

# Brickendon Newsletter

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## Summer Fete

**Sunday 6th September 11.30am to 4pm**

**It was hit or miss this year, as to whether we would have a fete at all, until Bill Bircham came along, brimfull of enthusiasm and ideas and confident he could do it!**

Everyone, it seems, was really disappointed at the thought of NO fete. So, particularly if you were one of them, please give him all the support and encouragement he now needs organising games, stalls, refreshments, car park and so on.

***You are invited to come along to Fanshaws Room at 7.30pm on Monday 10th August to meet Bill and, over a glass of wine, decide with everyone else how best you can all help to make it the success it deserves.***

*We also need bottles and gifts as prizes, for the tombola, and hoop-la as well as books, cakes, jams, chutneys, garden produce and plants, and bric-a-brac ( no clothes or large objects thank you).*

*We've lots of new activities like competing tug o'war teams and archery as well as a jazz duo.*

***See the leaflet inside this Newsletter for full details or contact; Bill Bircham on 01992 511090 .***

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### RAFFLE TICKETS

We are most grateful to the local businesses who have so generously contributed the excellent prizes featured on our raffle tickets.

We are enclosing a book of tickets with each newsletter in the hope that you will buy some and may also be able to sell them to friends, family or colleagues. All of the prizes being well worth winning!

This year, as you will know, we intend to redesign and refurbish the hall kitchen. If you have helped with refreshments or washing up, then you will know how inconvenient it is and how difficult the simplest tasks can be.

So our aim is to make it a pleasure in the future!

We were very pleased to learn that we had been awarded a Community Capital Grant by East Herts District Council for half the estimated cost of the new kitchen.

We have to find the other half. All the profits from the raffle will be added to the money raised last year and at various events this year and we hope work will start in the Autumn..

So, please we would really appreciate your help. If you do not feel able to sell the tickets, then could you please return them.

Alternatively if you would like more then please contact *Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617 at 30 Brickendon Green.*

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### Malaysian Carnival

**Saturday 15th August 10am-6pm  
at the Tun Abdul Razak Research Centre  
Brickendonbury, Brickendon Lane**

**A colourful, exciting celebration of Malaysian Independence Day, which you are all invited to go along and enjoy.**

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### Eco-eye 'drop in' evening 6-9pm 5th August

If you live in Brickendon Liberty Parish and haven't already claimed your **eco-eye electricity monitor**, then drop in to Fanshaws Room (the parish hall on the Green), see one in action and *collect yours* under the Watt Watchers 'scheme. An **eco-eye** could help you to cut your electricity bill by up to 15% and, at the same time, help to eliminate 150 tonnes of carbon emissions in three years. Don't believe it? Then drop in for a few minutes and see it working. No appointment necessary. John Lambie, Tim Barnard and John Rees will explain all. If you can't come but want to know more, then please ring John L 511551, Tim 511077 or John R 511515.

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### 'The Edwardian Cello'

**Saturday 19th September at 7.30pm**

Michael Lunts (talented local actor/musician from Wormley West End) partnered by Melanie Dennerly (cellist), has generously agreed to entertain us with a nostalgic and witty musical entertainment recreating a bygone age and including a few comic songs of the period, to take place in the Chapel, Brickendon Lane. For ten years, Michael has toured the world with his versatile, one man/one woman shows combining his passion for music, both popular and classical, with that for drama. Talented cellist Melanie, has recently joined him, and has played with several well known orchestras including the Halle, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and BBC Philharmonic. It promises to be a most memorable and entertaining evening.

*Tickets are limited and cost £12.50 each (to include a glass of wine). Available from: Margaret Hills 511302 or Beryl Scott Smith 511617*

*All profits will be shared between the Chapel and Fanshaws Room Committee*

## Parish Council Meeting 23.7.09

*Full minutes of these meetings appear on the website (usually two weeks later). Below is a brief account*

### **Public Concerns and follow ups.**

PCSO Neil Major reported that although crime incidents in the parish had been low, there had been concern about incidents in Fanshaws Lane. As a result, all households in the Lane had received details of a crime prevention pack from Graham Irwin, Fanshaws Lane Neighbourhood watch organiser. A discussion followed on the need for such organisers in other parts of the Parish such as Wormley West End and Mangrove Lane. Dennis Downes, who was present, volunteered to represent WWE. Graham will discuss this with Mike King, our Parish Neighbourhood Watch organiser.

The pack is available to all households in the parish (*see further information below*)

### **Heavy lorries (weighing over 7.5 tonnes) in Brickendon**

Only lorries on legitimate business (*delivering or collecting or based in the parish*) should be using our lanes. However, they continue to be used illegally. With the co-operation of the police, the PC proposes to monitor the situation whereby two people will watch and take notes every morning for a week, from 6.30 to 9am on particularly vulnerable routes used by these vehicles. All five councillors have agreed to take part, but it is not fair to expect them alone to do this. So, if you are concerned by the disruption and erosion caused by these vehicles, then you are invited to help by taking your turn one morning. This is OUR problem and needs the co-operation of the community if we are to be able to do anything about it. It is not the parish councillor's exclusive problem!

***Please ring Leslie Kotting (preferably after 6pm) on 511410 to volunteer YOUR help for one morning.***

### **Highways report**

Erosion of the boundary of the Green with the metalled surface (opposite no 9 ) where asphalt has encroached 30cms into the verge is to be remedied by Herts Highways as well as replacing missing white line markings in road nearby. Herts Highways response is awaited, concerning complaints made about potholes at last meeting.

### **PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS**

*No objections by PC*

**Edwards Green Farm** Retention of existing building as farm office and store & reduction in height of 1.5 metres.

**East Herts Equestrian Centre** Retrospective application for retention of feed store.

**Briar Cottage, 2 Broxbourne Common** Replacement of underground Calor gas tank.

**The Studio ,Broxbourne Common** Retrospective application for two lamp posts in residential garden.

*Planning permission granted by EHDC*

**Jepps Farm, Mangrove Lane** Conversion of barn to one holiday let. Partial demolition of cartshed for carport.

**Farmers Boy, Brickendon Lane** Change of use of waste ground in car park to petanque piste.

**1 Swallow Grove Farm Cottages, Mangrove Lane** Single storey rear extension and 1st floor front extension.

**Hatch Grove, Monks Green Lane** Triple bay carport/garage with 1st floor storage/office.

**10 Brickendon Green** Erection of 1.5 storey detached house.

*Notification of appeal*

**The Studio, Broxbourne Common** Erection of treehouse/hide in paddock at rear.

## Next Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Thurs 24th Sept

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*Everything you need to know about the parish is here!*

### **Crime Prevention Pack**

Following a number of rural burglaries recently, our community police officer PCSO Neil Major, is offering a home crime prevention pack for anyone who would like one on completion of a **Residential Security Survey** form available from him (one can be seen in Fanshaws Room). The form should be returned to PCSO Major at Hertford Police Station, Hale Road, Hertford.

*If you need any further information, please contact:*

*PCSO Neil Major 01992 533666*

*or the Crime Prevention Officer on 01992 533652*

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## **Brickendon Newsletter**

Shortly after moving into Brickendon I attended a meeting where concern was expressed over the difficulty of communicating information which concerned them, to families living in for example Wormley West End, Mangrove Lane, in scattered farms and so on.

I suggested a newsletter might solve the problem and volunteered to produce one for a couple of months.

The first copy of the Brickendon Newsletter was delivered on 1st November 1999 to every household in the parish by a team of volunteers in each area. Some delivered six - some seventy copies. Now 10 years later you are reading the 97th issue (somewhat more than originally intended) and delivered by these same volunteers.

Information has been gathered, all (but one copy) has been written, (amended several times), stuck together, taken to a printer, folded and delivered to the distributors by myself. It has been a great achievement and served its purpose well. It has helped to integrate a scattered community and keep people informed about Parish Council activities, events in the hall, warnings and advice, and encourage membership of our various flourishing clubs thus, creating the 'Brick factor'. It has also encouraged new communities (Clementsburry, Highfield) to feel they belong and join in. There is now a mailing list and an e-mail list of former residents and others still interested in keeping in touch.

**I aim to publish three more Newsletters - and will be retiring as editor after the 100th issue.**

**There must be one or two people in the Parish with some journalistic/writing experience who could spare enough time every other month to put it together.**

**If not, then sadly, Brickendon would once more become incommunicado for residents without computer access.**

**If you can help then please give me a ring for a chat.**

**Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617**

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### **"Home Grown"**

**Friday 2nd October 7.30pm**

Never mind 'Britain has talent' - our children at Ponsbourne and Bayford schools have plenty of that too! For the fourth year running they will be performing (together with some talented adults) in the Chapel in Brickendon Lane.

Do come along and support them!

**Tickets: £6 adults and £1 children (including light refreshments) Available from Margaret Hills 511302**

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### As a matter of interest...

Of the 456 people eligible to vote in the Parish in the MEP and Herts County Council elections in June, only 166 did so.

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## Out and about with the Gardening Club

The weather has behaved and we've had some lovely trips out to various gardens this summer - with even more to come. In July, Bob and Judith Fawcett hosted a visit to their lovely, carefully nurtured yet 'informal' garden at the Director's House in Bayfordbury on a perfect evening.

On 12th August we're off again. This time to **Bromley Hall** near Standon, sponsors of the National Gardens Scheme. On 9th September we're nearer home, on our last trip out with a visit to David and Maggie Broomer's **Garden at Ash Spinney** off Bayford Lane.

Some very interesting talks are lined up for the rest of the year all of which, of course, will take place in Fanshaws Room. *Further details from Judith Fawcett 01992 552341 or Sally Chandler 01992 479315*

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## BOOK CLUB

We all thoroughly enjoyed an excellent production of 'All's well that ends well' at the Globe theatre in June.

Our current read which we will be discussing at 8pm on 6th August is **The Suspicions of Mr Wicher** or **The Murder at Road Hill House** by **Kate Summerscale**. This was an actual murder which took place in 1860 and was one of the first to be investigated by a Police Detective.

On 3rd September we'll be talking about **Beryl Bainbridge's 'An awfully big adventure'**. If you've read either book then do join us in our discussion. *Further details from Sally Chandler 01992 479315 or Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617.*

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## Neighbourly get-together!

If you weren't there you missed a treat! Our chefs surpassed themselves with a choice of delicious curries and accompaniments (enough in fact to feed the whole of Brickendon and takeaways are still being provided from the hall freezer!). The authentic Indian music was all but drowned by the level of chat which took place. Our thanks particularly to Jackie and Nikki but also to all those who provided starters, desserts and helped to set up, wash up, and clear up.

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## TALKING NEWSPAPERS

If you know someone who is 'sight impaired' and might enjoy listening to what's in the local press - free - then please contact *Bryan Parkes on 01992 511221.*

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## Want an excuse for a quick pint?

Well you have to play tennis - before or after - or both! It's good to see the tennis court so well used this season. We suspect it's the lure of collecting the keys from **The Farmers Boy** pub. To book phone 01992 511610

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## Saving Bees and Butterflies

**Wednesday 2 September 7.45pm**

A meeting with us and the experts to explore ways of helping bees and butterflies in the parish to survive and thrive. We know there are rare butterflies in the woods and that many bees are succumbing to serious diseases.

Would community beehives help? We are hoping to get a group together - including anyone interested from neighbouring villages as well. Grants may be available for kits, lessons in bee keeping and to learn about the plants and conditions we need to encourage them. Please come.

Further details: Ava Greenwell 01992 511662

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## Paradise Wildlife Park

One of the places you just can't stop going back to. An ideal way to keep the kids entertained during the holidays. Quite apart from the excitement of seeing the animals there's an excellent play area

### Primate Night Talk and Tour

**Thursday 20th August 7-10pm**

Following the success of the Big Cat tours, you can now meet the Primates. New to the section are White Cheeked Gibbons who join Squirrel Monkeys, Marmosets and Tamarins - so plenty to talk about - and all on our doorstep!

*Adults £6 children £4. To book ring Katy on 01992470490; or email katy@pwpark.com*

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## Celtic harmony Camp

Four 3-day, **Family Bushcraft Camps** are being held throughout August, learn from survival experts. build and sleep in your ownshelter. For families with children over 6 years.

And, whatever you do, don't miss the **'Summer Festival'** on 30-31 August with live music, fire performance, treasure hunts, hog roast and lots more (*five for the price of four if you take this newsletter with you*)

**Step into Celtic Times** on the last Sunday of every month from 27 September, 10am to 4pm (*animal feeding at 11am*)

For details and to book visit

[www.celticharmony.org](http://www.celticharmony.org) or ring 01438 718543

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## MINI-MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Bank Holiday Monday 31 August**

Hosted by **The Farmers Boy pub** in its car park. Different musicians will be taking part throughout and there'll be a hog roast. Modest entry fee plus £1 for car parking.

So come along and enjoy yourself

It's all in aid of a very good cause!

**The Keech Cottage Children's Hospice.**

**Further details from 01992 511610**

[www.thefarmersboy.net](http://www.thefarmersboy.net)

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## Services

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

23 August	10.15am	Group Communion
6 September	11am	BCP Communion Service
20 September	11am	Harvest Festival Service

*All services are followed by refreshments*

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

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

## Harvest Festival Supper

Takes place on Monday 21st September 7 for 7.30pm at **The Farmers Boy pub**. The meal costs £12 and should be booked through **Margaret Hills 01992511302**

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NEED A LIFT?

Our volunteers' services have been called upon for emergency use several times over the last two months. So keep these numbers in a handy place in case **you** need to use them or want to volunteer to join the group.

Graham Irwin 511697; John Lambie 511551;

Beryl Scott Smith 511617; Tim Barnard 551077

**If you can help please ring Beryl on 01992 511617.**

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### School's out!

If you don't know what to do during the school holidays, there's a freesheet called '**Hertfordshire Holiday Times**' (some copies in the parish hall also from libraries), containing lots of ideas of things to do and places to go.

Don't forget our mobile library parks on the Green every other Tuesday (see diary for dates and times) with a wide selection of children's books.

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### USEFUL CONTACTS

#### Member of Parliament

Mark Prisk (Conservative) 01920 462182

#### Herts County Councillor

Rose Cheswright (Conservative) 01920 823742

#### 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 Kotting 01992 511410

Tim Barnard 01992 511077

Anne Downes 01992 446700; John Lambie 01992 511551

Meets 4th Thursday monthly 7.30pm

#### Fanshaws Room Management Committee

Chairman: Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617

Vice Chairman: Brian Johnson 01992 511390

Treasurer: Bryan Parkes 01992 511221

Secretary: Jackie Rorke 01992 511140

Entertainment co-ordinator: Nikki Morton 01992 511393

Events co-ordinator: Bill Bircham 01992 511

Hall Bookings Manager: Brenda Lambie 01992 511551

Tennis Courts Manager: Nicola Estherby 511610

Young families rep: Chrissie Stevens 01992 511632

Parish Council rep: Tim Barnard 01992 551077

Meets 3rd Wednesday monthly 8pm

#### POLICE

#### Emergency: 999

#### General non-emergency: 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

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#### LOCAL ACTIVITIES (see DIARY for dates)

**Archery Club** at Celtic Harmony Camp off Brickendon Lane. Sundays 10am-2pm. Details 01438 718543

**Bayford Friendly Club** meets Mondays, monthly, 2-4pm at Bayford Memorial Hall. Details Beryl Callaby 01992 511371

**Bayford Jazz Club** meets every 4th Friday, 8pm (see diary), at Bayford Memorial Hall..Details 511254

**Bayford Mother, Baby and Toddlers' Group.** Thursday

mornings (term time only) 9.15-11.15 am at Bayford

Memorial Hall. Details Jane 511306 or Katie 511400.

**Brickendon Liberty Book Club.** First Thursday monthly.

Details Sally Chandler 479315.

**Brickendon Petanque/Boules Club.** Sundays (see diary) 9.30-noon. Every Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm, in Farmers Boy car park. Details John Lambie 511551

**Brickendon & District Gardening Club.** 2nd Wednesday monthly 7.45pm. Details Sally Chandler 479315

**Broxbourne Woods Area Conservation Society.**

Details: John Lucas 446107 or Les Adkins 440507

**Celtic Harmony Camp** in Bourne Woods, Brickendon Lane. Details of activities from Clare or Luca on 01438 718543.

**Countryside Management Services (CMS)**

Details 01462 459395

**Mobile Library** . Every other Tuesday 1.45-2.15pm (see diary) on or near Brickendon Green car park.

**Quiz.** Wednesdays 9pm. The Woodman Pub at WWE .

**RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle).** Meets monthly (see Diary). Details Ava Greenwell 511662.

**Table Tennis.** Adults 8-10pm. Most Thursdays in Aug; Every Tuesday from September in Fanshaws Room (see diary).

Details: Marion Todd 511497

**Tennis Courts.** To book and for keys

contact' The Farmers Boy' pub 511610 , 1 Brickendon Lane

**Watt Watchers** (Eco-eye) Details from Tim Barnard 551077 or John Lambie 511551.

**Whist Drive.** 3rd Thursday every month 7.45pm in Fanshaws Room. Details Jean Retallick 511226.

**Woodman Landrover Owners' Club** meets 1st Thursday

every month at 'The Woodman' pub Wormley West End.

**Young Countrysiders.** Children's activities for 10-16 year-olds. Meets fortnightly. Details Heather Peters 07789 231639 or Julia Camp 07769 561976.

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**Deadline for Oct/Nov issue is 25th September.**

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