

BRICKENDON

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

This was our headline for the April/May issue - what a difference two months can make!

Some of our plans - for your entertainment - have changed. To find out more - you **MUST** read on!

Fanshaws Room Management Committee

Following an excellent turn out at the AGM in April, a proposal was put forward to change the structure of Fanshaws Room Social Committee so that in future each committee member would be responsible for a specific job. A new committee was subsequently elected as follows:

Chairman: **Beryl Scott Smith**

Vice-chairman & maintenance manager: **Brian Johnson**

Treasurer: **Bryan Parkes**

Secretary: **Jackie Rorke**

Entertainment Co-ordinator: **Nikki Morton**

Events (fund raising co-ordinator): **Bill Bircham**

Hall Bookings manager: **Brenda Lambie**

Tennis Courts manager: **Nicola Estherby** (Farmers Boy)

Young Families Representative: **Chrissie Stevens**

Parish Council Representative: **Tim Barnard**

In future it is hoped that different people will volunteer to give a hand with organising different events, together with the relevant committee member, from the start thus relieving the stress of just one or two people having to cope with everything until help arrives at the last minute.

Outgoing committee members: Mavis Clark, Ruby Oakes, Jean Retallick and Margaret Robertson, although prepared to help with future events, felt unable to undertake responsibility for these duties. Our thanks to them and to Cllr Anne Downes, Mike King, Frank Harrison and Simon Ross for their invaluable help and support over the years.

Everyone in the Parish is, of course, welcome to attend future meetings of the committee.

The Fete The feasibility of a Fete in September is being reconsidered.

September Car Boot Sale If this goes ahead as planned to replace this year's fete) some fete activities/stalls will be included as well as the cake, tombola and bric-a-brac stalls

Kitchen refurbishment

An application for a grant towards cost has been submitted to East Herts District Council.

ELECTIONS Thursday 4th June

In Fanshaws Room (the parish hall) on the Green for
European MEP's & Herts County Cllrs
from 7am-10pm

NEIGHBOURLY GET-TOGETHER

4th July 7.30pm

Q: Do neighbours and curries mix ?

Our welcome party last year was a tremendous success - but very few newcomers have moved into the Parish since. So we looked for another excuse this time for **everyone** to come along and enjoy themselves.

We didn't think celebrating American Independence Day would catch on so, since it appears we have several curry experts in the parish prepared to cook a range of delicious dishes to suit all tastes - with a selection of accompaniments, of course, we're having a curry evening.

'Do neighbours and curries mix' - we think so!

Do come along to socialise with your neighbours while eating a chappati or popping a poppadom!

Tickets are limited and are a snip at £7.50 each - including a glass of wine, or lager or soft drink (water's free!) or bring your own.

Tickets from Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617
at Hill Cottage, 30 Brickendon Green.

Cancelled - 1950's Party at Paradise Wildlife Park on 6 June

We were sure we had a winner here! Something we hadn't tried before. Jackie Rorke and Nikki Morton worked their butts off organising the evening from decorations, music, food and so on and had everything arranged. However, although everyone, when asked if they were coming, said 'YES' - very few ACTUALLY BOUGHT tickets. And so, with ten days to go, the hire fee to pay and food to order, sadly a very reluctant decision had to be taken to cancel it. Our sincere apologies to all those who had bought tickets and were looking forward to a great evening.

However, the good news is that rather than waste all that effort, we will be holding a scaled down version (but with a real jukebox) on 14th November in Fanshaws Room. With dancing, tickets will have to be limited so priority will be given to those who had paid for the cancelled event

Oliver!

Congratulations to Nicola, Garry and of course William at **The Farmers Boy** on the birth of Oliver on 3rd May. Nicki and Garry would like to thank all their friends in Brickendon for their good wishes, cards and gifts.

Parish Council Meetings 28.5.09

Full minutes of meetings are on the website (usually 2 weeks later) Below is a brief account of the above meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting

Apologies were received from Cllr Downes. Last year's minutes were approved. Cllr Irwin reported on the work of the Parish Council over the last year and Beryl Scott Smith reported on Fanshaws Room Social Committee's activities. (Copies available from the Parish Clerk). Rosemary King sent a report on the Nobles Charities amalgamation with other local charities.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Election of Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr Graham Irwin was elected, for his fourth year as chairman, and Leslie Kotting was elected vice-chairman.

Election of Fanshaws Room Management Committee

The PC approved the new structure and membership.

Public Concerns and follow ups

The silt build up in Brickendon Brook has been cleared.

Heavy lorries in Brickendon Lane

Cllr Kotting sat one morning from 6-9am to try to identify lorries using a route from the Lower Hatfield road to Bayford - unsuccessfully. The PC urged people to try to

Police report

PC Neal Dyton and PCSO Neil Major reported on their efforts to stop vehicles parking dangerously outside the station. They regularly patrol and have had some success putting warning stickers on cars - which have not returned. Large agricultural machinery impeded by parked cars from exiting from Brook Farm at the junction with the road, is of particular concern. The police have taken photos of this and the cars, which if necessary they will use as evidence in court. *Can you believe, Herts County Council has no money in its budget for this year or next to cover the cost of buying yellow paint for road markings. Does this mean laying off painters and putting the equipment into hibernation? Inefficiency or what?* (Ed) The good news is that crime in Brickendon is very low although The Woodman pub in Wormley West End is currently facing problems needing police help. It appears that car number plates are being stolen not only for criminal use - but for skate boarding.

Highways Report

Several dangerous 'potholes' were identified at the meeting between road surfaces and eroded verges, as well as loose surface dressing. To be brought to the attention of Herts Highways.

establish a record of the registration numbers, time and date of these journeys to be passed to the police. A rota covering Monday to Friday for a week is being set up. Councillors present agreed to take turns but need volunteers to help identify the culprits. Volunteers please contact Cllr Kotting.

PLANNING matters and applications

Land for local development. The PC did not consider it was their job to identify potential sites for development as requested by EHDC.

No objections by PC

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

Farmers Boy conversion of waste ground in car park to boules piste.

Swallows Grove Farm Cottage single storey rear and 1st floor front extensions.

10 Brickendon Green erection of 1.5 storey detached residential dwelling on adjacent land.

Planning permission given by EHDC

Tun Abdul Razak Centre, Brickendonbury Air conditioning plant.

Mill House, Woodhouse Lane (retrospective) retention of single storey front extension, rear conservatory and double garage.

Land, Wormley West End

Report of Enforcement Officer awaited

Planning permission refused by EHDC

Edgewood Farm, Broxbourne. Retrospective application for barn/storage and cladding which differed from previously approved application.

The Studio, Broxbourne Common Erection of tree house/hide in rear paddock.

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

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. (Objections reiterated by EHDC)

Next Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 23rd July 7.30pm

www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk

*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** or on our website. Make sure you are given a number and make a note of the date.

MAY CAR BOOT SALE

Our car boot sale was the most successful yet making a clear profit of over £1093. 64 car booters arrived (from 8.15am!) and there was a queue of punters waiting to get into the car park not long after. Having our own Tombola and Cake Stalls boosted our takings. Many thanks to all those who put up posters, helped to set up and park cars gave a hand with refreshments and ran stalls.

NOBLES CHARITY - there to help!

This is a charitable Trust set up to help people with a donation which might appear modest but which could make all the difference to someone in need. If you, or someone you know, might benefit then do please speak, in absolute confidence, to Rosemary King (on 01992 511405).

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

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.

WHO'S FOR TENNIS?

On a lovely summer's day with a light breeze what could be nicer than a game of tennis with friends or family followed by a picnic in a shady glade beside the courts? We are pleased that Nicola of The Farmer's Boy Pub has volunteered to undertake bookings for the courts (tel 01992 511610). So, in future please collect and return the keys to the pub - a good opportunity to quench your thirst, too, after an energetic game!

WATT WATCHERS SWITCH OFF!

Have you yet paid your £5 to join Watt Watchers and received your Eco Eye (worth £47)? It's truly amazing to watch the monitor and see how much each piece of equipment costs to run - a great incentive to switch off! Tim Barnard worked out some annual costings for things we use every day. For example the average computer, if left on, costs £540 pa (even if you turn it off on holiday). The average annual cost of a tumble drier is £197; a fridge/freezer £51, dishwasher £45, plasma TV £117, standard 100 watt light bulb £34.56 (*energy saving equivalent* £6.22), kettles cost 45p per hour to heat so don't fill the kettle for one cuppa. We'll print more energy saving tips in the next newsletter. Meanwhile get in touch with Tim Barnard (01992 551077) or John Lambie (01992 511551) and make sure of your Eco-Eye. They'll even come along and fit it for you!

see also www.wattwatchers.org.uk

Brickendon and District Gardening Club

On 13th June we are looking forward to visiting Pashley Manor (during its Rose Weekend) and Great Dixter's two star garden (also home of the late Christopher Lloyd whose house was designed by Edwin Lutyens .Cost is £35.

*There are still a few * tickets left if you'd like to come (even if you are not a member of the club)..*

On 8th July Bob and Judith Fawcett have invited us to visit them for a social evening and to wander around their lovely garden at the Director's House, Bayfordbury on the Lower Hatfield Road

*To book * tickets and for further detail about the club please contact Sally Chandler 01992 479315*

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 for tea and a gossip in a friendly atmosphere. Beryl Callaby who runs the club will be on holiday on 19 October and 16 November. So can anyone in Brickendon help out on these two afternoons?

If so please ring Beryl Scott Smith on 01992 511617.

Oscarnneedswalking!

"Yes please! I'm a friendly energetic (but well behaved) 2 year old labrador. I grew up in Brickendon and for a long time I got lots of walks. But now my mistress has developed a health condition and can't walk me and my master is too young to take me out alone. But the garden is small and I really need the excitement of regular walks. Would anyone near Fanshaws Lane please take me with them, too, when walking their own dog or even take me out occasionally on my own. I've got my own ball - I'd be ever so good, really!"

Please ring 01992 511632 if you can help.

Brickendon Book Club

Meets on the first Thursday monthly. On 4th June we'll be discussing 'The 13th Tale' by Diane Setterfield. On 20th June we're all off to see 'As you like it' at the Globe Theatre and on 2nd July the book under the periscope will be 'Mr Golightly's Holiday' by Sally Vickers.

Further details from Sally Chandler 01992 479315

Celtic Camp - 10 years old!

This year they are not only celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Camp's existence - but even more important, the arrival of Artu (Arthur) on 25th April! Clare and Luca are over the moon with the arrival of their Celtish son and heir and Chiara and Lucia are delighted with their baby brother.

'The Quest for a King'

Aptly on 27th June, a storytelling with music will take place about King Arthur. *A full house is anticipated so tickets must be prebooked*

Meanwhile, there's never a dull moment at the camp with bushcraft and survival courses, longbow archery and lots more activities and from 26th - 31st July **Warrior Games**. *To find out more and to book for the reading and other courses and activities, visit*

www.celticharmony.org or phoned 01438 718543

Events at Paradise Wildlife Park

On 3rd June (7-10pm) there's a cheetah conservation evening with Laure Marker, adults £6, kids £3.

A Gyp Vulture presentation takes place on Wednesday 17th June from 7 to 10pm. Adult £6 Children £4.

And from 6.30pm on Friday 24th July come to the Summer Family BBQ. Adults £12 children £8

Further information from Lynn or Kate 01992 470490.

Congratulations and well done Lynn Whitnall who completed the London Marathon in 4hrs.50 mins (in spite of an injured leg), raising a magnificent £7000 to be split between the Isabel Hospice, MacMillan Nurses and the Wildlife Heritage Trust

*HARP CONCERT IN THE CHAPEL - Sunday 7th June 3pm

You can't possibly miss this delightful Sunday afternoon as Margaret Knight returns to entertain us with her new 'Harp, Song and Talk' programme .We then adjourn outside to enjoy a glass of champers while nibbling strawberries. Only a few tickets left at £12 each from Margaret Hills 511302 or Virginia Haryott 511575

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).

Garage Sale 11 June, from 10.30am
May Nicholls is raising funds for the Falconer Trust which supports a children's orphanage in Zambia. There'll be a huge variety of goods at bargain prices. It takes place in the garden at The Gables, Pembridge Lane. Do go!

Litter picking

We had a very successful morning collecting 40 bags full of rubbish - including a spectacular display of hub caps!

Services

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

June 7 11.00am BCP Communion Service
" 21 11.00am Family service
July 5 11.00am BCP Communion Service
" 19 11.00am 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

USEFUL CONTACTS

Member of Parliament

Mark Prisk (Conservative) 01920 462182

Herts County Councillor

Mike Tucker (Conservative) until 4.6.09

East Herts District Councillor

William Ashley (Conservative) 01992 511313

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Clerk: John Ingham 01920 438280

Parish Councillors

Chairman: Graham Irwin 01992 511697

Vice Chairman: Leslie Kottling 01992 511410

Tim Barnard 01992 511077

Anne Downes 01992 446700; John Lambie 01992 511551

Fanshaws Room Social Committee

Please see front cover

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 meets 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:
RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Meets monthly. Details Ava Greenwell 01992511662.

Table Tennis – Adults 8-10pm Most Thursdays (see diary). Details Marion Todd 511497

Tennis Courts. To book, and for keys contact
The Farmers Boy 01992 511610 (1 Brickendon Lane)

Watt Watchers Details Tim Barnard 01992 551077 or John Lambie 01992 511551

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

June 2009

4	7am-10pm	Elections
4	8pm	Book Club
7	3pm	Harp Concert in Chapel
4,11,25	8pm	Table tennis
9,23	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile Library on Green
11	10.30am	Garage Sale
13		Gardening Club (Gt Dixter)
14,28	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-7.30pm)
15	2pm	Friendly Club
17	8pm	Fanshaws Committee
18	7.30pm	Whist Drive
26	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club

July

2	8pm	Book Club
4	7.30pm	Neighbourly get-together
7,21	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library on Green
7,30	8pm	Table tennis
12,26	9.30-noon	Boules (& Tues 5.30-7.30pm)
12	7.45pm	Gardening Club
15	8pm	Fanshaws Committee
16	7.30pm	Fanshaws Committee
16	7.30pm	Whist Drive
20	2-4pm	Friendly Club
23	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
24	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club

August

September

5	9.30am	Car Boot Sale
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October

24	7.45pm	Murder, Mystery evening
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November

14	8pm	1950's party!
28	10am-3pm	Christmas Bazaar

December

5		Children's Christmas Treat
13	1pm	Christmas Lunch

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