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FANSHAWS ROOM SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING 21.1.09

Open to everyone with views on events which have traditionally taken place in past years and to encourage new ideas. We were pleased to welcome Kate and Tony Roberts, Nikki Morton, and Brenda Lambie.

The Car Boot Sale will take place on **9th May 2009**.

BBQ. It was unanimously agreed that the BBQ had run its course. This was a social event - raising funds being a bonus. Several ideas were put forward to replace it:

a **Barn Dance** (if a 'barn' could be identified); a **picnic**; or a **1940's party**.

Welcome Party 4th July There was enthusiasm for this to continue but that a home-cooked curry meal should be provided (*we now have several confident curry cooks in the parish*).

The Fete proved more controversial, for although it is our main fund raiser, we never have enough volunteers on the day and have no organiser. The options considered included abandoning it or holding it every other year. A '*fete committee*' was mooted. At an earlier meeting FRSC had asked the chairman to provide a fete organisation checklist. Five committee members wanted the fete to continue on an annual basis (though not able to organise it) and three wanted it to be bi-yearly. It was suggested that the latter could lead to its demise (though not the experience of neighbouring villages). Several wanted a change from the Melody Makers and offered to approach other musicians. It was decided to defer a decision on the future of the fete until the February meeting.

A **Murder Mystery evening** was an idea for October and a **Christmas Bazaar** was suggested to raise funds.

Financial Report. The treasurer had now banked our 'Village Hall Challenge' prize of £4,000 from EHDC and £100 from EDF energy re the power cut.

We are very pleased that Brian Parkes has volunteered to take over the treasurer's duties at the end of February.

Fanshaws Room Work on the interior and exterior had been completed. An application form for a grant was awaited to refurbish the kitchen. The Parish Council is to be asked to provide a glassed-in notice board for outside the hall.

Hall Bookings

For personal reasons, Margaret Robertson has resigned as hall bookings manager. We are most grateful to Margaret who has undertaken this job for the last ten years. Since no-one on the present committee wants to undertake the job - there appears no option other than that the Chairman will have to assume the position until a volunteer comes forward. If you would like to know what this involves (or wish to book the hall please ring Beryl on 01992 511617.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Weds 4th February at 7.45pm (sharp)

We were sorry we had to disappoint you by cancelling the showing of Al Gore's controversial film '**An Inconvenient Truth**' last December. The good news is that it has been set up again and will take place in a private house in White Stubbs Lane on **4 February**. There is only room for 20 people so do please ring 01992 479555 now to ensure a seat. There will be an interval and the film will be followed by (no doubt) a lively discussion afterwards. If you are a natural sceptic or have already seen it, do come!

Further details Ava Greenwell 01992 511662.

*We'll also update you on the **Watt Watchers** situation.*

What REALLY happens to our waste?

Wednesday 4th March 7.45pm in the Parish Hall

East Herts District Council's Trevor Watkins explains the truth behind rumours about our recyclables going to China - or not getting recycled at all! Want to know what actually happens? Then come along to this meeting.

Find out, too, about YOUR carbon footprint!

All meetings adjourn (to the pub) at 9pm.

Compensation for October power cut

If you have not yet claimed the £50 compensation which you are entitled to following the 18 hour power cut (due to the unexpected snowfall on 28/29 October) then do so now. (*Businesses* are entitled to £100).

All you have to do is phone 01279 824518

It's so simple - don't miss out!

Brian Chandler

It is with great sadness that we report Brian's death in the Isabel Hospice on 20th January. He will be greatly missed not only by us in Brickendon Liberty but by those in the wider community of neighbouring villages. Brian was always ready to give a hand. He was Chairman of the Gardening Club (*he cherished his garden*), Deputy Chairman of Fanshaws Social Committee and a stalwart of the Boules Club. He took pride in his success on the tombola stall at every Fete and ran the BBQ every summer - in fair weather or foul - coercing his family into helping!

He also had very close ties with Bayford (having lived there for twenty years) giving a hand with every Open Gardens Day and also helping with repairs to St Mary's Church as well as helping tend its churchyard. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sally and his family on their loss.

Parish Council Meeting 22.1.09

The agenda and minutes of Parish Council meetings can be found on the website (usually two weeks after the meeting) on the Parish Council page. Copies can also be seen in the village hall. Below is a brief account of the meeting held on 22 January

Public Concerns

A complaint was made on behalf of the Whist Drive Club about the removal of old chairs, which has been passed to Fanshaws Room Social Committee.

Parking outside Bayford station

There were complaints about the dangerous parking in the lay-by and in the road outside Bayford Station. The Chairman had had several discussions with the police, and our District Councillor. The Parish Clerk had also written to Hertfordshire Highways - all to no avail (to date). It was suggested that the more people who complain, the more likely the authorities might be to take action

Stop Stansted Expansion

The PC agreed to send a donation of £100 to the above. Some members felt that a second runway was a fait accompli but were reminded that it was Council Policy, and support for it was indicated in the Parish Plan.

Precept for 2009/10

The council discussed the budget for 2009/10. Prudent financial management over recent years has meant there are sufficient reserves, and members voted to REDUCE the precept this year to £10,000 (£10,500 2008/9)

Highways Report by Cllr Leslie Kotting

* General repairs and patching of Pembridge Lane and Brickendon Lane are currently underway. This is in preparation for surface dressing early this summer. At the same time flush kerbing work will be undertaken opposite 7-9 Brickendon Green to support the edges of the road.

* Some repairs have been carried out to the footpath outside Bayford Station.

* Single sided directional signs on the corner of the Green will be replaced by double sided signs hopefully this year.

* Access Road to the rear of Brickendon Grange Golf Club. Herts 'Rights of Way' section denies any involvement with this route but may make a small contribution to repairs which it claims are the responsibility of those with a private right to drive along it.

* The caution sign outside 30 Brickendon Green is to be resited further down the hill by the tennis courts.

Parish Plan update

* Planning applications are now publicised on the website.

* EHDC plans to improve facilities for collecting and recycling in the Autumn 2009.

* Fly tipping can now be reported via our website.

* Upgrading the green lane between Mangrove Lane and Brickendon Lane - is not to be taken further.

* Brickendon Liberty's emergency plan has now been deposited with EHDC's emergency planning department.

* Steps relating to green energy are being actively pursued.

No objections to Planning Applications by PC

The Studio, Broxbourne Common Change of use of land to residential garden. *(No objection)*

IMI, Fanshaws, Fanshaws Lane Gravel surfaced overflow car park. *(No objection)*

IMI Low level lighting on posts along footpath and drive from Bayford Station to Fanshaws. *(No objection)*

White Stubbs Manor, White Stubbs Lane Outbuilding with swimming pool *(Approved by EHDC)*

22 Clementsbury Garage conversion to self contained annexe *(Approved by EHDC)*

Jepps Farm, Mangrove Lane Conversion of cartshed & barn to two holiday cottages *(Application withdrawn)*

The Kennels, Birch Farm, White Stubbs Lane Conversion of redundant kennels into accommodation *(Withdrawn)*

Wood End Farm, West End Road, WWE New stable block with menage office and disabled parking.

Bourne Orchard, Brickendon Lane Single storey rear extension, alterations to garden room, swimming pool and reinstatement of carriage porch

Objection by PC

Highfield Farm, Mangrove Lane Change of use of residential unit to include partial demolition and refurbishment of residential unit and construction of glass link between two paddocks. *(Refused by EHDC)*

Planning permission given by East Herts Council

Monks Green Farm, Monks Green Lane Change of use of chicken shed to 4 work units, and creation of basement at Monks Green Farm.

Paradise Wildlife Park, White Stubbs Lane

2 storey educational event, office building (retrospective)

2-storey ticket/office building

Barnes Hall Manor, White Stubbs Lane

New vehicle access to White Stubbs Lane

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

Wood End Farm, West End Road New stable block with menage and office building *(application withdrawn)*

Land, Wormley West End

Report of Enforcement Officer awaited

Certificate of lawful use or Development

Brambles Wood, Broxbourne Common

Mobile home for ancillary residential use (GRANTED)

Hedgegrove Farm, Pembridge Lane Residential dwelling for person not in agricultural operations. (GRANTED)

(GRANTED)

Edwards Green Farm, Brickendon Lane Parking and maintaining vehicles used for septic tank emptying and drainage works. (REFUSED)

Next Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm 26 MARCH 2009

in Fanshaws Room (the Parish Hall)

www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk

Have you browsed our site since it's been updated?

It contains all you need to know about our parish - and some more! If you haven't - please do so now.

The webmaster would welcome any contributions you might like to make. Please send them using the website 'contact' page or phone Graham on 01992 511697.

SALSA DANCING!

Well, three people are interested - but Jackie is still waiting for a call from YOU! Give her a buzz on 01992 511140 now - she can then look for an instructor.

It's up you!

BRICKENDON BOULES PETANQUE CLUB

Play continues as usual under floodlights every Tuesday from 5.30pm and every other Sunday morning from 9.30am to noon. - *except of course, if the piste is knee deep in snow or resembling a skating rink, or if it's bucketing down with rain!*

For further details check out its website:

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

or contact John Lambie on 01992 511551.

Brickendon and District Gardening Club

At our next meeting, on 11th February, Andy Johnston, a beekeeper from Hitchin, is giving us an illustrated talk on **Breeding and keeping bees** which promises to be a very interesting evening.

Don't miss the meeting on 11th March, **our AGM**. After the business of the evening Maurice, will again entertain us, this time with a cine presentation.

Mistakes Gardeners make. How many of us cringed at the last meeting, when Graham Puzey illustrated the many mistakes made by other gardeners (not us, of course!)

Further details about the gardening club from Sally Chandler 01992 479315

Now's the time you might like to take advantage of the free offer of well rotted compost for your garden. All you have to do is ring Linda Barnes FIRST at Birch Farm Riding School in White Stubbs Lane on 01582493350. Take along a shovel and plastic sack and get digging.

FRIENDS OF THE PINETUM

The unique Pinetum at Bayfordbury contains over 150 specimen conifers and more are always being introduced from all over the world. The 'Friends', who are volunteers, have their work cut out in clearing alien saplings, brambles etc and can always use more help. If you can spare some time, even occasionally, to join a working party with this task (and want to get rid of a bit of flab!) then please contact Colin Metherill (Secretary) on 01992 422052 or Edward Eastwood (Curator) on 01582713810

Could you be a befriender!

Buses are few and far between and rarely fit in with doctor's, dentist's, hairdresser's or hospital appointments. We know there are lonely, elderly and frail people in our community who may appreciate a lift to the doctor or chemists, or being taken to *do their own shopping, or wander around a garden centre or even someone calling on them for a cup of tea and a chat.* Do you drive - or even if you don't, would you be willing to spare time occasionally to befriend someone?

We'd like to set up a pool of volunteers who would be pleased to help out in any of these situations.

Could you help - or even organise such a worthwhile project? Or, if you would like to benefit from the service, please get in touch with Graham Irwin (511697), John Lambie (511551) or Beryl Scott Smith (511617).

LICHENS

Four people, so far, have shown enthusiasm about joining in field trips around the parish to learn more about this fascinating organism. If you are interested and would like to know more about them from a budding expert, then please get in touch with Peter Millman 01992 511662

Brickendon Book Club

The club next meets at 8pm on 5th February to discuss **Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice'** and on 5th March the book under the spotlight is **'Salmon fishing in the Yemen'** by **Paul Torday**. **'The Redbird Christmas'** by **Fannie Flagg** - a lighthearted choice as a Christmas read resulted in conflicting views, some thinking it too simplistic, others thoroughly enjoying it. Looking even further ahead, the choice for April is **Random Acts of Heroic Love** by **Dan Schseinemann**. We have spare library copies of most books. If you are interested, do read them and come along to discuss them over a glass of wine.

Further details from Sally Chandler on 01992 479315

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For details of other events in February and March please contact: Karen Hanford 01992 470 490

??? What do you think???

If you agree or disagree or have views on anything that appears in this newsletter, or have ideas on how we can fundraise or improve the environment and so on, then please let the editor have them for printing in the Newsletter, thus encouraging debate.

No anonymity please!

Or even better, attend the Parish Council or FRSC meetings and tell the members face to face.

Hire of Fanshaws Room

(the parish hall)

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 for the time being. The equipment in the hall is also available for hire (chairs, tables, crockery, glasses, cutlery) at very reasonable rates

For availability, to book and for further details contact: Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617

Directory of goods and services

If you have used a tradesman or service lately and are pleased with his/her work, then please let the Newsletter know so that their details can be added to our directory

Please delete under

'Electrical Installation' David Lohead 01992 306727 -*he is not obtainable on this number. Please inform the editor, if you know his current number.*

Potholes and damage to roads

If you see a dangerous hole or damaged trees overhanging any of our lanes, please report it immediately by phoning **01438 737320**. Make sure you are given a number and make a note of the date it was reported.

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Albeit late, a huge thank you to Chrissy Stevens for organising the best kid's Christmas party yet, at Celtic Camp. Over 30 children arrived on a bright sunny day and a great time was had by all. Finishing, of course, with a visit from Father Christmas. This has led us to believe a mother and toddler group might be welcome. Interested?

Peggy Holmes

Although living in Bayford, we always considered Peggy as one of us. She and David supported many Brickendon events and Peggy, in her nineties, even came on a village walk with us. We will miss her and our deepest sympathy goes to David and his family at their bereavement.

Services

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

February

1st 11am BCP Communion Service
16th 11am Family service *and the handover of the Brickendon Chapel report by NADFAS Church recorders and to dedicate two new hassocks - everyone welcome.*

March

1st 11am BCP Communion Service
15th 11am Family Service
All services are followed by refreshments
Rector: Rev Canon Pauline Higham 01707 875940
Services are usually held monthly on 1st and 3rd Sundays

There was a full house for the fascinating slide show and talk on 'The History of Hertford' given by Peter Raffles early in January which raised £190

USEFUL CONTACTS

Member of Parliament

Mark Prisk (Conservative) 01920 462182

Herts County Councillor

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East Herts District Councillor

William Ashley (Conservative) 01992 511313

PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Councillors

Chairman: Graham Irwin 01992 511697

Vice Chairman: Anne Downes 01992 446700

Tim Barnard 01992 511077

Leslie Kotting 01992 511410; John Lambie 01992 511551

Fanshaws Room Social Committee

Chairman: Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617

Secretary: Jackie Rorke 01992 511140

Treasurer: Simon Ross 666336

Mavis Cooke 01992 511424; Anne Downes 01992 446700

Frank Harrison 01992 511202; Mike King 01992 511405

Brian Johnson 01992 511390; Ruby Oakes 01992 511656

Jean Retallick 01992 511226

Margaret Robertson 01992 511582

Meetings take place on 3rd Wednesday every month

POLICE

Emergency call 999

General non-emergency call 0845 3300222

Neighbourhood Watch Organiser

Mike King 01992 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.*

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 (Closed until Easter)

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

February 2009

3,10,17,24	8pm	Table Tennis
4	7.45pm	RRR 'An Inconvenient Truth'
5	8pm	Book Club
8,22	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-7.30)
11	7.30pm	Gardening Club
5,19	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library on Green
6	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club
19	7.45pm	Whist Drive

March

3,10,17,24	8pm	Table Tennis
4	7.45pm	Waste & carbon footprints
5	8pm	Book Club
6	8.15-10.45	Bayford Jazz Club
5,19	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library on Green
8,22,29	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-7.30)
11	7.45pm	Gardening Club
19	7.45pm	Whist Drive
18	8pm	Fanshaws Soc. Committee
22	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting

NB the final date for receiving information for the April/May newsletter is 21st March. *You will not be reminded and information must be complete.*

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