

Friendly Club

A sociable get-together one afternoon a month in Fanshaws Room – mostly for over-60's. Where, over a cup of tea and piece of home-made cake, the world is put to rights, we catch up on local gossip and reminisce, or if we feel like it do a quiz. If you want to get out of the house for a few hours in good company just come along to Fanshaws Room on Mondays 19th April and 17th May from 2-4pm – you'll be very welcome. Lifts can be arranged. Details from Beryl 01992 511617

Our Local Councillor – William Ashley says:



I would just like to say a very heartfelt thank you to Beryl for ten years of wonderful work on this newsletter, and for all she still does for the village. She is a real stalwart, and one of the leaders of our community.

Secondly, my apologies for my own less than constant attendance to my parish duties recently. My excuse is that last May I was elected Chairman of the East Herts Development Control Committee, and as I learned and familiarised myself with my new position, I found it absorbed a great deal of my time. However, hopefully I have now got a grip on it, life is less hectic, and I can now show my face around the village. As well as jogging through it.

One thing being Chairman teaches is that our professional planning officers are usually right. They have to decide matters on planning grounds only, make unpopular decisions, and cope with the NIMBY objections, often based on emotional and personal grounds. All the time, planners are being pressurised by the Directives from the Government. For instance, to build lots more houses by 2020.

I wonder how many, if any, new houses would Brickendon accept? And where?

PETANQUE/BOULES in BRICKENDON

Come and play Petanque the game for all ages at The Farmer's Boy. We play all year round on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of each month from 09.30 'til 12.00 and every Tuesday from 17.30 'til 19.30. The club is mixed and friendly so just turn up. £1 per session. Annual membership is £5 but, your first visit will be free.

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.

Parish Council Meeting Reports

Previous meeting minutes are available on the website: <http://www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk>. 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.

Diary Dates

April	
1	8pm Book Club
2	8pm Bayford Jazz Club
6,13,22,29	8-10pm Table Tennis
11	10.30 Litter pick
13	1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library
14	7.45pm Gardening Club
15	7.30pm Whist Drive
17	9am Bletchley Park
19	Friendly Club
21	7.30pm Fanshaws Room Management Committee AGM
24	7.30pm St Georges Day celeb.
27	1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library
30	8pm Bayford Jazz Club
May	
6	8pm Book Club
6,13,20,27	8-10pm Table Tennis
8	10-CAR BOOT SALE
11	1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library
12	7.45pm Gardening Club
19	2-4pm Friendly Club
20	7.30pm Whist Drive
25	1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library
27	7.30 Parish Council Meeting
28	8pm Bayford Jazz Club

For other regular meetings and useful contact numbers please refer to the previous edition. If indeed you want this in every edition please tell me.

Deadline for June/July issue is 21st May 2010

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A Message from the Ed:

I received feedback from some of the village to thank me for my efforts in completing my first newsletter. Thank you to those that did make contact it makes it worthwhile. In the last edition I made reference to a couple of snippets from past newsletters. I also asked William Ashley if he would be prepared to resurrect his old column as he used to write a piece in each newsletter. I have received an article that I have included in this newsletter. PCSO Neil Major has also agreed to write for us. Please let me know of anything you may wish me to include as everyone can contribute. I am also now able to include pictures (only send to me electronically please)

Family Day to Windsor Saturday 19th June

This includes a boat trip on the river. The coach will leave Brickendon at 9am arriving in Windsor at about 10.30. There will be free time to see the sights until 1.30 when we board a boat (light refreshments available on board) for a 2 hour trip upriver. We aim to be back in Brickendon by 6pm. Cost is £17.50 adults; £13.50 children. Everyone is welcome. Further details from Beryl 01992 511617 or Brian Johnson 01992 511390.

Litter Picking

Our annual Litter Picking this year will be 11th April. Meet at 10.30am on the car park on Brickendon Green. High visibility vests, pickers and black bags will be provided.

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.

Currently we have not sold enough tickets to make this financially viable. Anyone interested please book with Bryan now. Payment now also essential
Tickets from: Bryan Parkes tel: 01992 511221
1 Swards Farm Cottages, Brickendon Lane

St Georges Day Celebration Saturday 24th April

Again we have been invited to join members of Brickendon Grange Golf Club to celebrate St George's Day. Tickets include a traditional dinner. Always a very jolly evening. Limited number of tickets available to us so book now to be sure of your place. (Price to be confirmed, but about £21). To book please contact Mike King 01992 511405.

Elections

6th May Fanshaws Room
Don't forget to cast your vote.

Harp Concert Sunday 18th April 3pm

Margaret Knight will be entertaining us again at the chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban. Tickets are £12 each which includes afternoon tea. Please contact Margaret Hills on 01992 511302 or Virginia Haryott on 01992 511575. Tickets limited to 60. All proceeds go to the church.

***** Want to be creative? Do you want to learn how to decorate a cake in our own village hall? *****

A series of 4 one day courses by a qualified tutor. All equipment, even the cakes for you to take home are included in the price

Learn how to cover and decorate a 2 tier cake.

9th and 17th April. 9.30am – 3.30pm - £48

Or learn how to decorate cup cakes. 10th & 16th April
9.30am – 3.30pm - £42

Lunch & refreshments included.

For further details please call

Jackie Rorke 01992 511140

Brickendon Book Club.

Meets 1st April to discuss 'Restless' by William Boyd; on 6th May to discuss 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time' by Mark Haddon and on 3rd June 'The Outcast' by Sadie Jones. Members mostly meet in each other's homes and discuss the books over a glass of wine. A very pleasant social evening too!
Details Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617.

Fanshaws Room Management Committee AGM 21st April 8pm at the Fanshaws Room

As you may know this is a small committee of 9 local volunteers which organises events like the Fete and outings, and raises money to maintain and manage Fanshaws Room and the tennis courts. They're all busy people who have committed time to the local community (which, of course, includes Wormley West End, Clementsbury, Highfield Farm and other remoter homes in the parish). For personal reasons and due to pressures of their day jobs, four members are reluctantly having to stand down at the next AGM (although they have promised their help at events). *We hope, therefore, that another four will come forward to replace them.* If you are interested then please come along to the AGM to hear of the committee's achievements - (and disappointments) over the last year, and how it spends the money raised. Are there things you would like to see happen or not happen? This year, it does seem unlikely there will be a fete – organising it needs more than the offer of a few hours on the day. Please demonstrate your appreciation of this committee's work by coming along to its AGM – even if you can't join it.

***** The family of Vicky Jackson *****

...would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy and offers of help and understanding in their sad losses. Also for the generous donations made in Vicky's memory. You helped us through a difficult time, our sincere thanks to you all.

Car Boot Sale 8th May 10am-2pm

£8 a pitch for those wanting to make a fortune from the junk in their garage or attic. We need help setting up, running the car park, taking money, selling home-made cakes and bric-a-brac, cooking bacon butties and helping in the kitchen. So if you can spare an hour or so from 8.30am somewhere between the above times it would be appreciated. We would also appreciate (smallish items only – not kitchen sinks) for our own bric-a-brac bargain stall and cake stall. Offers of help, and further details from Beryl 01992 511617

Tennis Courts

Will be available for play from 1st April. Hire fee remains at the same £5 hour for Brickendon Liberty Parish residents, and £6 hour for non-residents. Courts should be booked and keys collected from The Farmers Boy Pub tel: 01992 511610

Services

In the Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban, Brickendon Lane
Easter Sunday – 4th April 11.15am – Family Service followed by Holy Communion
18th April – Family Service at 11.00am
2nd May – Holy Communion (BCP) at 11.00am
16th May – Family Service at 11.00am

All services are followed with refreshments!
Rector: Rev Canon Pauline Higham 01707 875940
Services are usually held on 1st & 3rd Sundays Monthly.

Paradise Wildlife Park

Big Cat Twilight Talk – Monday 17th May 7pm until 10pm – Adults £8 Children £4 Learn about the Big Cats at Paradise with a presentation from guest speaker Dr John Lewis MA, VetMB, PhD, MRCVS, telling us about his work with the Bangladesh Tiger Project on behalf of the International Zoo Vet group

Whitsun Half Term Week – Free with normal admission to the Park. This is Gibbons' Week at Paradise. There will be lots of fun filled fundraising events throughout the Animal Park.

Bat Night - Talk and Twilight Tour Wednesday 18th August 7pm until 10pm – Adults £8 Children £4 Grab your torch! A chance to seek out the bats around the Park with a representative of the local Bat Conservation Society to help you identify your finds!

Big Cat Conservation Talk Tuesday 14th September 7pm until 10pm – Adults £8 Children £4
Details:

Hire of Fanshaws Room (the parish hall) on Brickendon Green

Is available for hire with a brand new kitchen - for children's parties, celebrations, meetings etc.- or any equipment in it. We have not increased our prices this year which are extremely competitive at £7 per hour for residents and £8 per hour for non residents. For details and to book please contact
Brenda Lambie on 01992 511551

Parish Council Precept

As ratepayers you will, no doubt be pleased to hear that for the second successive year, through 'good housekeeping', our Parish Council has been able to reduce its precept. Last year it was £10,000. This year (2010/11) it has been reduced to £9,500.

Village of the Year competition 2010

It would appear that we will not be a winner unless someone comes forward to put in an application on behalf of Brickendon Liberty by 30th April. Offers to Cllrs: Irwin 511697;Kotting 511410;Lambie 511551; Downes 446700; Barnard551077



PCSO Neil Major Says:

A gentle warning to all folks who may have jewellery of value or sentiment to make sure it is a very safe hiding place. I have noticed that we have had a few burglaries generally where jewellery has been targeted. I guess this has occurred because of all the advertising for unwanted gold to be sent in for a cash return. On a more positive note the crime levels in the A6A beat code, that includes Hertford Heath and Brickendon, have been very low for the past two months.

Brickendon and District Gardening Club

The AGM was held in February and chairman Terry Hayne reported on an interesting and successful year. Sally Chandler stood down as secretary and Judith Fawcett was voted in. All other serving officers were re-elected. Future events:
Wednesday 14th April 7.45pm (village hall) Tom Arnold from Top Grass will talk about lawn care.
Wednesday 12th May a visit to John and Caroline Jones Tomato Growers at Green Tye. Details from Martin Todd on 01992 511497
Wednesday 9th June Coach trip to Cambridge botanical garden in the morning which includes a guided tour and a trip to Docwra garden at Shepreth in the afternoon. Price is approximately £28 per person dependant on numbers. This is open to members and non members. Please contact Judith Fawcett for more information and booking on 01992 552341

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

The Herts Essex Energy Partnership is offering home owners installation of loft insulation 270 mm thick for £99 (nearly a foot, and it's sheep's wool, i.e. the best type), and cavity wall insulation for a further £99. They quote typical savings when both are installed as around £265 per annum. For people on certain benefits the insulation can be installed free. Those who already have already fully insulated their homes may be eligible for grants or loans to install solar panels, heat pumps, etc. Check details on their website (www.heepgrant.org) or phone (0800 980 6026). These are government- grants

supported by local councils and installed by approved contractors.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The group's event for April will be to visit the East Herts Eco Film Festival, which will be on Saturday 24 April at the Castle Hall, Hertford, starting with children's events early in the afternoon and continuing on until the evening, with a great variety of films.

Transition Hertford and Hertford Green Drinks

Hertford Green Drinks happens every third Thursday of each month, from 8.30 onwards. It is currently held at the Salisbury, in the room opposite the main front bar, and provides an opportunity for those who care about green issues to meet up with others informally and have a drink whilst meeting some new people. See www.transitionhertford.ning.com to see their listings of events

Celtic Harmony's Rite of Spring

A special programme of fun activities to celebrate the arrival of spring will open the 2010 season for Hertfordshire's Celtic Harmony village from Tuesday 6 to Sunday 18 April.

The seasonal events include baking spring bread, feeding the animals (everyday at 11am), making baskets, origami frogs and model felt lambs with egg and spoon races as a finale to the day. They will join the settlement's regular line-up of activities ranging from Longbow Archery, Storytelling to Treasure Hunts for adults, children, families and other groups.

For all the details on the events and activities and a virtual look at the camp, go to the website at www.celticharmony.org or call 01438 718543

Watt Watchers Club Prize Night

This meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Brickendon Green at 19.00 on Wednesday May 12th. Three Watt Watchers will win a total of £50.00 of M&S vouchers! How can you find out if you are one of the most diligent watchers? Well, members should send in their electricity meter reading (total) at the end of April to: johnclambie@hotmail.co.uk or post to 9 Brickendon Green SG13 8NZ and, of course come to the Prize Night. You can be assured of a good evening, if you want to help reduce the household electricity carbon emissions by 150 tonnes over 3 years, reduce local electricity consumption by 5% and cut your electricity bill by about 15%; then Join the Club for £5 per annum..

London Marathon

Lyn Whitnall and her son Aza are running this year's London marathon. This is Lyn's seventh but her sons first. They are running to raise funds for the President Sporting Club and Wildlife Heritage Foundation. Anyone interested in sponsoring them should go to <http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/LynnWhitnall>

