotiate with ease. It tells you all you need to know." Well done Graham who designed and maintains it. They went on to say "in a small village, gossip spreads the word quicker than a website but a social centre is necessary. The pub is truly the hub". Our Brass plaque is now proudly displayed inside the Farmers Boy pub (you now know where to go for gossip!) and well done John Lambie for organising our entry. If you haven't looked at the website recently then do so now. *Herts Village of the Year was Woolmer Green (East), Runner up Kimpton (West), Small Village of the Year Flaundon*

Next Parish Council Meeting

This newsletter has been delivered earlier than usual and therefore does not include a report of the Parish Council meeting of 24 July. If you did not attend the meeting but are interested in the subjects discussed and conclusions reached then, if you are able to, please refer to the website for details. www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk or ask your Parish Councillors (see back cover)!

Parish Website

www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk

Regular visitors to our website will have noticed it has recently undergone a facelift. And as well as a new look there is a lot more information there too.

In addition to the list of clubs and activities, parish diary and contacts, it includes Neighbourhood Watch reports, an interactive version of the parish map and more.

Lost your current copy of the Brickendon Newsletter? Don't tell Beryl - just download it (as well as past issues) from the website.

Check how we are implementing the *Parish Plan*.

Report highways faults and flytipping direct from the home page - it's quicker than phoning - and marginally less frustrating.

Links to *Stop Stansted Expansion* and *Stop Harlow North* campaign websites.

Keep up-to-date with planning applications in the parish.

Join Brickendon's '*Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*' campaign.

Soon we intend to have minutes of parish council meetings on the website.

If you feel that there is something missing that we could usefully add, do please get in touch with the webmaster using the contact form.

GRI

'Cut your carbon' campaign become a 'Watt watcher' !

A raft of ideas suggested by various people at a previous meeting was narrowed down at a public meeting in June to one considered achievable and suitable for entry into the East of England '*Cut your Carbon*' funding competition. Ava Greenwell's research on energy savings highlighted a 'gismo' which can effectively measure electrical energy used in our homes. By monitoring this, areas in which savings can be made can be identified. The project was nicknamed 'Watt Watchers' by Tim Barnard!

Our entry was the only one from Hertfordshire to be shortlisted and was one of only nine in the EERA area to be nominated. Ava, Tim and John Lambie did a final presentation to a committee of judges and we have just

heard that ours is a winner! So well done all!

When the funding and details have been worked out the aim is to be able to provide one to every household or 'Watt watcher' in the Parish. Thus ultimately improving the Parish's carbon footprint and at the same time saving money for every family. Although this is going to take a while, **GET YOUR NAME ON THE LIST NOW** ready

for when the 'gismos' are available by phoning **Ava Greenwell 511662** or email avagreenwell@yahoo.com

If you are over 60 and haven't got a bus pass yet, meet outside The Farmers Boy at 11am on 16th September.

Bring proof of residence and of your age, and a passport photograph. Transport will be arranged to Wallfields to apply for FREE BUS PASSES.

If you already have one - come along anyway with your bus pass for a group photo.

Meanwhile, to find out more about reducing your carbon footprint come to the '*Reduce, reuse, recycle(RRR)*' meetings on 30th July, 27th August and 24th September.

Aggro!!!

It would appear that between them, East Herts Development/Planning Department and Herts Highways have a lot to answer for in this parish, their decisions (taking little or no account of local opinion) are now causing considerable distress and anger. How is it that local people foresaw problems which the 'professionals' ignored. And now, it is us who are suffering and being told it's too late to do anything about it!

Accolade the marquee business set up in a barn in Brickendon Lane, is causing distress due to noise and other disturbances by working unsocial hours, including weekends and contributing to the increase in heavy traffic, residents of Swards Cottages being particularly affected. Herts Highways is responsible for allowing large, heavy vehicles to trundle through the village eroding the verges even more, to and from **Clements Farm**. We are already noticing the rapid deterioration of the poorly maintained surfaces of our lanes and we have all been witness to vehicles negotiating to pass each other and us.

And now the residents of Wormley West End are having to suffer from air pollution, noise, and heavy equipment.

When complaining they are being passed from one bureaucrat to another and getting nowhere.

Do we really have to sit back and put up with it?

The Parish Council says it has done what it could and we know our District Councillor William Ashley is on the case as is, hopefully, our County Councillor Mike Tucker.

Maybe next in line should be our MP Mark Prisk.

Somebody, somewhere should be capable of getting something done to relieve the very real distress being caused to the many local residents. But who?

'Home Grown'

3rd October 7.30pm

in The Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban

This has now become a regular Brickendon event as local artistes and children from Bayford and Ponsbourne schools pool their talents to provide us with an evening's entertainment.

Tickets, which include a drink and nibbles, are £6.50 each

Available from Margaret Hills on 511302.

All funds raised go to Ponsbourne and Brickendon PCC

Brickendon Book Club

On 7th August we'll be discussing '*The Remains of the Day*' by **Kazuo Ishiguro** and on 4th September '*Blind Assassin*' by **Margaret Attwood**. We have spare library copies of both these books if you are interested in reading them and coming along to a meeting to discuss them. If you've read these books - or have one to recommend then do please let us know!

Further details from Sally Chandler on 01992 479315

Paradise Wildlife Park

You really don't have to go far in Brickendon to have a great day out with the kids. The animals at Paradise Wildlife Park are quite exceptional. The Park has the widest range of animal experiences in Europe. You can feed tigers and lions by hand, shadow a big cat keeper,

meet the meerkats, feed penguins or be a reptile keeper for a day. Then there's a fantastic **MAGIC** day (Meet And Greet Interesting Creatures) when you can go behind the scenes (*must be booked in advance, some age restrictions*).

For more information call 01992 470490 or go to pwpark.com/experiences

Stop Stansted Expansion(SSE)

It wasn't exactly a packed hall on 2 June when Mike Fairchild came to speak to parishioners about the campaign against the expansion of Stansted airport. But then - it's quality rather than quantity - that counts...

As well as speaking about plans for more flights than permitted on the present single runway and the NATS airspace review, Mike also answered questions about the campaign and helped to debunk a number of misunderstandings about SSE.

SSE is **not against** the airport, he explained. Stansted is a significant asset to the region and a major employer. However, the need for additional runway space, while being driven by the government's white paper, has not been justified. The second runway is **not** a forgone conclusion and there are a number of flaws in the arguments used to support the expansion plans. The economic arguments in favour of the expansion of a second runway at Stansted are based on false premises and BAA itself is not in a position to fund the expansion. He also mentioned that the Government has delayed deciding the outcome of last year's public enquiry into more flights on the existing runway, due to the fact that some of the evidence given is not compatible with its own commitments.

Individuals are encouraged to write to Uttlesford District Council opposing the second runway (details on the Parish website shortly - and can support the campaign by joining SSE for £10 a year. Just click on the SSE link on the parish website for more information or to support the campaign.

GRI

TENNIS?

There was a great flurry of interest in the use of our two tennis courts during Wimbledon fortnight which tailed off after. We were prepared to arrange coaching for kids during the school holidays but the only interest shown was by children from neighbouring villages.

To book the courts ring Beryl on 01992 511617.
(or from 25th July to 10th August, Ruby on 01992 511656)

PARTIALLY SIGHTED?

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

Phone Beryl on 511617

Brickendon & District Gardening Club

The 'meeting' on 13th August is being hosted by the club Chairman and his charming wife who also happens to be the club Secretary, at their home in Wormley West End.

More a social and supper than a meeting and including a tour of their lovely garden.

The Wednesday September meeting is being replaced by a visit, on Saturday 13th September, to Kew Gardens.

Members will be provided with details shortly.

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

Further details from Sally Chandler 01992 479315.

CELTIC CAMP SUMMER ACTIVITIES for KIDS

There's so much to do - from a three day camp of fun-packed activity including sleeping in camp (4-6 August) and developing bushcraft skills, to taking part in the Celtic Olympics (10-15 August). Or you can take a falconry or longbow archery course. Eat your heart out Harry Potter - there's a Wizardry Festival (24-25 August) and a Wizardry

Week from 26 to 29th August. Or you can watch the animals being fed at 11am each day, or go to a storytelling evening on the 1st August and hear about the Legend of Knockgrafton - with hog roast and refreshments available. And there's so much more to see and do! There's certainly not a dull minute when you go to Celtic Harmony.

For full details of all these and many other events phone 01438 718543, www.celtic.harmony.org

We went to a marvellous party...

'Twas a 'Welcome to Brickendon' do...

Everyone was invited to come along and partake of a glass of wine and a nibble to meet - and be met by - those who were newish to living it Brickendon. Well over forty locals arrived, including we were delighted to say, newcomers Nicki Morton and Steve Cross, Anna and Gary Favell, Neil and Verity Thomas, Pam Yates and Jon Newby, Kate Falloon and Tony Roberts. The buzz started at 8pm and didn't finish until the wine ran out about 10ish.

We have the feeling that they all felt very much at home, and look forward to meeting them all again, if not in the pub, certainly at future Parish activities. Our thanks particularly to Beryl and Brian for a great evening!

Congratulations!

To proud parents Mark and Charlene Capel of Brickendon Green, on the arrival on 13th June of young Ronnie who weighed in at 7lbs 14oz - a brother for Ella and Charlie.

Fancy an evening walk?

Peter Millman may well be taking us to pastures new on Thursday 14th August and again on 18th September. If you're not familiar with the lovely walks right on your doorstep - then do come along and familiarise yourself. Everyone - and their dogs - is welcome. It's a very pleasant social evening too where one can catch up on the gossip!

These may be our last evening walks this year so we're making the most of the light evenings.

Meet outside the Farmers Boy pub at 6.30pm. We finish about 8pm. It's advisable to wear sturdy footwear. We usually end up at a friendly hostelry. **Hope to see you!**

BBQ debrief!

Fewer people than last year came which may have been due to the weather, nevertheless it was a very jolly evening - loads of good food, pleasant company, shelter from the elements. (Well, after two small gazebos had all but taken off with the food) and at one time, thirteen helpers were struggling to erect the large gazebo - which was never ever going to take off! And, as usual, the Melody Makers played and sung their hearts out throughout.

PEST CONTROL

Note change of phone number to 'Services' list:

G. R. Takats, County Pest Control, (wasps, vermin, rabbits, moles etc) 73 High Street, Ware, SG12 9AD

Tel: 01992 550630 Mob: 07703 496798

MOBILE LIBRARY

Unfortunately, the editor had a 'senior moment' and misinformed readers that the library appeared on or near the Green on Thursdays. This of course, should have been **every other TUESDAY** from 1.45 to 2.15pm. Sorry folks, and thanks to Eileen for pointing it out! Look now for the correct dates in the diary.

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

Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban

Brickendon Lane

3 August 10.15am Group communion (BCP)

Only one service in August

7 Sept 11am BCP Communion

21 Sept 11am **HARVEST FESTIVAL(BCP)**

Flowers, vegetables, fruit welcome Sat 20th at 10am

All services followed by refreshments

Rector: Rev Canon Pauline Higham 01707 875940

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

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 511617

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

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 51137

Bayford Jazz Club every 4th Friday 8pm at Bayford Memorial Hall. *Details 511254*

Bayford Mother, Baby and Toddler'ss 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 Sundays (see diary)

9.30am-12noon. Every Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm in Farmers Boy car park. *Details John Lambie 511551*

Brickendon & District Gardening Club 2nd 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

Easy Bridge Hertford *Details Paul Quayle 01992 589660.*

History Group *Details John Lucas 446107*

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

Quiz Wednesdays 9pm. The 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 3rd Thursday every month 7.45pm. *Details*

Jean Retallick 511226

Woodman Land Rover Owners Club meets 1st

Thursday monthly at The Woodman pub WWE.

Young Countrysiders children's activities for 10-16

years. Club meets fortnightly. *Details Heather Peters*

07789 231639 or Julia Camp 07769 561976

SPORT IN BRICKENDON WEBSITE:

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

DIARY DATES

August 2008

5,19	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library on Green
7,14,28	8pm	Table Tennis
7	8pm	Book club
10,24,31	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-dark)
13	7.30pm	Gardening Club
14	6.30pm	Village walk
15	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club

20	8pm	Fanshaws meeting
21	7.45pm	Whist Drive
27	7.45pm	'Reduce, reuse, recycle' RRR
Sept		
2, 16 & 30	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library on Green
4	8pm	Book Club
7	11.30-4pm	FETE
12	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club
13		Gardening Club (to Kew)
14 & 28	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-7.30)
16	11am	Bus Pass day (RRR)

18	7.45pm	Whist Drive
18	6.30pm	Village Walk
24	7.45pm	'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' RRR
25	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting

**Please send information for the Oct/Nov 2008 issue
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