

Brickendon Newsletter

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It's all happening in Brickendon Liberty!

There's plenty happening in Brickendon over the next couple of months - quite apart from the activities of our regular clubs. Fanshaws has organised a Murder Mystery evening, a 1950's party and a Christmas bazaar - not to mention the kids Christmas Party and our traditional Christmas lunch. There are also Halloween events at Celtic Camp, Paradise Wildlife Park, and at the Farmers Boy pub which has also organised a bonfire night. Bayford Friendly Club meets in Brickendon in October and November instead of at Bayford. So never a dull moment! We look forward to seeing you all at one or more events. If you've got any ideas for other excuses for everyone to get together to enjoy themselves - then do pass them on to a committee member.

Murder mystery evening...

24th October 7.30pm

A murder has taken place - who's been murdered and *most important - who dunnit?*

Come along and help solve this mystery which takes place during the anniversary celebrations of its founder in St,Fanny's school hall (well Fanshaws Room actually).

Come as a suspect or innocent bystander. Add to the fun by dressing in a school uniform or outfit (optional!)

Finger food (sorry, *not* tapioca pudding and minced beef) and a glass of wine will be provided (don't forget to bring your own bottle if the excitement is such that you want a *another*).

We **must** know if you're coming as we need to allocate identities to the murderer and suspects **before** the evening, as well as knowing who wants to participate (there are enough parts for everyone) and who wants to remain an innocent bystander. It'll be great fun - do come!

Tickets are £7.50 each and available from

Beryl Scott Smith, 30 Brickendon Green, 01992 511617

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 28th November 10.30am-2pm

Pop in for a coffee and slice of home-made cake or a mince pie! Possibly your last opportunity to pick up nick-nacks for stockings and the Christmas tree; cards and wrappings and home made cakes. We'll also have a tombola, bric-a-brac, jewellery and crafts stalls.

We've raised a goodly sum this year to go towards refurbishing the kitchen and thought it was about time we gave something to a local charity. But which local charity? We would welcome your suggestions on the one or two you would like to see benefiting.

If you still have unwanted presents, bottles or Christmas decorations or undamaged, unopened items which might be suitable for the tombola or bric-a-brac stalls, then please get in touch with Beryl Scott Smith.

50's evening!

14th November 7.30pm

We had to disappoint several of you earlier this year when, through lack of numbers to make it viable, we had to cancel a 50's evening planned to take place in Paradise Wildlife Park.

So we've decided to hold one instead in Fanshaws Room!

There'll be dancing to a real jukebox playing 50's music! Fish and chips (included with a glass of wine) will be cooked and served fresh from a van outside the hall. Do you remember how to rock n' roll and do the twist. Let's show 'em - we can **still** do it - and bring your own tipple!

Tickets £10 from:

Jackie Rorke, 10 Brickendon Green tel:01992 511140

The most successful Fete yet!

(Please also see insert attached)

We had wonderful weather, new attractions like the tug o' war - old attractions like ring the Bull, and of course our regular favourites. We're grateful particularly to organiser, Bill Birchall, who worked so hard over a relatively short period of time to ensure its success. Our sincere thanks too, to the many volunteers who worked so long and hard on the day, to our most generous sponsors and donors and of course, to all of you - for coming along to enjoy it! It's good to know that all our efforts were really worthwhile as at the end of the day

we made a record profit of over £5,500.

(Where's it going? Well part will go to top up the kitchen renovations; some to pay for the kids Christmas treat - and never fear, anything left over will be put to good use too!)

At its last meeting, Fanshaws Management Committee proposed that a *sub-committee* is formed to share the load of organising next year's fete. A meeting will be arranged shortly, and if you'd like to come along and be involved in some way or let us have your ideas, then please contact our secretary Jackie Rorke (01992 511140).

Our thanks again to everyone who participated!

Parish Council Meeting 24.9.09

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

Public Concerns and follow ups.

3ft deep pothole Beware, a 'pothole' adjacent to the telephone box. An unwary 83 year old resident of Brickendon Green, on walking home along the verge with her husband after attending an event in the Chapel, unfortunately fell into it badly bruising her ribs and leaving her shocked. Herts Council's response has been to put tape around it.

Break ins

If you live around Brickendon Green, take care, there have been two attempted break ins within the last month. The culprits were disturbed so nothing was taken but doors had been damaged. The police were unaware of these incidents.

Speeding traffic

The police will be co-operating with Parish Councillors and local volunteers to deter speeding traffic. A convenient date will be set shortly. If you are willing to give a hand then please contact a parish Councillor.

Diagonal white lines in residents' parking bay

Although it is true that parked cars restrict the view of the Green side when turning into Brickendon Lane from Fanshaws Lane, Herts Highways solution of painting diagonal white lines across the parking bay is clearly not the answer. The Farmers Boy is willing to have a mirror put up in the corner of their garden so that drivers can see what's coming. At the meeting, PC Neal Dyton confirmed that the police had no authority to stop any residents parking cars on the lines and would not be able to take any action.

Highways Matters

The best news is that Herts Highways, together with the Railway authorities, has agreed to paint double yellow lines around the bus stop and over the bridge at Bayford Station -but not until 2010. Until that happens the police are doing their best to deter cars being parked dangerously on the bridge by placing stickers on their windscreens

The Telephone Box in Brickendon Lane is considered 'putrid and dangerous'. BT has undertaken to clean it up.

PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS

No objections by PC

Clements Farm, Brickendon Lane. Erection of cattle housing, hay barn and temporary mobile home and retention of landscaped bunds (to contain spillage)

Hedgegrove Farm, Pembridge Lane. 2 storey front and rear extensions with balcony to rear and new roof.

Objected to:

Brookfield Farm, West End Road. Modification of Section 52 of planning permission 3/82/1179/FP to reduce extent of agricultural land tie.

Planning application withdrawn

34 Fanshaws Lane. Two storey rear extension with balcony.

Planning permission granted by EHDC

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.

Planning permission refused by EHDC

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

Next Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Thurs 26th Nov

www.bickendon-liberty.org.uk

Everything you need to know about the parish is here!

Recycling and waste collection

Did you read the leaflet which was delivered to you recently? If so you will know that as from 2nd November rubbish will no longer be collected on a weekly basis.

Instead, East Herts District Council has decided to collect household waste one week and recyclable waste the next. You will have an extra blue box for **plastic bottles**; a green box for **tins, glass bottles, and paper**; a brown wheelie bin for **garden and food waste and cardboard**; a green caddy (for **food waste before you put it in the brown wheelie bin**); and a black wheelie bin for **household waste**. Additional recyclable waste will only be collected if left in separate tied bags - not a black sack. Households of six or over, or with children using disposable nappies, can have another black wheelie bin. Bin lids must be closed. Flattened cardboard will be collected if left by the side of the brown bin. Additional waste, electrical goods and so on should be taken to a Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Further details: 01279 655261 www.eastherts.gov.uk

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Group

26th October 8pm

get-together in the 'locals' bar at The Farmers Boy pub

This is an informal get-together combined with a short talk by David Ashton of **'Herts Without Waste'** who will be explaining why members are wary of Herts County Council's PFI proposal for dealing with our waste in future (which looks likely to result in an incinerator at New Barnfield, Hatfield).

2nd November 8pm

Beehives and Beekeeping

Following the interest in community beehives shown by several people at our last meeting, some went to see the hives of John Mumford, Chair of East Herts Bees, for a hands-on experience. William and Linda Ashley have since kindly offered some of their land to be used for community bee hives and we now have a group to take this forward. If you are interested then please contact Frank Harrison on 01992 511202 and come to the above meeting in The Farmers Boy.

Further details: Ava Geenwell 01992 511662

Eco-eye

If you've claimed your **eco-eye electricity monitor** you'll already be delighted at the savings you've made in electricity (sorry, only available to those who live in the parish of Brickendon Liberty). Once you've seen it in action you'll realise its potential and truly regret not getting one earlier. In a shop it would cost you £49.50. But thanks to the idea of a 'Watt Watchers' group proposed during a presentation given by Ava Greenwell, John Lambie and Tim Barnard, the East of England was impressed enough to award a grant to implement the idea and enable all Brickendon residents to be given a free monitor on becoming a Watt Watcher (for a modest fee of £5). If you haven't seen one and would like a demonstration, then please ring John L 511551, Tim 511077 or John R 511515.

4th November 7.45pm

Watt Watchers Prize night in Fanshaws Room

Who's saved the most electricity since it started?

Brickendon Newsletter

Success, a new editor has come forward who will be producing the Brickendon Newsletter issue 101 (April/May 2010). We look forward to celebrating his 200th issue!

Brickendon and District Gardening Club

14th October 7.45pm

Sadly, no more exciting trips out this year. However, we are looking forward at our next meeting to a demonstration of basket making by **Beds Basket Makers**. They may even be able to solve Christmas present dilemmas for members.

On 11th November at 7.45pm we are delighted to welcome **Anne Rowe**. Anne promises a most interesting talk on **The Lost Gardens of Hertfordshire**

Meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday each month in Fanshaws Room. For further details please contact Judith Fawcett 01992 552341 or Sally Chandler 01992 479315.

BOOK CLUB

On 1st October we will be discussing **The Return** by **Victoria Hislop** based on the fate of one Granadian family during the Spanish Civil War. And on November 5th we'll be talking about **Music and Silence** by **Rose Tremain**, "the best thing from Denmark since Hamlet" said John Julius Norwich. If you would like to read or have read either book then do join us in our discussion. We have library copies available.

For further details of venues etc contact

Sally on 01992 479315 or Beryl on 01992 511617.

Farmers' Boy news

Brickendon Lane

Spooky Halloween Dinner and Disco

31st October

Dinner served until 9pm. (£24.95) Disco until 1am. Prizes for the best fancy dress. Bar open as usual for drinks and dancing.

5th November Bonfire Night

Fireworks display, bonfire, BBQ and beer tent in the car park. £5 adults 16 and over (under 16's free)

The Farmers' Boy Live Music Festival at the end of August raised an impressive £1,566 for Keech Cottage, the children's hospice. Garry and Nicola would like to thank everyone who volunteered their help on the day which made it a community - instead of just a pub - event! Thanks also to the bands who played throughout for a beer and a burger; Russell Robinson Transport for the stage; the support of the Parish Council and Fanshaws Committee and to all of you for coming along!

Paradise Wildlife Park

White Stubbs Lane

Tuesday 27th October 6.30-8.30pm

Spooky Fright Night

Plenty of fun for all the family at our Halloween Party with a fancy dress competition for the children! £6 adults £4 children

17th November 6pm-10pm

Pamper Evening

Our first pamper evening proved so popular with both stall holders and guests that we have decided to have another go!

This time as well as the value-for-money taster treatments, there will be a distinctly festive feel with the chance for you to pick up a few Christmas presents whilst enjoying a glass of wine and having your nails painted!

We will also, once again, be WAXING A KEEPER!

£3.50 entrance which includes a glass of wine

Please contact Katy on 01992 470490 or email

katy@pwpark.com to buy tickets for the above events

Bayford Friendly Club

19th October & 16th November 2-4pm

Meetings of Friendly Club members are usually held in Bayford Memorial Hall, but the above two meetings will be held instead in Fanshaws Room on Brickendon Green.

If you are retired and would like to get out of the house for an hour or two, meet other people and have a chat over a cup of tea or perhaps play a board game, then do please come along.

Everyone is welcome - even if you don't live in Bayford or Brickendon. And if you'd like to come but need a lift then

please contact Beryl Scott Smith on 01992 511617.

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Brickendon Lane

Saturday 17th October 10am-3pm

TREE PLANTING

We need YOUR help to plant over 50 trees - to replace a forest of stinging nettles! Volunteers are invited to come along to help plant as few or as many as they like to create an attractive parking area for school children and visitors.

Refreshments provided.

SAMHAIN FESTIVAL

Saturday 31 October 10am-4pm

Help celebrate the coming of winter and ten years of heritage education. Explore the Camp via the woodland trail and make broomstick wands. Carve a pumpkin, Have your face painted in the roundhouse. Have a go at archery or watch flint knapping. Enjoy our hog roast and Celtic Broth and listen to music by Red Hot Chilli Pepper

Fun Storytelling - for under 7's 4.30-5.10pm £5 per person.
Storytelling for over 7's around the fire 6-8pm. £10 per person

LONGBOW ARCHERY COURSES

3rd October and 21st November 10am-1pm

Target shooting and field archery for over 7 years-olds.

Join us by booking online at www.celticharmony.org

tel: 01438 718543

TENNIS COURTS

A decision on whether on not to allow playing on them throughout the winter will be taken at the end of October.

Meanwhile, to book the courts and for the keys, phone **The Farmers Boy** pub on 01992 511610

Fanshaws Room

To hire the hall or any equipment in it please contact Brenda Lambie on 01992 511551

new kitchen plans

Have you given a hand in the hall kitchen? If so you'll be aware of its drawbacks. Plans for a new kitchen have been drawn up but before we make a commitment, we'd like to have your views on them, 7.30pm, 12th October.

Please come.

The Edwardian Cello'

Not only did we enjoy a delightful candlelit evening in the Chapel being entertained by our own talented Michael Lunts from Wormley West End, accompanied by Melanie Dennerley's virtuoso performance on the cello but, thanks to their generosity, we made a profit of just over £400 split between the Chapel and Fanshaws Room. Our thanks also to Margaret and Beryl for organising the evening.

Services

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

4 October	11am	BCP Communion
18 "	11am	Family Service
1 November	11am	BCP Communion
15 "	11am	Family Service

All services are followed by refreshments

Rector: Rev Canon Pauline Higham 01707 875940

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

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 bi-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

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

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 (Oct/Nov at Fanshaws Room. Details Beryl 01992 511617)

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. Every Tuesday 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.

DIARY DATES

October

1	8pm	Book Club (The Return)
2	7.30pm	"Home Grown"
6,13,20,27	8pm	Table Tennis
7	7.30pm	Kitchen meeting
11,25	9.30am - noon	Boules (& every Tues 5.30-7.30)
13,27	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile Library (on Green)
14	7pm	Gardening Club
15	7.30pm	Whist Drive
16	8pm	Jazz Club (Bayford)
19	2-4pm	Friendly Club
21	8pm	Fanshaws meeting
24	7.30pm	Murder Mystery evening
26	8pm	Reduce,Reuse,Recycle meeting
31	10am-4pm	'Samhain' Festival

November

2	7.45pm	Beehives & Beekeeping meeting
4	7.45pm	Watt Watchers Prize night
3,10,17,24	8pm	Table Tennis
5	8pm	Book club (Music and Silence)
5		Bonfire Night (Farmers Boy pub)
8,22,29	9.30am-12	Boules (& every Tues 5.30-7.30)
10,24	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile library
13	8.15-10.45pm	Jazz Club (Bayford)
14	8pm	1950's party
16	2-4pm	Friendly Club
17	6-10pm	Pamper evening at PWP
18	8pm	Fanshaws meeting
19	7.30pm	Whist Drive
26	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
28	10.30-2pm	Christmas Bazaar

December

5		Children's Party
13	12.30 for 1pm	Christmas lunch

Directory of Services 2010

To be updated and published with the next Newsletter If you want to recommend a new service, or have received poor service from someone on the list, please advise the editor.

Deadline for Dec/Jan issue/& Services is 25th November.

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