

BRICKENDON

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'T's all happening- or not - as the case may be!

Our traditional fund raising **Car Boot Sale** goes ahead on 9th May - with a twist!

We're replacing the BBQ with a **Fab 50's party with BBQ at Paradise Wildlife Park.**

In July - instead of nibbles you'll be served with a variety of **home cooked curries at our**

'Welcome to Brickendon Liberty' evening on a significant date - 4th July.

The Fete is being replaced with an **Extended Car Boot Sale on Saturday 5th September.**

On 24th October there'll be a **Murder, Mystery Evening** in the Hall with a fish 'n' chip supper.

On Saturday 5th December the kids will be fed and feted at a **Fun Party**

and the **Christmas Lunch** will take place on Sunday 13th December.

And that's just a start - there are other activities still in the pipeline!

We have organisers for most events - but we'll need help with them from some of you as well!

Change your holidays, get out your diaries now and keep these dates free!

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Sunday 19th April 10.30am

It only happens once a year and the more who give a hand - the less time it takes (usually only an hour) - so we hope everyone will help with cleaning up the verges in the parish. Collect your picker, bags, gloves and fluorescent waistcoats from the car park on the Green when you'll be allocated an area.

It's amazing, the amount and type of rubbish usually collected. Motorists like to enjoy our countryside but sadly many just chuck their bottles, cigarette and food cartons out of car windows regardless of the hazard to wild animals and unsightly mess they create. They can be fined if time, date and their registration number is noted. Anyway, it's a worthwhile exercise with the bonus of job satisfaction and a good fresh start to the summer!

(Not an activity for children to take part in!)

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 9 May 10.30am-2pm

As we are not having a Fete this year we must raise extra funds in other ways. So at this year's Car Boot Sale we will be running our own bric-a-brac stall, home-made cakes and produce stall, and a tombola. We will also, of course, be providing our traditional bacon butties! We are going to need lots of volunteers to help run these stalls, and in the kitchen and car park and we are going to need cakes, produce, bric-a-brac and so on to sell. There'll be bargains galore so get all your friends to come along too!

To volunteer and for further information please contact Beryl Scott Smith on 01992 511617

1950's knees up and BBQ

at Paradise Wildlife Park

Saturday 6th June 7-11pm

It's going to be a great evening and something different for a change! Bring your family and friends - wear the gear - win a prize. There'll be a DJ, dancing, a BBQ, a bar and exciting kids play area outside.

Tickets (limited number) a snitch at £11.50 each for adults and £5 for children of 10 and under.

First come-first served!

Tickets from: Jackie Rorke, 10 Brickendon Green, tel: 01992 511140 (w'ends); or Nikki Morton, 2 Lower Hacketts, 41 Brickendon Lane, tel: 01992 511393
also, ring Jackie or Nikki to volunteer your help!

SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Fanshaws Room Social Committee

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 15th April 8pm

Everyone welcome!

Members of this committee organise most events in the Parish and it is responsible for the upkeep of the hall. Would you like to be on it? All members are elected at this meeting. There are those who may think it's in a rut - needs a shake up, new blood, different activities. Want to know what we are doing, not doing or should be doing?

Come along and let us have your ideas and views.

If you agree - or disagree - the AGM is the once-a-year opportunity to have your say, do something about it and be elected to the committee.

Your support is essential particularly at this meeting .

Look forward to seeing you!

Parish Council Meeting 26.3.09

Full minutes of meetings are on the website (usually 2 weeks later). A copy is also in the village hall. Below is a brief account of the above meeting.

Before the formal agenda, an informal presentation was given by Simon Poole of Brickendon Grange Golf Club and architect Peter Newson on the club's provisional plans to build five new homes on land backing on to Brickendon Green. Two to be affordable homes managed by Riversmead Housing association. Those present were not opposed to the development although there was a general feeling that a larger number of smaller homes might be preferred and that consideration to sewage and the view across the Green needed further thought.

Public Concerns

The recent excessive flow of water in the brook at the bottom of Brickendon Lane had caused a build up of shale. It was feared that unless this was removed, the brook would overflow again at the next heavy downfall. A complaint was made about large heavy lorries using a route from the Lower Hatfield road to Bayford throughout the day from about 7.30am. The PC urged people to try to establish a record of the registration number, time and date of these journeys which will be passed to the police. **Notice board** outside the hall to be provided by the PC.

'**Cut your carbon**' campaign The PC agreed to make a grant of £500 to the Watt Watchers Club and to the purchase of the first 94 Eco-eye electricity monitors from a grant of £3314 received from the East of England's 'Cut your carbon' campaign.

Internal Audit procedures - a revue of current procedures had confirmed their effectiveness.

Highways Report

General repairs and patching of Brickendon Lane and Pembridge Lane have been completed prior to surface dressing this summer. Sunken kerbs have been installed on the corner of the Green and opposite Clements Farm. Repairs will be made in April to Fanshaws Lane. Repairs/replacement of fingerplate signs on the Green and at other places are awaited. The large puddle which forms opposite Brickendonbury's entrance has been reported. **Parking outside Bayford station** still poses a danger to traffic as well as forcing pedestrians onto the road.

Planning matters and applications

Land for local development. The PC has until 12th June to report back to EHDC about land within the parish which it might consider suitable for housing development.

No objections by PC

Edgewood Farm, Broxbourne. External alterations to barn

Note: Following receipt of a copy of a letter of complaint by the Farm concerning the actions of planning officers the PC agreed to write to Ralph Gilbert (Chairman) and William Ashley (vice-chairman) of the Development Control Committee for investigation.

Tun Abdul Razak Centre, Brickendonbury Air conditioning plant outside laboratory.

Birch Farm. Redevelopment of equestrian centre, limousine storage, barn, former hunt kennels with detached dwellings and double garage.

(No objections by PC continued)

Barnes Hall Manor, White Stubbs Lane retention of dwelling without compliance use for equestrian occupancy and removal of manege fronting Stubbs Lane.

Objection by PC

The Studio, Broxbourne Common retrospective application for treehouse/hide in rear paddock
Site adjacent to Highfield Farm, Mangrove Lane. PC objects to appeal re refurbishment of indoor paddocks including new partitions, new rooflights, new external cladding, and new parking spaces.

To be discussed by PC

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

Planning permission refused by EHDC

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.

Planning permission given by EHDC

IMI, Fanshaws, Fanshaws Lane Gravel surfaced overflow car park.

IMI Low level lighting on posts along footpath and drive from Bayford Station to Fanshaws.

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

The Studio, Broxbourne Common Change of use of land to residential garden.

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

Land, Wormley West End

Report of Enforcement Officer awaited

Next Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 28th May 7.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting (for you to have your say)

Annual Parish Council Meeting

in Fanshaws Room (the Parish Hall)

NOT a Village of the Year!

It's unlikely at the moment that we'll be continuing our run of winning categories in the above annual competition this year. It seems the Brickendon Liberty malady has struck again. It appears no one capable can find the time nor energy to put forward an application - so may be it's hypocritical to consider entering anyway!

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Contains all you need to know about our parish!

Contributions welcomed. Please send them using the website 'contact' page or phone Graham on 01992 511697.

POTHoles & DAMAGE TO ROADS

Please report damaged trees, potholes or damaged roads, bent or missing signs, floods and road obstruction to Herts Highways on **01438 737320**. Make sure you are given a number and make a note of the date.

The more people who complain - the more likely something will be done about it.

WHO'S FOR TENNIS?

The courts are now open! In view of the good weather, we've had several people playing already thanks to Mike King who has done such an excellent job in keeping them, as well as the surrounding area, in good condition throughout the winter.

We now have a group of mums from neighbouring villages playing weekly - it would be good if we could get a regular group of our own. Several young children also frequently play with their dads. We'd like to think we may have a Wimbledon champ among them.

If you'd like to play - but don't have anyone to play with - let us know and we'll try to fix you up with a partner.

The courts are in good condition and in a lovely location which, no doubt, is why we get people from Cheshunt, Hoddesdon and Hertford playing on them. But they are YOUR courts - so do try to make the most of them!

To book, contact: Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617.

FREE CAVITY WALL INSULATION!

If someone in your home is over seventy years old, depending on the size of your dwelling and, of course, if you actually have cavity walls, you will be entitled to a Government grant to have your walls cavity insulated FREE of charge. Even if no one is over seventy you can still get a sizeable grant. It really is worth looking into. Just phone **United Insulations Ltd on 01245 425999** they will do a free survey - without obligation and then work out what grant you may be entitled to (and if it needs topping up by you - by exactly how much). This they will do on the spot, and advise you what the work entails. No money changes hands at that point. You will be given a written estimate but need not commit yourself until you are ready to do so.

Paradise Wildlife Park

On 14th May, from 7 to 10pm, a Big Cat Talk will be followed by a Twilight tour of the Park and its 'cats'.

It's a fascinating evening and gets well booked in advance so if you are interested it costs

£6 adults £4 children and is well worth every penny.

Contact Lynn or Kate on 01992 470490

For details of other events please contact:

Karen Hanford 01992 470 490

NOBLES CHARITY

Thomas Nobles set up a charitable Trust to help people in the area with a modest sum of money which might ease their life in some small way. Perhaps by providing respite care for a patient or carer, paying for a car or train journey or an item of equipment for comfort, etc. A small sum which could make a worthwhile difference to their lives.

Residents of Brickendon Liberty have benefited in the past. However, the charity is rarely contacted and is about to amalgamate with other similar small local charities in Hertford.

So if you, or someone you know, might benefit in some small way, then do please speak, in absolute confidence, to our representative on the Charity,

Rosemary King (on 01992 511405) for advice.

The **Wormley Parochial Charity** has similar aims. Write to 5 Lammasmead, Broxbourne, Herts EN10 6PF

LYNN'S FIFTH MARATHON!

This year Lynn is running to raise funds for the **Isabel Hospice, MacMillan Nurses and the Wildlife Heritage Foundation** and would welcome your support - no matter how little. Add your name to the list in the hall or send a contribution to Lynn Whitnall, Paradise Wildlife Park, White Stubbs Lane, Herts EN10 7QA.

Good luck Lynn - we know you'll make it!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR)

The Watt Watchers' launch (see enclosure) has taken the place of the formal RRR April meeting, so instead, we aim to meet up, 8ish, on Thursday 16th April at The White Horse in Castle Street, Hertford and join an informal get together of 'Hertford Green Drinks', a friendly group which meets monthly to exchange ideas with members of other local green groups.

On **6th May at 7.45pm**, **Mary Barton** will be coming along to talk about '**Sustainable foods**'. Dependent upon the weather this could include a short walk around the Green to identify wild herbs and plants we can eat.

Advance warning, the subject of the June meeting will be '**Solar power for your home**' with a short talk on the practical essentials, followed by a visit to two private homes demonstrating its successful use. No doubt we'll end up at the Woodman in WWE!

For further information, lifts etc please contact

Ava Greenwell 01992 511662.

Brickendon and District Gardening Club

The club's AGM was held in March when Terry Haynes was elected Chairman, Kvet Lunts Vice-Chairman, Sally Chandler, Secretary, Martin Todd, Treasurer and Gordon Nichols and Maureen Reid as committee members.

Everyone's annual membership fee of £10 is now due. An exciting year's programme is now being planned visiting several private, as well as well-known public, gardens, and with a line up of really interesting speakers for the rest of the year. Maurice always turns up trumps at the AGM and this year entertained us with a film show.

On **8th April Sue Garside** is coming to talk to us about Victorian botanists who travelled the world in the 19th century in search of unknown and exotic plants including orchids, for local gardens such as Middleton House,

Our first visit out of the year will be on

13th May when members have been invited to

David Latham's lovely gardens in Bayford.

In June we are hoping that a visit can be arranged to the

'Gardens of the Rose' near St Albans.

Further details about the gardening club from

Sally Chandler 01992 479315

Well rotted compost -

- just the thing for the garden at this time of the year - it's free and 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 to fill - and then get digging!

BRICKENDON BOULES PETANQUE CLUB

Play continues as usual every Tuesday from 5.30pm and on Sunday mornings from 9.30am to noon on 12 & 26 April and 10, 24, 31 May

For further details check out its website:

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

or contact John Lambie on 01992 511551.

Fancy Having- a-go at Longbow archery?

Celtic Camp has very generously suggested fixing up a date to enable us to have a go at longbow archery. The Camp is now an acknowledged centre for the skill with a recognised club. If you are interested, then please ring Beryl on 01992 511617 who will fix up a convenient date.

FRIENDS OF THE PINETUM (Bayfordbury)

The 'Friends' are meeting on 25th April and 16th May, to work on clearing, and planting etc. If you could spare a few hours to give them a hand - you'd be very welcome.

For further information on where to meet and so on contact Colin Metherill (Secretary) on 01992 422052

Bayford Friendly Club

The Friendly Club now meets once a month, on a Monday afternoon in Bayford memorial hall from 2-4pm, and welcomes elderly people from neighbouring villages (mainly Brickendon) for tea and a gossip in a friendly atmosphere. Beryl Callaby has run the club for some years (*and would really now like to find a successor*).

However, she will be on holiday on 19 October and 16 November and is concerned that the meetings won't be able to take place for lack of an organiser. Is there anyone in Brickendon prepared to take over even one of the two afternoons? It is not an onerous job - in fact quite the opposite. If you think you could do it then please ring Beryl for a chat on 01992 511371

The Farmers Boy

Although we're not celebrating St. George's Day at the golf club - you can still celebrate it at The Farmers Boy which has a full programme of entertainments for the whole year. To book phone 01992 511610

And don't forget to fly your flags on the 23rd April!

Up-date on local services

Did you keep the list of 'services' delivered in December.

If so, please delete: Mick's Mowers and add:

Trevor Knight:

Scissors, knives, shears and some lawn mowers sharpened at a very modest cost. Tel: 01992 511201

Brickendon Book Club

We'll be discussing 'Random Acts of Heroic Love' by

Dan Scheinemann at our meeting on **2nd April**.

On **7th May** 'The Good Earth' by **Pearl Buck** (a Nobel prize winner) will be under scrutiny. We usually have spare library books. So 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

HARP CONCERT IN THE CHAPEL OF THE HOLY CROSS AND ST ALBAN

Brickendon Lane

Sunday 7th June 3pm

An early warning, Margaret Knight returns for her fifth visit to entertain us with her new 'Harp, Song and Talk' programme. Always a delight but with the added attraction of sipping champagne whilst nibbling strawberries in the sunshine in the Chapel grounds (well, we can't guarantee the sunshine - but someone could!)

All to raise needy funds. Tickets £12 each from Margaret Hills 511302 or Virginia Haryott 511575

You'd be wise to book early!

Eric 'Tiddler' Ruskin

Eric probably lived in the Parish for longer than anyone else - over seventy years! His death is a great loss and with him goes a little bit of Brickendon's history. Our sincere condolences to his family and many friends.

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Easter longbow archery & survival Courses

Adults, and children aged 8 years or over can discover the ancient art of **Longbow Archery**. Beginners courses take place 10am-1pm, 7-8 and 15-16 April with target shooting and field archery and, if you enjoy it, maybe join our club which meets every weekend.

Youngsters aged 10 and over can join an **Archery & Bushcraft** day on 11, 18 or 25 April, learning how to cook on an open hearth and light fires without matches, and spend an afternoon on the archery field. They could then join the **Celtic Clan** a programme of monthly courses from April to December which are accredited by the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

All courses are lead by qualified instructors

The last Sunday every month 10am-5pm, from 31 May until 25 October will provide several **Great Family Days**

Out with hands on activities, woodland trails, animal feeding etc. Online booking £5 per person (£7 on door)

One child free on presentation of this newsletter!

Finally, break with the cake and jellies and try a 'themed' birthday party instead for 4-6 year olds or 7-10 year olds.

To book courses or for more details visit

www.celticharmony.org or tel 01438 718543

Table tennis players

Please note, that after Tuesday 14th April, starting on 23rd April all games will take place on a Thursday evening until the end of August. However, as some Thursdays are unavailable please check the diary for playing dates at the back of this Newsletter.

Our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Compensation for October power cut

Our advice on claiming compensation was taken up in the local press who pursued EDF. The outcome, we hope, is that all those accused of claiming too late have now actually received their £50. With this odd weather it's as well to keep the phone number **01279 824518** in a safe place ready for *instant* action the next time!

Need a lift?

If the buses don't match your hospital or doctor's appointment or you have a problem collecting your prescription and would appreciate a lift, please get in touch with Graham Irwin (511697) or John Lambie (511551) or Tim Barnard (551077) or Beryl Scott Smith (511617).

Fanshaws Room - the village hall!

Most meetings and events take place in our newly refurbished hall. But it is also ideal, particularly for children's parties, birthday, anniversary, christening celebrations and so on. Equipment can also be hired for use off site at a very modest cost.

To book and for details please contact Brenda Lambie on 01992 511551.

ELECTIONS Thursday 4th June

No doubt there will be plenty of publicity at the time, but here's another early warning for you, Elections will be held on 4th June for our

**European MEP's,
and**

Herts County Councillors.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Member of Parliament

Mark Prisk (Conservative) 01920 462182

Herts County Councillor

Mike Tucker (Conservative) 01920 464826

East Herts District Councillor

William Ashley (Conservative) 01992 511313

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Parish Clerk: John Ingham 01920 438280

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: Bryan Parkes 01992 511221

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

Nikki Morton & Steve Cross 01992 511393

Kate & Tony Roberts 01992 511035

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

Services

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

April 5th 11.00am Family Communion BCP

Easter Sunday 12th April 11.15am

Family service and Holy Communion

April 19th 11.00am Family service

A Holy Week Holiday Club will be held from Monday 6th to Thursday 9th April from 10m-noon at Essendon School. On Good Friday, Easter Gardens will be made at Bayford Church and Essendon School.

May 3rd 11am BCP Communion Service

" 17th 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

Why not become a 'Friend' of the Chapel and help to support it by donating £10 a year? For more information please phone Brenda Lambie 01992 511551

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 Most Thursdays. *Details Marion Todd 511497*

Tennis Courts. *To book call 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*

BRICKENDON LIBERTY DIARY DATES

April 2009

2	8pm	Book Club
3	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club
7,14	8pm	Table Tennis
8	7.30pm	Gardening Club
12 & 26	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-7.30)
14,28	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library on Green
15	8pm	AGM Fanshaws Room C'ttee
16	7.45pm	Whist Drive
16	8pm	RRR 'Hertford Green Drinks'
19	10.30am	Litter Pick
20	2pm	Friendly Club
23,		St George's day at Farmers Boy
23,30	8pm	Table Tennis
25	11am	Watt Watchers' Launch
26		London Marathon

May

1	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club
6	7.45pm	RRR 'Sustainable Foods' talk
7	8pm	Book Club
7,14,	8pm	Table Tennis
9	9am	Car Boot Sale
10,24	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-7.30)
12,26	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library on Green
13	7.45pm	Gardening Club
14	7-10pm	PWP Big Cat Twilight Tour
20	8pm	Fanshaws Soc. Committee
21	7.45pm	Whist Drive
28	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting

June

4	7am - 10pm	MEP & County elections
6	7-11pm	50's party at PWP
7	3pm	Harp Concert in Chapel

July

4	7 for 7.30pm	Curry 'Welcome' party
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September

5	10am	Car Boot Sale
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October

24	7.45pm	Murder Mystery evening
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December

5		Children's Christmas treat
13	12.30 for 1pm	Christmas Lunch

The final date for receiving information for the June/July Newsletter is 25th May 2009. Contributors will not be reminded and information must be complete.

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