

## LOCAL ACTIVITIES

**Archery Club** at Celtic Harmony Camp, off Brickendon Lane. *Details 01438 718543*

**Bayford Friendly Club** (over 60's) meets monthly on a Monday 2-4pm at Bayford Memorial Hall. Lifts can be arranged. *Details Beryl Scott Smith 511617*

**Just the Job Jazz** every 4th Friday 8pm (from 8th Jan), at Bayford Memorial Hall. *Details 511254*

**Bayford Mother, Baby and Toddlers Group.** Thurs (term time only) 9.15-11.15am at Bayford Memorial Hall. *Details Jane 511306 or Katie 511400*

**Brickendon Liberty Book Club**  
8pm 1st Thursday monthly. *Details Sally Chandler 479315 or Beryl Scott Smith 511617*

**Brickendon Petanque/Boules club** every other Sunday 9.30am-12noon. Every Tuesday 5-7.30pm 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 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 Parrella on 01438 718543*

**Chapel of The Holy Cross and St Alban**  
Services held 1st & 3rd Sundays monthly

**Countryside Management Services (CMS)**  
*Details 01462 459395*

**Countrysideiders**, club for 10-16year olds. *Details Heather Peters 07789231639 or Julia Camp 01992 462729*

**Mobile library** every other Tuesday 1.45-2.15pm on Brickendon Green car park.

**Quiz** every Wednesday 9pm at The Woodman Pub Wormley West End

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR)**  
*details Ava Greenwell 511662*

**Table Tennis** – Adults (Winter) Tuesday 8-10pm; (Summer Thursdays) *Details Marion Todd 511497*

**Tennis Courts** open Easter-October. To book and for keys *contact The Farmers Boy pub 511610*

**'Watt Watchers'** *Details Tim Barnard 551077, John Lambie 511551, or John Rees 511515*

**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

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### EEC MEP

#### Member of Parliament

Mark Prisk (Conservative) 01920 462182

#### Herts County Councillor

Rose Cheswright (Conservative) 01920 823742

## East Herts District Council

William Ashley (Conservative) 01992 511313

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## PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Clerk John Ingham 01920 438280

## Parish Councillors

Chairman 2009/10 Graham Irwin 511697

Vice Chairman Leslie Kotting 511410

Tim Barnard 551077 AnneDownes 446700

John Lambie 511551

*(Parish Council meetings take place on the 4th Thursday every other month at 7.30pm from 28 January 2010.*

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## Fanshaws Room Social Committee

Chairman Beryl Scott Smith 511617

Deputy Chairman Brian Johnson 511390

Secretary Jackie Rorke 511140

Treasurer Bryan Parkes 511221

Entertainments Nikki Morton 511393

Tennis Courts Nicola Estherby 511610

Young families rep Chrissy Stevens 511632

Parish Council rep Tim Barnard 551077

Hall Bookings Brenda Lambie 511551

*(Meetings take place 8pm on 3rd Wednesday monthly)*

## POLICE

### Emergency call 999

General non-emergency call 0845 33 00 222

## Police Community Liaison Officers

PC Neal Dyton 533666

PCSO Neil Major 533666

## Diary Dates

### February

2,9,16,23	5.30pm	Boules &
14, 28	9.30am	"
2,9,16,23	8pm	Table Tennis
2,16	1.45-2.15pm	Mobile Library
4	8pm	Book Club
5	8pm	Bayford Jazz Club
10	7.45pm	Gardening Club AGM
15	2pm	Friendly Club
18	7.30pm	Whist Drive
18/19	10am	Discovery Day Celtic Camp
22	7.30pm	Watt Watchers Prize Night
22	7.45	RRR Climate Change

### March

2,9,16,23,30	5.30pm	Boules
14,28	9.30am	"
3	10am	RRR Ecobuild day out
4	8pm	Book Club
10	7.45pm	Gardening Club
15	2pm	Friendly Club
18	7.30pm	Whist Drive
20	10am	Longbow Archery Celtic Camp
21	10am	Discovery Day Celtic Camp
25	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting

**Deadline for April/May issue is 19th March 2010**

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# Brickendon Newsletter

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### A Message from the new Ed:

Firstly I would like to thank Beryl Scott Smith for all the hard work and devotion over the last 10 years during which she has produced the newsletter all 100 of them!!!. After having a handover with her it is clear that a lot of effort has gone into this. I would also like to thank the contributors and the team of distributors, without you there would be no newsletter!

It is not my intention to significantly change anything i.e. frequency, general content etc, but if you have any suggestions then please do email me or call I'm happy to consider anything.

**Snow:** How much did we get? We really did have a rotten time; hopefully we have now seen the last of it. We saw some good snowmen in the village and heard of one alternative one – we were promised a picture!

**Christmas Lunch** was as usual spot on – a full house with fantastic food, entertainment and company. We even had a guest visitor who came in to sing for us!

Thank you to everyone who helped put this together. An excellent **Xmas party** was also held for the children. Thank you to everyone who made the events so successful particularly Chrissy Stevens, Beryl Scott Smith, Ruby Oakes, Rosemary King and Shirley and Frank Harrison.

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### Activities in the hall, on the Green and trips out

At its January meeting, Fanshaws Room Management Committee agreed an initial plan of activities and dates for the forthcoming year...and with more exciting news to come!

A coach trip to Bletchley Park and to Windsor, the annual Car Boot sale in May, an 'Easter Egg Hunt', 'Welcome to Brickendon' dinner party in July, a 'Village Event' in September, and in December the children's Christmas Party and of course our traditional Christmas Lunch.

*Details will unfold the nearer we get to them*

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### Found

In Brickendon Chapel churchyard a pair of spectacles, please contact Margaret on 01992 511302

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### Coach Trip to Bletchley Park Saturday 17th April 9am-6pm

Bletchley Park is, of course, where the highly secret enigma code breaking machine was operated during World War 2. The cost per person is £28.40 which includes entry and coffee on arrival; cottage pie (or vegetarian alternative) for lunch, and tea and muffin in the afternoon. We will have our own guide.

*Initially priority will be given to former history club members and Brickendon residents. Bookings will be on a first come first served basis Payment will be required within three days of booking.*

*Tickets from: Bryan Parkes tel: 01992 511221  
1 Swards Farm Cottages, Brickendon Lane*

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### Fete

Since no help in organising a fete was forthcoming following the request in the last Newsletter, it seems unlikely that we will have one this year. If anyone is interested in arranging the fete please contact Beryl Scott Smith urgently on 01992 511617

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### Kitchen refurbishment

By the time you read this, the kitchen will have been completed - so don't miss the opportunity to have a look at it!

*Our thanks to Jan and Nick Martin for donating the dishwasher and Beryl for Project Managing all of this!*

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### Friendly Club

2-4pm 15th February & 15th March  
Fanshaws Room (the parish hall) on Brickendon Green  
The Friendly Club provides an opportunity for people who are elderly or feel isolated, to get together for two hours a month over a cup of tea and a slice of cake to meet others, to hear a talk or quiz maybe, play dominoes or simply chat!

It's an opportunity to get out of the house and socialise. *If you would like to come along and try it out or could help making tea or simply pick up someone from their home and bring them along then please contact Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617*

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### Brickendon Book Club

Next meets Thursday 4th February at 8pm to discuss **The English Passenger** by **Matthew Kneale** and again on 4th March when the chosen book is **The Travelling Hornplayer** by **Barbara Trepido**

If you have read and have an opinion on either book then why not come along and discuss it with the rest of us over a glass of wine and a nibbles? We're a very sociable lot (even without the glass of wine)! Further details from:

**Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617.**

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### Fanshaws Room (the parish hall) on the Green

To hire the hall for children's parties, celebrations, meetings etc, or any equipment in it, please contact Brenda Lambie on 01992 511551

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### Services

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

11am Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February – BCP Communion Service

11am Sunday 21 February – Family Service

11am Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March BCP Communion Service

11am Sunday 21 March Family Service

All services are followed with refreshments!

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

Services are usually held on 1st & 3rd Sundays Monthly.

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### Brickendon and District Gardening Club

The Christmas Social in December again followed its usual successful format with 34 members being well wined, dined, and quizzed.

The severe weather caused the cancellation of the January meeting with June Crew which we hope to reschedule for later in the year.

### Future Meetings:

Wednesday 10th February at 7.45pm the AGM in the hall. A good attendance is hoped for to guide the club forward to another successful year.

Wednesday 10th March 7.45pm in the hall Richard Thomas well known local author speaking on the History of the River Lea from Luton to Leyton.

Wednesday 14th April at 7.45pm in the hall Tom Arnold of Top Grass will talk about lawn care and associate matters.

For further details please contact Judith Fawcett 01992 552341

Finishing on a sad note the club recently lost two of its valued members with the passing of Lynn Mudd and Vickey Jackson. They will be much missed and our thoughts are with their families.

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### Elections!

East Herts Council has booked the hall in readiness for this year's parliamentary elections on 6th May. However, they have asked us to make a provisional booking also for 25th March in case the election is brought forward.

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### Get Active with Celtic Harmony!

Thank you to all who came along to the Children's Christmas Party and Happy New Year to Everyone from Celtic Harmony. If you have some spare time on your hands and like being outdoors you can volunteer on **Celtic Harmony Camp** Mondays and Thursdays when the team improves the visual impact ready for the school and family days, find out more at [www.celticharmony.org/volunteering](http://www.celticharmony.org/volunteering).

Or start off the New Year with an amazing family experience on a **Longbow Archery & Bushcraft Discovery Day Thursday 18, Friday 19 February and Sunday 21 March, 10am-4pm:**

You will learn Longbow Archery led by qualified instructors and how to start a fire without matches, whittling sticks to make skewers and cooking over open fires. Children must be 8 years plus and be accompanied by at least one participating adult.

**Saturday 20 March, 10am – 1pm:**

Discover the ancient skill of shooting with a Longbow Archery including Target Shooting and Field Archery, lead by a qualified Archery Instructor. 8 years plus. Join us on an amazing experience for all the family.

**Call Luca or Clare tel: 01438 718543 or go to**

[www.celticharmony.org](http://www.celticharmony.org)

Celtic Harmony is a social enterprise promoting a better understanding of the natural world through the Celtic culture since 1998, all profit is reinvested in the education project.

### Welcome to 2 new families:

Sarah and Peter with their 2 children who moved into Fanshaws Barn and Paul and Zoe Rooney plus Lois and Macy who have moved into Wormley West End. We hope they'll find time to take part in events and activities in the parish and enjoy being kept up-to-date with the newsletter.

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### Vickey Jackson

We were all very shocked and sad to learn of Vickey's death on 6th January. Our sincere sympathy goes to her family with whom she was very close and to Maurice her constant companion. Vickey was a familiar figure particularly, of late walking her dog on the Green and has always been very much involved with Brickendon's clubs and activities. Until recently she was secretary of

The Brickendon and District Gardening club and with daughter Lindy's help arranged many memorable visits during the summer months. She will also be missed by

the Table Tennis club of which she was a strong supporter. Most of us who attended the Christmas lunch will have a lasting memory, fittingly, of her obvious enjoyment at the last village social occasion of 2009.

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### Highways fault reporting

Please note there is now a new number 0300 1234047 Neighbourhood Watch Organisers

Mike King is our Parish Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator (01992 511405). We have neighbourhood watch organisers for Fanshaws Lane (Graham Irwin 511697) and for Wormley West End (Dennis Downes 446700) but we still need volunteers to represent Brickendon Green, Brickendon Lane, Clementsbury, Highfield Farm and Mangrove Lane.

If you could undertake this then would you please contact

Graham Irwin or Mike King.

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### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle - the Parish's environmental group.

This consists of people who are very interested in environmental issues but no-one (we know of) who is completely 'squeaky green'. We are all 'green' in some aspects of our lives, whilst exploring and trying to find out more reliable information than is commonly found in the media.

### Monday 22nd February

Something very different, in the Fanshaws Room (the village hall) at 7.45 for 8.00 Do you feel you don't really understand Climate Change? This is a great opportunity to hear from a climate change scientist at a top university, who lives locally, about her own work and recent research on climate change and how it may affect many aspects of our lives, from our shopping and holidays to our homes and our gardens. Dr. Viv Jones of University College London lives in Hertford, attends Hertford Green Drinks and studies *diatoms*, microscopically small algae which have cell walls made of silica, which are a major food for marine and freshwater creatures. As their shell chemistry differs with differing environmental conditions, they are an important tool for monitoring environmental changes, and Viv often leaves her family to study changes in the Arctic and other regions. This should also be inspiring to any woman with children considering if she could cope with a demanding full time job! Everyone welcome, the talk will be as non-technical as absolutely possible, and we will adjourn to the pub afterwards.

### Wednesday 3 March

An all-day trip for people from Brickendon Liberty is being arranged to ECOBUILD at Earl's Court on Wednesday 3 March, traveling by train and tube, leaving about 10.00 and back by 4.30. (If you haven't been before this is a huge exhibition, with over 1,000 exhibitors and over 500 speakers.) There's everything you could ever want to know about making your house or office more energy efficient and eco-friendly. It's great! and free to get in! Many, many new ideas - last year, for example, there were two whole ecohouses inside the main arena (and "River Cottage" food stalls)! Please contact Ava Greenwell (01992 511662) if you fancy going so we can go as a party.

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### WATT WATCHER'S CLUB

'Watt Watcher's will hold their 'Prize night' before the RRR meeting at 19.30 on Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Fanshaws Room.

Energy reduction at home not only saves money but also helps the parish towards its objective of cutting household electricity driven carbon emissions by 5% pa for 3 years.

The club won a grant last year from EEDA to subsidise the cost of fitting electricity monitors in homes within 10 miles of Brickendon. You can have one for £5.00 pa (rrp £49.99) and a volunteer will fit it for you.

Prizes for the best % saving are awarded quarterly at meetings. Will everyone with an **eco-eye** fitted please phone or email their current meter reading total to [johnclambie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnclambie@hotmail.co.uk) or the number below.

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### PETANQUE/BOULES in BRICKENDON

With the New Year come resolutions. If you decided that this time you would take up or return to a friendly sport then our club is for you!

New players will be welcome to Club Meetings that are organised at the Farmer's Boy every Tuesday evening from 17.30 to 19.00 (floodlit), and on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month from 09.30 to 12.00 noon (Feb 14 & 28, Mar 14 & 28).

Spare boules are available. Come along and play for £1.00 per session. Annual membership is £5.00.

Petanque is played by all ages, for more information please ring the club (number in the contact's list). BPBC also has a team playing in the first division of the Central Herts League on Monday evenings throughout the summer.

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### Parish Council Meeting Reports

After discussion with the chairman of the Parish Council concerning reports on PC meetings as they previously appeared in the newsletter, in future minimal information is to be provided by the PC following meetings as the minutes are available on the website:

<http://www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk>

If you do indeed want to know about them as before then do please let me know.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend Parish Council meetings which are held at 7.30pm on the 4th Thursday of alternate months in Fanshaws Room.

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### Whist Drivers!

Although we now have several clubs with different interests, our very first was, of course a monthly Whist Drive which has now been meeting regularly for many years and even several of its original members still come along. Jean, who runs it, is anxious to build up its membership. It meets on the third Thursday every month from 7.30 until 10pm in Fanshaws Room – Brickendon Green. Admission is £2 which covers the cost of the excellent prizes and raffle. A special Easter Drive will take place on 18th March. If you play - why not come along? New players are welcome! For further details phone Jean Retallick on 01992 511226

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### Content of the newsletter

Remember the newsletter will get thinner and thinner without contributors so if you have anything you want put in please let me know. I have gone through some back issues and extracted some snippets that I hope you may find interesting:

### Issue no 1 Produced November 1999:

Plans were underway for the millennium fete I imagine no bugs were found!

There was a debate underway for wheelee bins versus bags. I guess the bins won!

### Issue No 4 March 2000

A website was built for Brickendon Liberty and went live – the old address is no longer valid

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