

# BRICKENDON

## Newsletter

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*Let us be the first to wish you all*

*A very Happy Christmas  
and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year*

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### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR ALL 7TH DECEMBER 12.30 FOR 1PM**

The lunch very quickly sold out following its announcement in the special November Newsletter - and there is now a waiting list.

*So, you may have booked over the phone but in view of problems last year when people who hadn't paid- and didn't turn up either, if you are coming but haven't yet paid you'd better do so pretty quickly or your place may be reallocated to a family on the waiting list.*

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### **Kids' Christmas Party**

Changing the venue from the Parish Hall to Celtic Harmony Camp was obviously a popular decision. More children than ever before are coming along to enjoy themselves. Entertainment will include clay modelling, a treasure hunt and story telling as well as a special visit from a certain jolly gentleman with presents for all.

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### **BRICKENDON BOULES PETANQUE CLUB**

Is holding its 4th AGM on Tuesday 9th December from 7pm to 8pm in Fanshaws Room.

Members will then be adjourning to The Farmers Boy pub where, at 8pm, they will tuck into a Christmas dinner.

Play continues as usual under floodlights every Tuesday from 5.30pm and every other Sunday morning from 9.30am to noon.

*For further details check out its website:*

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

*or contact John Lambie on 01992 511551.*

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### **SALSA DANCING!**

*Interested? If sufficient people are keen enough to contact her, then Jackie Rorke (01992 511140) is prepared to look into the possibility of finding an instructor and setting up regular sessions in the Parish Hall. Over to you!*

### **Brickendon and District Gardening Club**

Gardening club members will be holding their Christmas celebration in the Parish Hall from 7.30pm on 10th

December with a cornucopia of home made delights to tickle the palate. But, no doubt, they will first have to earn their meal by competing in a gardening quiz and puzzle or two. Always a jolly occasion - but this year sadly missing their chairman - we all wish Brian a speedy recovery to his old energetic self!

The first meeting in the New Year takes place on 14th January. Sally is still finalising details of the speaker and subject which she is hoping will be available at the Christmas party.

*Further details about the gardening club from Sally  
Chandler 01992 479315*

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### **Christmas and other Services**

**in the Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban  
Brickendon Lane**

#### **December**

7th 11am

Holy Communion (BCP)

21st 3pm

**CHRISTMAS PRAISE**

*(Carols and readings by candlelight)*

25th 11.15am

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Family service followed by**

**Communion**

28th 10.15am

Group Communion

#### **January 2009**

4th 11am

Holy Communion (BCP)

18th 11am

Family service

*Except on Christmas day, all services are followed by refreshments*

**Rector: Rev Canon Pauline Higham 01707 875940**

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

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## Parish Council Meeting 27.11.09

*Because the Newsletter is now printed bi-monthly it is not always possible to include accounts of meetings. If you are interested in what was discussed then please refer to our website as the minutes are posted on it ( usually two weeks after the meeting) on the parish council page.*

### Police Report

Clearly the police are doing all they can within their powers to stop people from parking on the road and on the bus stop area outside Bayford Station and are, in fact, keeping a constant watch on the situation in an effort to prevent what some think of as an 'inevitable' accident. The Parish Council is also writing to Herts Highways asking for something to be done about parking in the road. A regular police presence is also being provided at the junction of the Green and Pembridge Lane.

Few crimes have been committed in the parish. The Chairman asked to be kept aware also of crimes in neighbouring villages via Neighbourhood Watch.

### Public Concerns

A strong complaint was made about a fallen tree at the back of the Green which completely blocked in an elderly resident who had to cut a way through to get out. In spite of all efforts to get advice or help none was apparent, three weeks later he had to cut the whole branch down with a handsaw for a fuel delivery. The ownership of the tree is unclear, since it is enclosed but on a verge which may be part of Brickendon Green. The parameter of the Green is to be investigated by the Parish Clerk and the ownership of the verge and 'cratered' road up to the Golf Club established to determine whose responsibility they are.

### Road to the Station

Broken branches had been left on the footpath down to the station. PC would take steps for their removal.

### Badly sited sign

PC to look into the resiting of existing sign outside 30 Brickendon Green which blocks the view of exiting cars.

*New Planning Applications to be considered by PC*  
**White Stubbs Manor, White Stubbs Lane** outbuilding with swimming pool

**22 Clementsbury** Garage conversion to self contained annexe.

**Jepps Farm, Mangrove Lane** conversion of cartshed & barn to two holiday cottages

### Land Wormley West End

Report of Enforcement Officer awaited

*Other planning applications on the website*

### Monks Green Farm, Monks Green Lane

Change of use of chicken shed to 4 work units, and 2-storey link between sheds

### Paradise Wildlife Park, White Stubbs Lane

- 1) Overflow carpark. (retrospective)
- 2) 2 storey educational, event, office building (retrospective)
- 3) Event marquee (retrospective)
- 4) 2-storey ticket/office building

### Land adjacent to 10 Brickendon Green

Erection of 1.5 storey detached residential dwelling.

**Rose Cottage, Brickendon Lane** single-storey rear extension. (Amended applic.)

**Edgewood Farm, Broxbourne Common** barn, storage (retrospective)

### Edwards Green Farm, Brickendon Lane

- 1) Erection of hay, straw barn (retrospective)
- 2) Parking, maintaining vehicles used for septic tank emptying & drainage work

3) Overnight parking for 2 lorries

### Barnes Hall Manor, White Stubbs Lane

New vehicle access to White Stubbs Lane

### Brambles Wood, Broxbourne Common

Mobile home for ancillary residential use

**21 Brickendon Green** 1st floor side extension, 2 new windows at 1st floor level

**Hedgegrove Farm, Pembridge Lane** residential dwelling for person not in agricultural operations.

**The Kennels, Birch Farm Riding School, White Stubbs Lane** conversion of redundant kennels into work/live accommodation.

**Wood End Farm, West End Road** New stable block with menage and office building

*Granted by EHDC*

**Barnes Hall Manor, White Stubbs Lane** erection of double garage/outbuilding

*Refused by EHDC*

**Highfield Farm, Mangrove Lane** refurbishment of indoor paddocks, provision of new parking spaces.

*Note: all planning applications can be viewed on website*  
**Highways**

Temporary road closures in Brickendon Lane Jan/Feb.

Road closures April to July Brickendon Lane, Pembridge Lane and White Stubbs Lane.

Reconfiguration of junction of Brickendon Green and Brickendon Lane being considered as a safety measure.

### Parish Plan update

Leslie Kotting pursuing train frequencies; buses; and road improvements

Provision of mains drainage being pursued for information purposes only.

Interruptions to provision of electricity being monitored.

At the annual meeting of Herts 'rights of way' officers, off-road footpaths to be requested.

Document available from John Lambie

### Precept

Precept for 2009/10 will be discussed at January meeting

### Next Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm 22nd January 2009

in Fanshaws Room the Parish Hall

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### Putting Brickendon to rights!

Airing your views over a pint in the pub or on the station on what's right and what's wrong with the way Brickendon is run is 'par for the course' - we all do it. But come on, are YOU actually prepared to give a hand and ACTUALLY DO something about it?

Two opportunities were missed last week of having a say - where it counts. Only three people went to the **Parish Council meeting** (they certainly had plenty to say!)

**Fanshaws Room Social Committee** also met and welcomes anyone with ideas.

Take note, Fanshaws Committee next meets at 8pm on 21st January..

Here's another opportunity for action. Who is prepared to organise the summer **Fete** or a **Barbecue** - or any new activity? If no one comes forward it is unlikely the above will happen at all. So if you have organisational and people skills - come and make waves. If you want to know what's involved speak to Beryl on 01992 511617.

And then there's the **Newsletter**. Do you have any experience or journalistic or communication skills.

We are looking for a new editor in situ by the end of 2009

**Let's hear from you!**

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

Have you browsed our site lately? It's being added to all the time. For the latest info log on to:

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

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

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

## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE NEWS

**Thursday 11th December 7.45pm**

*There will be a showing of Al Gore's controversial film on climate change*

### "AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH"

Come along to discuss - or disagree, and eat mince pies! To attend and for details of the venue and how to get there please phone Ava on 01992 511662

Numbers are restricted so she must know who is coming.

**Wednesday 7th January 7.45pm**

**in Fanshaws Room (the parish hall on the Green)**

An open meeting on 'Eco NewYear Resolutions' with an 'inspirational' speaker. Do come - bringing ideas, seeds to swap, and - since 2009 is the 'Year of the Cupcake' bring some - as well as left over Christmas cake, crisps etc for a recycled buffet (Only non-mouldy leftovers please!)

Whether or not you've signed up for Watt Watchers, come along to hear latest details and plans.

If you haven't yet signed up - here's your opportunity.

**Wednesday 4th February 7.45pm**

**in Fanshaws Room**

**OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF**

**THE WATT WATCHERS CLUB**

*Signing up before entitles you to attend the meeting and collect an energy monitor for your household. Monitors available may be limited due to grant conditions.*

Further details from Ava 01992 511662.

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## LICHENS

If you are as fascinated with lichens (a plant which grows on rocks and trees) as some people in Brickendon are, and would like to know more about them from a budding expert on field trips around the parish then please get in touch with Peter Millman 01992 511662

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## WELcome to Freya

Contrary to rumours put about by Eloise, her new baby sister is called Freya not Daisy (a bit of wishful thinking on Eloise's part). Full name though is Freya Violet Daisy

Eva Oakes. Freya, weighing 8lb 7oz was born on 4th October and is already being spoiled by brothers Thomas and Oscar not to mention Eloise. Oh, and congratulations also to proud parents Sam and David Oakes.

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## ALLOTMENTS!

At the recent joint meeting of the gardening club and the **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR)** group, the subject of allotments was discussed. Several of those present showed interest and William Ashley identified an area on his land with the potential and which he was willing to turn over to allotments if permission was given to change it from its current designation.. Ray Peters has kindly volunteered to plough it over before use.

Martin Todd enthused everyone with his talk about home grown vegetables (a basket of them being a raffle prize) and speaking of the advantages of raised beds.

*Further details about allotments from*

*Ava Greenwell 01992 511662 or*

*Tim Barnard 01992 511077*

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## IMI drives closed to public

In case you overlooked the item in the earlier Newsletter, and would like pedestrian access using the IMI drives from Fanshaws Lane to Bayford Station for a particular reason, then please apply in writing to: Allan Tyrer, Co. Secretary, Fanshaws, Brickendon SG13 8PQ

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## Brickendon Book Club

Book club members were unanimous in declaring 'Ghost' by Richard Harris about a journalist 'ghosting' a British prime minister's autobiography an excellent thriller. The book under discussion at its meeting on 4th December is Daphne du Maurier's classic 'Rebecca'. As a light read over Christmas it has selected 'The Red Bird Christmas' by Annie Flagg to be discussed on 8th January. We have spare library copies of most books. If you are interested do read them and come along to discuss them over a mince pie and glass of wine.

*Further details from Sally Chandler on 01992 479315*

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## 'The History of Hertford'

**7.30pm, Friday 16th January**

Make a note in your diaries now to come along to Fanshaws Room (the parish hall) for a fascinating talk by local historian Peter Raffles on the 'History of Hertford'.

*Tickets are £8.50 and include a fish and chip supper (bring your own drink and glasses).*

*Tickets from Margaret Hills 511302*

*or Virginia Haryott 511575*

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## EMERGENCY PLANNING!

One of the items arising out of The Parish Plan was the apparent lack of emergency planning covering the parish. On investigation, however, it transpired that the district and county councils have worked together with the emergency services and, in fact, have extensive plans covering the whole county.

It is a statutory requirement for all

local authorities, except Parish Councils, to prepare such plans. Despite this our Parish Council decided to prepare a plan to assist such services in the event of an emergency. The plan itself is not a public document. However, it has been lodged with East Hert's District Council 's emergency planning section - hopefully never to be needed.

**In the event of an emergency, dial 999. The police and/or fire brigade will take charge and ask for assistance from other agencies if needed.**

Should you witness an emergency it would be natural to try to help. However, the emergency services strongly recommend against being a hero and the last thing they need is sightseers on the site and making their work harder.

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**Saturday 20th December at 2.30pm**

*Air your vocal chords at the Christmas Carol Service on the AnimalPark with festive refreshments on sale, before visiting the animals and finishing in the Tumble Jungle indoor play area. Included in the daily admission price.*

**For details of other events in December and January please contact: Karen Hanford 01992 470 490**

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**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**Friday 5th December 3pm**

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**The future of Family Practices**

We have the best Family Practices in the world. We are able to see the same doctor at each visit who builds up a personal medical record - often of our whole family. The government wants to replace Family Practices with 'New Clinics' run by private companies. Do you want this? Do you want to lose the personal touch? If not sign the petition organised by Beds and Herts Local Medical Committee Ltd, available from your Family Practice.

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

'Predictable, cynical and unjustified' is how the government's action to sanction an additional 10 million passengers per year, has been described. Following positive advice from its barristers and view of overwhelming public support it has lodged a High Court Appeal. SSE considers the Government's reasoning to be wrong in law on three grounds (its disregard of the noise impacts on local residents, extra gas emissions and the economic impact on the UK trade deficit) and in breach of clear assurances previously provided, and believes that this decision could have national repercussions as well as impacts on the case against a second runway.

The High Court Appeal will be very costly and SSE has opened a 'Fighting Fund'

*The Parish Council has a policy of support for SSE. However, at its recent meeting when asked by a member of the public to discuss a donation under AOB it declined for reasons of protocol.*

*When pressed it agreed to add it to January's agenda.*

**Further information: [www.stopstandexpansion.com](http://www.stopstandexpansion.com).**

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**FANSHAWS ROOM SOCIAL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**8pm Wednesday 21st January**

*The committee will be discussing dates, activities and projects for 2009 at this crucial meeting. If you have views or would like to be involved, come along and tell us about them. Your input would be much more appreciated before the event rather than after.*

**AGM** (This will be held on 15th April).

**Treasurer**

Simon Ross, current treasurer, is resigning through pressure of work (although he is happy to remain on the committee and act as auditor).

**Do we have someone living in the Parish - at Brickendon Clementsbury, Wormley West End or Mangrove Lane who might be willing and able to take over the position?**  
If you'd like to know more about what this would involve then please speak to Simon Ross or Beryl Scott Smith.

**CAR BOOT SALE**

Suggested date Saturday 9th May.

**BARBECUE**

In past years this has taken place in late June. Do we want to hold a barbecue in 2009, if so, who is prepared to organise it? Or should we consider alternatives like a hog roast. If you have an idea which you would like to put forward or to organise, then please advise Jackie Rourke.

**WELCOME PARTY**

Shall we hold one this coming July - or every other year?

**FETE**

A decision has to be taken at the January meeting on whether we have a fete in 2009 or hold one on alternate years in future or cancel it altogether.

Crucial to this decision is whether a volunteer comes forward to undertake its organisation. Although a very popular event and important fund raiser, it is dependent on the number of volunteers offering help. Over the last few years as they have become fewer, an unfair burden has been placed on those who do volunteer, unfairly knowing that they will have little or no opportunity to participate and enjoy the day.

**REFURBISHMENT OF THE HALL**

The inside of the hall is now finished, looking very clean, light and airy and ready for notice boards, pictures, and awards to be put back in situ.

Apart from the builders/decorators, a few people have put in a tremendous amount of work and our grateful thanks go in particular to Tim Barnard, John Lambie, Ruby Oakes, John Matthews, Brian Johnson and Beryl Scott Smith. We are also grateful to Derek and Mavis Cooke, Rosemary King, Graham Irwin, Peter Millman and Jackie and Nigel Rourke for their input.

The stage has been removed thus creating a larger space and the 'Fete' store cleared of unwanted clutter. Curtains have been replaced with doors. The gents' loo is looking very smart and the area outside (when the flooring is laid) can once more be used as a cloakroom instead of a broom cupboard. Work continues on the exterior of the building (subject of course to the weather). So all in all, we're very pleased and consider the £4,000 award from the 'Village Hall Challenge' well spent. Next project - the kitchen  
**As from 1st March the fee for the hire of the hall is being increased to £7 hour for people living in the parish and £8 hour for those living outside the parish. The fee for local clubs using the hall and sponsored by the committee remains at £6 an hour.**

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**DIRTY DOGS!**

Dog fouling continues even though there are bins in Fanshaws Lane and on the Green. We don't *want* to spy on and report offending dog owners but *will* do if it continues. It is **breaking the law** and the penalty can be as much as £1,000 as well as the fixed penalty fine of £50

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**DIARY DATES**

**December 2008**

2	11-3pm	Hacketts charity Crafts Fair'
5	3pm	Bayford School Xmas Fair
6	1-3pm	<b>Children's Christmas Party</b>
7	12.30 for 1pm	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
2,9,16	8pm	Table Tennis
4	8pm	Book Club
14,28	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-7.30)
10	7.30pm	Gardening Club
11,25	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library on Green
11	7.45pm	Film 'An inconvenient truth'
14	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club
17	7.45pm	Whist Drive
20	2.30pm	Paradise W Park carol service

**January 2009**

6,13,20,27	8pm	Table Tennis
7	7.45	'Eco New Year Resolutions'
8	8pm	Book Club

9	8.15-10.45	Bayford Jazz Club
8,22	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library on Green
11,25	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-7.30)
14	7.45pm	Gardening Club
15	7.45pm	Whist Drive
16	7.30pm	'History of Hertford' talk
21	8pm	Fanshaws Soc. Committee

22 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting  
**NB the final date for receiving information for the Feb/ March newsletter is 21st February. You will not be reminded and information must be complete.**  
 30 Brickendon Green, SG13 8PB. Tel:01992 511617.  
 email: beryl.scottsmith@lineone.net

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

**Young Countrysiders** children's activities for 10-16 years. Club meets fortnightly. *Details Heather Peters 07789 231639 or Julia Camp 07769 561976*

*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*

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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 51137*

**Bayford Jazz Club** every 4<sup>th</sup> 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*