

# Brickendon Newsletter



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## A Message from the Ed: Summer is coming - Enjoy

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### Fanshaws Room Management Committee AGM

Changes to the committee: Beryl Scott Smith retired as chairman, from the committee as did Jackie Rorke, Brian Johnson, Chrissy Stevens and Nikki Morton. Tim Barnard agreed to act as chairman until a permanent chairman is found. Nic Estherby is deputy chairman as well as looking after the tennis courts and organizing this year's Fete; Bryan Parkes remains treasurer; Kate Hillaby has agreed to take over as secretary. Our current committee as you can see is somewhat depleted and would welcome volunteers to share the load and help plan future activities.

The committee achieved a great deal over the last year culminating in the installation of the new kitchen and, thanks to the generous grant from East Herts District Council of £4,325 and a very successful Fete, still has a very healthy bank balance. The chairman's report for the year and accounts can be seen on the notice board in the hall.

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### Litter Picking

The parish council would like everyone who turned out on Sunday 11 April to collect litter along the verges of our parish. It makes a real difference to the area although it won't be long before the litter reappears.

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### Getting to know you - getting to know us!

If you've recently moved into the parish of Brickendon Liberty then you are especially welcome to drop in to Fanshaws Room (the parish hall on the Green) on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July any time from 7.30pm-9.30pm for a glass of wine and a nibble. Newish as well as established residents are also welcome. It's an informal opportunity to meet neighbours, parish councillors and all those involved with running various clubs and

activities (like the Fete). It's a great opportunity to find out what makes Brickendon liberty tick! Do come – you'll be made very welcome. If you'd like to bring along a plate of nibbles then please let Kate Falloon know on 01992 511035

or email [brickendon@btinternet.com](mailto:brickendon@btinternet.com)

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### Trip to Windsor 19<sup>th</sup> June

Bring your family – bring your friends! We leave Brickendon at 9am and arrive in Windsor at about 10.30. You then have time to see the castle, shop and have a bit of lunch before boarding a boat for a 2-hour trip up river. Cost is £17.50 adults; £13.50 children (we only cover costs). If you want to come then you **must** book and pay for your tickets **by** 6<sup>th</sup> June latest. Details: Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617 or Brian Johnson 01992 511390

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### The Fete – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010

**Is on !!!!!** Garry and Nicola from the Farmers Boy have agreed to be the organisers this year and would really appreciate anyone that would like to get involved to let them know either by email:

[enquiries@thefarmersboy.net](mailto:enquiries@thefarmersboy.net) phone:511610 or just pop in. Beryl has volunteered to do the Tombola stall and has asked if Tombola prizes could be delivered to her house (30 Brickendon Green) or give her a call and she will collect -01992 511617.

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### Quiz Night

Saturday 12 June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Tickets £10 each including a fish & chip supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Book today on 01992 442486.

The event will raise funds for building a new 'boules terrain' for the Brickendon Petanque Club at The Farmer's Boy.

## Thank you from Beryl!

A very sincere thank you to everyone (far too numerous to thank individually here) who has given me so much help and support over the years – initially with the Newsletter and more recently as chairman of FRMC – all of whom I now consider my friends.

I've always had hard working, committed and enthusiastic committee members and the original Newsletter distribution team is still going strong! Throughout the parish you've always shown real community spirit and been there to help – just a phone call away.

I'm not going anywhere (who would want to move from Brickendon!) I'm still around to give a hand (or interfere as some might say) but less so in future.

We now have an extremely efficient committee which deserves and needs your support please let them know they have it! I wish it every success.

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## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle - Events for June and July Wednesday 2nd JUNE 10.00 a.m.

### BUTTERFLY AND DRAGONFLY WALK

Pishiobury Park, Sawbridgeworth Walk led by experts Liz Goodyear and Andrew Middleton. Meet at the Pishiobury Park main car park (If you are going, please ring 01992 511662 to organise lifts) More details from Andrew on 020 8245 0847.

### Sunday 6 June, 10.00 a.m. Looking for (signs of) Water Voles at Lee Valley Regional Park, Silvermeade site

Meet at the Old Mill & Meadows car park, off Mill Lane, Churchfields, Broxbourne, EN10 6LX. (£2 donation sought for RSPB) The event will be led by Dawn Richardson, who will explain how to look for water voles and about the work to conserve and raise awareness of water voles. (More details: Terry Smith on 01992 715634 email: se\_herts\_rspb@yahoo.co.uk.

**Friday 2 July at 10.00 a.m.** Walk, starting from the **Woodman car park**, to learn about **Butterflies in Bencroft and Wormley Woods** - organised by the Countryside Management Service and led by Steve Kiln (free, but please ring them to book - 01462 459395) Steve will talk about how the County are managing the habitat to help conserve butterflies and other wildlife. Note, some sections of the route will be steep and muddy! The walk is due to end back at the Woodman about 1.00 pm Walk free;

**Saturday 10 July from 10.00 a.m.** - Walk to discover **Purple Emperors and White Admirals**, led by Andrew Goodman. Meet at the East car park, Broxbourne. The morning will concentrate on the main ride coming off of the small car, then there will be, for people who want to stay for the whole day, a picnic lunch, followed by a visit to a 'territorial area' to see, the dramatic ways in which the Purple Emperor males advertise where they are to females, chase females and spend time swooping on interlopers! Contact details: Andrew Middleton 020 8245 0847 Free but bring lunch and a drink if you are staying and maybe bring £4 or £5 or so too, as one possible location for the afternoon is Celtic Harmony Camp and they charge people to go in to watch.

## Saturday 31 July 11.00 a.m. Dragonflies.

Roy Woodward, the County Recorder for Dragonflies, has agreed to meet us and take us to some of the best sites and explain how to distinguish different types. Meet at 11.00 at the Farmers Boy, and drive to the chosen sites, where we will have a picnic, finishing about 2.00/2.30. This event will depend on the weather, note that it will still take place if there are sunny intervals with a little rain. Please bring binoculars. Payment of £1 each to go to the Hertfordshire Natural History Society.

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## The Nobles Charity

Rosemary King (our former representative) has reported that The Nobles Charity from which several residents in Brickendon have benefited in the past has now merged with six other similar small charities. The new name encompassing all seven is 'The Ancient Charities of Hertford'. A new committee has been formed with a representative from each Hertford Council. The seven charities are represented by the former Chairman of The Nobles Charity, Gill Geall.

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## Naughty Pet of the Quarter Award

A new feature - only one nomination so only one winner but a very deserving winner. Sid takes the award for locking himself into his Dad, Clive's car! Clive I am sure will be delighted to share the full story with you.

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## Chicken Nuggets

They appear to be all the rage here in Brickendon with at least 5 family's now happy chicken owners

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## Brickendon Book Club

At 8pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> June we meet to discuss 'The Outcast' by **Sadie Jones** and on 1<sup>st</sup> July 'Earthly Joys' by **Philippa Gregory**. What more pleasant way is there than to spend a lovely summer evening sipping a glass of wine among friends, whilst discussing our latest read and catching up with the gossip. Details from Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617.

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



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

Lunch & refreshments included.

For further details please call

Jackie Rorke 01992 511140

Or [www.jackandgillcrafts.co.uk](http://www.jackandgillcrafts.co.uk)

**Services In the Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban,  
Brickendon Lane**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Holy Communion (BCP) at 11.00am  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Family Service at 11.00am  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Holy Communion (BCP) at 11.00am  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Family Service at 11.00am  
In August the only service at Brickendon will be a  
Group Communion on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 10.15am  
All services followed by refreshments!

**Rector: Rev Canon Pauline Higham 01707 875940**  
Services are usually held on 1st & 3rd Sundays Monthly.  
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**A Night at The Flicks**

A suggestion has come forward from a villager as to whether there would be any interest in showing classic films at the village hall once a month. The villager concerned has looked into how to go about it and whilst there would be various steps to take (not least with the social committee etc), would be willing to take this on if there was sufficient interest. If people would be interested please could initially email brickendon@btinternet.com  
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**Paradise Wildlife Park**



Big Cat Twilight Talk: the Big Cat Evening has moved to Thursday 3rd June; tickets must be purchased in advance from 01992 470490 - apologies for the inconvenience! 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 Wildlife Vets International. 7pm until 10pm Adults £8, Children £4 Tickets from 01992 470490  
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**Brickendon and District Gardening Club**

14<sup>th</sup> April Tom Arnold from Top Grass gave a well illustrated talk on lawn care. 12<sup>th</sup> May we visited John and Caroline Jones tomato growers at Green Tye. Dates for the diary: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June there are still seats available to Cambridge Botanical Gardens and Docwra gardens. Cost is £28 leave 8.25am from The Farmers Boy. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, a social evening by kind permission of Joyce Ashley at Monks Green Farm 7.30pm. To help with catering numbers please contact Terry Hayne 511219 Judith Fawcett 552341 or Martin Todd 511497. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August a 2 and half hour cruise on the River Lea departing from Broxbourne Lido at 7.30pm cost £15 this includes a fish & chip supper please call Terry Judith or Martin non members welcome.  
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**Celtic Harmony**

Thank you to all who came to the Beltane Summer festival. We had a great time and hope you did too! Here are some more Up & Coming Great Days Out: Summer Celebrations Sunday 30 May-Sunday 6 June: Explore the woods and Meet Faeries and Gnomes on the Woodland Trail, Make Crafts from Dragonflies to Bracelets & more!! Midsummer Storytelling Evening on Saturday 19 June between 6-8pm under The Oak at Celtic Harmony Camp. Bring a picnic & Enjoy an evening of outdoor entertainment for all the family. One child comes Free for both the above events with every paying Adult when you Book Online For an extra Special Day for you and your Family & Friends, you can escape to a Woodland Hideaway. We'll light the BBQ so you can start on the aperitif in the Gourmet Hamper. Every party of six or more people receives a complimentary half hour private archery session during the Summer Celebrations. Reserve your own Private Hideaway today!  
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**A NEW GROUP SERVING THE PARISH AND ITS  
SURROUNDING AREA - LIBERTY BEES**

Like many people, I have sometimes thought it would be interesting and rewarding to keep bees; It wasn't until the Brickendon RRR meeting on bee and butterfly conservation back in the autumn of last year that the idea became a distinct possibility, thanks to a generous offer from Frank Harrison to take on local people as 'apprentice beekeepers'.

For the past few weeks eight of us have been studying various aspects of beekeeping, and hopefully now have a grasp of the basics, plus memorable glimpses of Frank's encyclopedic knowledge of the ways of bees, how to care for them, and how to harvest the honey and beeswax. We have decided to call the group Liberty Bees, and are hoping to raise money to purchase equipment and communally-owned hives. We intend to form a supportive network of local beekeepers and also to promote bee and butterfly conservation.

If you are interested in getting involved or finding out more about us please contact me  
[cat\\_hen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cat_hen@hotmail.co.uk)  
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**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 19<sup>th</sup> April and 17<sup>th</sup> May from 2-4pm – you'll be very welcome. Lifts can be arranged. Details from Beryl 01992 511617  
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**Parish Council Meeting Reports**

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

Mike King has resigned from running the Parish Neighbourhood Watch. We have neighbourhood watch organisers for Fanshaws Lane (Graham Irwin 511697) and for Wormley West End (Dennis Downes 446700). Thank you Frank Harrison for taking Brickendon Lane but we still need volunteers to represent Brickendon Green, Clementsbury, Highfield Farm and Mangrove Lane. Please contact Graham Irwin  
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Our Local Councillor – William Ashley says:



There is a fair amount of dissatisfaction in Wormley West End about the working of the enforcement service of East Herts, which is felt to be too slow and too indecisive. As I have been closely involved with the planning process concerning the controversial application, I can appreciate the difficulties faced by our officers. To mention in general just one, there can be complications over what is, or is not, permitted development. There is also government determination to push through certain developments, like, for instance, the number of houses to be built, even in the GreenBelt. Our enforcement officers try, as I well know, not to be controversial, and to resolve matters by consultation rather than take a more aggressive line, which more often than not merely aggravates the situation. By the time things gets to the enforcement stage most other actions will have failed, but enforcement action is a minefield not only in a legal way, but also very costly. Moreover, my colleagues in the magistrate's court can be unsympathetic to planning matters, being suspicious of the bureaucratic process. Naturally, our officers are reluctant to let an infringement get to the court stage, even though faced with a complete lack of cooperation. Letters unanswered, phone calls not returned, visits obstructed – they may be tempted to take legal action more quickly, although they know appeals and delays may only make matters worse. This is particularly aggravation when matters have only got to this stage following a flagrant breach of planning laws. So, bear with them. It is the final outcome which is important, and a mountain of negotiation may save a precipice of legal action, not to mention time and expense.  
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**Over 40 years ago...** a group of concerned local residents formed the Beaumont and District Scenic Beauty Preservation Society in order to resist or at least control the increasing urbanisation of what had been designated by Local and County Planning Authorities as a "Special Country Area". Later in October 1971 they decided to change the name to Broxbourne Woods Area Conservation Society and

subsequently set out their Aims and Objectives as listed below.

1. To act as guardians to protect and preserve the Broxbourne Woods Area.
2. To maintain close contact with County Planners, in order to prevent, as far as possible, undesirable proposed developments taking place.
3. To encourage more people to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of this National Nature Reserve.

The present Officers and Committee of the Society are endeavouring to follow these aims and objectives by actively seeking the advice and support of the relevant county and national organisations such as Herts & Middx. Wildlife Trust, CPRE Herts. and the Woodland Trust. Wherever possible the Society supports the professional planning officers, the Elected Councillors (ultimate decision-makers) and although ALL may be subjected to the various Pressures both personal and institutional, try to ensure that ALL decisions are made on purely Planning grounds only. However we are also aware of the need, sometimes, of an injection of common-sense and practicality.

If YOU feel, as we do, that this wonderful Broxbourne Woods National Nature Reserve and its surrounding area are worth protecting and preserving then we need more support---come and join us --- call.

Hon. Sec.: Les Adkins – 01992 440507

Chairman. John Lucas – 01992 446107

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

Is available to hire Our price is £7 per hour for residents and £8 per hour for non residents, please contact Brenda Lambie on 01992 511551

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### Diary Dates

#### June

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| 3  | 8pm Book Club              |
| 8  | 1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library |
| 9  | 7.45pm Gardening Club      |
| 17 | 7.30pm Whist Drive         |
| 22 | 1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library |
| 25 | 8pm Bayford Jazz Club      |

#### July

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| 1  | 8pm Book Club                |
| 6  | 1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library   |
| 14 | 7.45pm Gardening Club        |
| 15 | 7.30pm Whist Drive           |
| 20 | 1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library   |
| 22 | 7.30 Parrish Council Meeting |
| 23 | 8pm Bayford Jazz Club        |

Table Tennis every Tuesday at 8pm in Fanshaws Room

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### Deadline for Aug/Sep issue is 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010

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