

BRICKENDON

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After the fete was over...

Regardless of our worst fears at 8am on Sunday when it was pouring with rain and two brave volunteers were precariously up ladders sorting out power for the band, by 9am the rain had stopped. But how long for? We decided to go ahead and it was all systems go!

And weren't we pleased. We had only one short shower during the Fete. After a slow start people began to arrive prepared to enjoy themselves regardless. Wouldn't you know, two ladies tied for the highest scores for 'bowl for half a lamb', the ice-cream all but ran out, children ran around looking like fairies, butterflies and tigers, it seems the adults thought the Punch and Judy more hilarious than did the kids for a change, and the BBQ queue seemed never ending as did the queue for teas and cakes.

We had even more fabulous prizes this year including a champagne tea for two at Hanbury Manor and a 3-course meal at the Salisbury Hotel.

Understandably, not as many people came as last year. Nevertheless it was a thoroughly enjoyable day for most and resulted in a profit of £3,225.

Apart from a huge thanks to our very generous sponsors, a huge thank you must also go to all those willing volunteers who manned games, stalls, the refreshments and the car park and who helped to erect gazebos the day before, as well as setting up and finally dismantling everything. On a down note, without help called in from neighbouring villagers to whom we are most grateful, we could not have managed at all. Most people helping out on stalls had no relief all day as no spare bodies were available - a great deterrent to volunteering again!

An organiser will have to come forward before another fete is considered and it has been suggested that, perhaps, we should only hold the fete every other year in future. A decision will be taken on the date of the next fete by Fanshaws Social Committee at its January meeting.

PS Child's black 'Dickies' anorak found size 9-10.
Contact Beryl 01992 511617 to retrieve it!

'HOME GROWN' CONCERT

3rd October 7.30pm

An evening's entertainment in the Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban where local artistes, and children from Bayford and Ponsbourne schools display their talents.

Tickets including a drink and nibbles £6.50each.

Available from Margaret Hills on 01992 511302
All funds raised go to Brickendon and Ponsbourne PCC

IMI drives closed to public

The Institute of the Motor Industry regrets that, due to complaints from residents and horse-riders, the drives leading to Fanshaws from Fanshaws Lane and Bayford Station, can only be used in future by staff, visitors and residents of Fanshaws, Long Leys and The Bothy with immediate effect.

If, however, anyone requires access across this private property for a particular occasion please apply in writing to: Allan Tyrer, Co. Secretary, Fanshaws, Brickendon SG13 8PQ

BRICKENDON BOULES PETANQUE TEAM JUST MAKES IT TO LE TOUQUET!

When the Euro tunnel caught fire the day before they were to leave the UK, it was touch and go whether Brickendon's team would make it to Le Touquet to play a long awaited match with a French club. However, ever resourceful club organiser Colin Keighley, undeterred, managed to charter a small plane, and the team of eleven arrived in Le Touquet on Saturday morning ready to play in the afternoon. Their French opponents were somewhat taken aback at the degree of skill shown by our members, especially when Peter Millman was awarded a cup for the second highest individual score of the day! The team had a most enjoyable weekend arriving home on Monday evening.

Petanque is one of the fastest growing league games in the UK. Our club now has over 30 members who play regularly on Tuesday evenings from 5.30pm until dark and every other Sunday morning in the Farmer's Boy car park.

This season Brickendon has won 11 of the 16 league matches played. In view of its popularity a **Junior team** is now being encouraged.

*For further details check out its website:
<http://www.brickendonboules.org.uk>
or contact John Lambie on 01992 511551.*

5th November at The Farmer's Boy

Fireworks, a small bonfire and a hog roast in the car park is being planned by Garry and Nicky to celebrate bonfire night. Entry, will be at a reasonable cost and will include food. Tickets will be available from the pub shortly.

To book and for further details contact 01992 511610

A BIG THANK YOU

to all the sponsors OF OUR fete without whose support and financial backing we could never afford such an enjoyable and financially rewarding day:

A Balloon Celebration (Broxbourne)

Brickendon Grange Golf Club

Brickendon Lane Post Office

Cafe Rouge (Hertford)

Celfix Labels

Celtic Harmony Camp

County Supplies (Fresh Produce Ltd)

The Farmers Boy Pub

Grooming Marvellous (Hertford)

Hanbury Manor

The Hertfordshire Golf Club

The Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)

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The Salisbury Hotel (Hertford)

The Steam Team (Standon)

F M Suckling Ltd

Toilets Plus

Van Hage Garden Centre

Wilton Electrics Ltd

The Woodman Pub

Our thanks also to the many residents as well as those living outside the parish who contributed plants, bric-a-brac, cakes, produce and gifts for prizes.

Police crime prevention tack marking event

10am-3pm 11th October

at Folly's Tack & Clothing, Church End, Little Hadham

A small microchip can be implanted into your saddle and your details put on to a database. Should this be stolen and recovered, it could be traced back and returned to you.

This can be done on the day and would cost a maximum of £20. However, the more people who attend the cheaper the cost. Or you could buy a do-it-yourself kit for £12.99

Alternatively, both your bridle and saddle could be marked by using a stamp to imprint your postcode and house number. If stolen, we can then return the tack to your address. This option is **FREE**.

Throughout the day there will be lots of free advice and tips for security measures to keep your equine equipment safe and secure. Further details available from:

PC Neil Foote & PCSO Lauren Howell 01992 533165.

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Kate Falloon is seeking the company of other beginner lady joggers who want to get fit and make use of our beautiful surroundings but who don't want to jog alone. If you are interested in meeting for Saturday/Sunday morning jogs in the vicinity of Brickendon Village, then please contact Kate on 01992 511035

TRIP TO HUNSTANTON!

A few minor showers didn't spoil a day out at the seaside mid August. Our thanks in particular, not only for organising the whole day out but also for driving everyone there and back to Brian Johnson. A most enjoyable time was had by all!

Next Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm 27th November in the Parish Hall

Everyone welcome!

Please see the

Parish Website

www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk

for full details of discussions and decisions made at the meeting held on 25th September.

Parish Plan update

Councillor Anne Downes has done a wonderful job in collating information of use, help and interest to people in the Parish who are elderly or feel isolated. We have a limited supply of the information she gathered and made available at the fete. You may find a copy of details with this Newsletter - if you don't and would like one then please speak to Cllr Downes.

In the returned Parish Plan questionnaires several people (parents?) made the point that there was little activity for youngsters and asking for various activities to be set up.

However, at the Fete we tried to ascertain who these youngsters were, what they wanted and who might organise them. No interest at all was shown. We have to conclude therefore, that our youngsters are not as bored as their parents think and so there being no real problem we will not be pursuing the matter further.

Aggro!!!

In the last issue the Newsletter was accused of being unfair in implying that Parish Councillors were not doing enough to combat the stress and problems caused through seemingly inept decisions taken by East Herts District Council and Herts County Council.

In fact, Parish Councillors had spent a lot of time on the issues mentioned and were doing everything within their power to resolve these situations. Unfortunately, although elected to represent our views at local level, the Parish Council has very little 'power'. Its advice appears to be simply over-ruled and it has few, if any, rights of appeal. Nevertheless, they don't give up that easily and are still pursuing the matters mentioned.

Have you noticed that **Accolade**, the marquee business set up in a barn in Brickendon Lane, which was causing problems, particularly to residents of Swards Cottages has moved on. A strange sign appeared briefly advertising a machinery business but disappeared overnight!

Herts Highways is responsible for allowing large, heavy vehicles to trundle through the village to and from **Clements Farm** but if you find yourself almost driven off the road by Mitchell's lorries along Brickendon Lane, you might want to report it to the fleet manager at BP Mitchell, telephone 01707 261166. They do appear to be concerned about the actions of their drivers and if you give the time and place of the incident they have the technology to determine which vehicle it was.

And now the residents of Wormley West End are waiting to see what's happening there next, whether EHDS will be taking any action against the owner and how many horses

will be accommodated. in the vast stables being erected on the former site of the rejected green cemetery.

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Chrissy Stevens is the organiser and is negotiating to hold it at Celtic Camp - it'll be different and fun! Takes place on 6th December - you'll be getting a special invite - but in case you don't, contact her on 01992 411632

Brickendon Book Club

On 2nd October the book club meets to discuss 'A History of Love' by Nicole Kraus, and on 6th November 'Ghost' by Richard Harris. 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

**Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE)
Airport Update**

You may have read in the papers that the government's Competition Commission concluded that BAA's monopoly of London airports was not in the public's interest and it should sell two of the three(Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted). Heathrow it will keep - being the most lucrative It has agreed to sell Gatwick but not Stansted.

The Sustainable Development Commission (a government watchdog) has also called for airport expansion to be put on hold so that the government can review its plans particularly for the expansion of Stansted.

Further information: www.stopstanstedexpansion.com.

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Thursday 9th October

Get your glad rags on. PWP is having a fund raising party. with **The Overtures** wowing you with songs from the 60's and 70'. Cost £12 head. Money raised will enable Friends of PWP to help animal charities worldwide.

Sunday 26th October

Halloween at the Park. Spooky day with stalls, and fun activities for the children all included in admission fee. 18th November

Family race night frolics

£10 per person including hot supper. Licensed bar.

To book and for details contact:

Karen Hanford 01992 470 490

DIRTY DOGS!

We all know it's not the dog's fault, but the owners when dog faeces are left on a pavement. You may well ask 'what pavement?' since we are short of them in Brickendon.

Recently, Fanshaws Lane has been besmeared outside a house with children, as reported by a dog owner who takes the trouble to bag his own dog's mess. A dog has also been allowed to foul stones on verges around the Green. There is a bin on the Green and in Fanshaws Lane specifically for such deposits. We don't want to spy on and report offending dog owners but will do if it continues. It is

breaking the law. The penalty for not clearing up can be as much as £1,000 and there is a fixed penalty fine of £50

TENNIS?

Make the most of the last few weeks to play tennis on our courts which will remain in use only until 3rd November.

After which, for safety reasons, (leaves making the surface slippery etc) they will be closed until Spring 2009.

To book the courts ring Beryl on 01992 511617.

FANSHAWS ROOM (Parish Hall)

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

PARTIALLY SIGHTED?

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

Phone Beryl on 511617

Brickendon & District Gardening Club

No more outdoor trips for the gardening Club until next Spring. Its next meeting on 8th October will take place in Fanshaws Room, when Patricia Liggett will be talking about photography in the garden. She'll be showing us photos she has taken of local flora and fauna and well as some taken in her garden in South Africa.

The meeting on 12th November is being shared jointly with the 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' group. Its subject being 'The Question of Allotments for Brickendon Liberty and Growing your Own'. Martin Todd and two other speakers will be giving advice on growing food and suitable locations. If you are interested in having an allotment or want to know more please contact

Ava Greenwell 01992 511662.

We had a most enjoyable evening hosted by Brian and Sally Chandler in August. The September meeting was replaced with a fascinating trip to Kew Gardens but we had to keep reminding ourselves that it was summer!

The stall at the Fete did extremely well with some excellent plants on sale - and at the end of the day there were very few left. Our thanks to Martin, Marion, Di and Terry and Maurice for manning the stand.

Further details about the Brickendon and District Gardening Club from Sally Chandler 01992 479315.

'REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE' (RRR)

Meetings will usually take place from 7.45-9pm monthly, on 1st Wednesday in Fanshaws Room. On 1st October, grant bids and eco-offers will be discussed.

Save 15% off your energy bill. Join the 'Watt Watchers' club (fee £5) to get a free energy monitor (normal cost around £49). The group is also considering setting up oil, gas and other bulk buying schemes to cut costs but suppliers need to know the number of potential customers and have details of fuels and amounts used.

On 29th November 'Watt Watchers' will be explained and there will be some cheap bulk-buy offers of eco-goods.

There is a special meeting at 7.45pm on 3rd December, hosted by Linda and Les Barnes with mince pies and a free showing of Al Gore's controversial film '*An Inconvenient Truth*'. Please phone Linda on 01992 479555 for directions and to confirm you'll be there.

*If you are interested and want to know more, contact
Ava Greenwell on 01992 511662
or Tim Barnard 01992 511077*

CELTIC CAMP ACTIVITIES

For full details of all activities, including half term and the Archery Club and other plans for the autumn phone 01438 718543, www.celtic.harmony.org

Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban

Brickendon Lane

5	October	11am	Communion service (BCP)
19	"	11am	Family service
2	Nov	11am	Communion service (BCP)
16	"	11am	Family service

Thanks to all who contributed gifts for our Harvest Festival held in September in a beautifully decorated Chapel. All were taken later to The Cheshire Home at Enfield where they were most gratefully received.

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

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Tim Barnard 551077, Leslie Kotting 511410

John Lambie 511551

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Chairman: Beryl Scott Smith 511617

Deputy Chairman: Brian Chandler 479315

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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 Neil Major

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's 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 Area 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 Tuesdays.

Details Marion Todd 511497

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

DIARY DATES

October 2008

1	7.45pm	'Reduce, reuse, recycle' RRR
2	8pm	Book club
3	7.30pm	'Home Grown' concert
14,28	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library on Green
7,14,21,28	8pm	Table Tennis
8	7.30pm	Gardening Club
11	10am-3pm	Police - tack marking
12,26	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-dark)
15	8pm	Fanshaws meeting
16	7.45pm	Whist Drive
17	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club

November

4,11,18,25	8pm	Table Tennis
5		Fireworks at Farmers Boy
6	8pm	Book Club
9,23,30	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-7.30)
11,25	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library on Green
12	7.30pm	Gardening Club
14	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club
20	7.45pm	Whist Drive
27	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
29	7.45-9pm	Watt Watchers meeting

December

3 7.45 'An Inconvenient Truth' film
6 3pm Children's Christmas Party
7 12.30 for 1pm Christmas Lunch

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Would all contributors to the Dec/Jan Newsletter
please note: the final date for receiving information is
25th November. You will not be reminded and
information must be complete.**

*Anything received after this date will not appear until the
Feb/March 2009 issue if relevant.*

DIRECTORY OF GOODS AND SERVICES 2009

*The 2008 Directory will be updated and distributed with
the Dec/Jan newsletter. If you wish to remain on the list,
be deleted, have had a bad experience with a service,,or
wish to recommend further entries then please contact:*

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