

Brickendon Newsletter



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A Message from the Ed:

Summer arrived and is still here! - Keep Enjoying

Fanshaws Room Management Committee

Getting to know you - getting to know us!

A successful welcome to Brickendon evening was held at the Fanshaws room with a good turn out. It was nice to meet some of our new neighbours. Katie and Beryl thank you for arranging this.

Unfortunately our Windsor trip was cancelled as we had insufficient bookings. Most efforts of the committee members are currently being focused on the Fete

Save Our Telephone Box

British Telecom is not prepared to finance the telephone box as pictured above as the cost of maintenance far exceeds the income.

Many people have already stated that they would like it to stay. The Parish council have been offered "ownership" of the box and are considering this. Any ideas for a new use for the box would be greatly received – please discuss with John Lambie or email the editor. There have been threats of people chaining themselves to the box if indeed it is deemed to go!

The Fete – 5th September 2010

Please make sure you read a copy of the leaflet giving full information about the fete. Please also find enclosed a book of raffle tickets. Any queries speak to Nicola or email: enquiries@thefarmersboy.net phone: 511610 or just pop in.

Malaysian Independent Celebration Day

Held at Brickendonbury, Brickendon on 25th September

Dot Collins

We were all very sad to hear about the death of Dot Collins. A familiar figure buzzing around Brickendon on her buggy – dog in tow. We will all miss her and offer our sincere condolences to Jeff and Pat and all the Collins family.

Brickendon Book Club

At the Book Club meeting on 5th August we'll be talking about 'Earthly Joys' by Philippa Gregory and on 2nd September The Case of the Missing Servant by Tarquin Hall. There are twelve members now in the group who meet on the first Thursday of each month in each other's homes (wherever a room or garden is big enough.) New members and new ideas always welcome! Further details from Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617.

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

Group Communion on Sunday 22nd August at 10.15am
Rector: Rev Canon Pauline Higham 01707 875940
Services are usually held on 1st & 3rd Sundays Monthly.

Friendly Club

Please do drop in to The Friendly Club if you're feeling fed up. Have a cup of tea and a piece of cake! We get together every third Monday in the month from 2-4pm. We next meet on 16th August in Fanshaws Room on Brickendon Green – although we have been known to go out for tea! There's usually a quiz, sometimes a game – but always plenty to gossip about! It's all very informal, you'll be very welcome and you don't have to live in Brickendon. For a lift and details ring Beryl on 01992 511617.

Cakes wanted for Fete

This is always a popular stall so please will you make a cake for us to sell and either let Brenda Lambie or Kate Hillaby have it prior to the Fete, or deliver it to the stall on the day. Any kind of cake will be appreciated - the following is always a favourite:

Victoria Sandwich

- 180g butter
- 180g caster sugar
- 3 eggs
- 180g self-raising flour
- Strawberry or Raspberry jam
- Butter cream

Preheat oven to 180 deg C(350 F) Gas 4
 Beat butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy
 Add eggs one at a time
 Fold in flour (with a metal spoon)
 Put into prepared 20cm (8") sponge tins (2 tins, half in each)
 Bake for 20-25 minutes until sponge springs back when pressed gently in the middle
 Turn out onto wire rack and leave to cool
 Spread one side with jam and butter cream
 Top with second side and dust with icing sugar

Celtic Harmony

High summer Iron Age style comes to Hertfordshire this month as Celtic Harmony Camp at Brickendon near Hertford celebrates the peak season with its annual daily programme of Celtic Games, a fun-filled line-up of activities for all the family. The programme runs from Sunday July 25 to Saturday August 28, with big savings for online bookings. The attraction, a reconstructed historic settlement set in 13 acres of ancient woodland, is a stone's throw from London and for a truly green day out can be reached by train with a free shuttle from Bayford station, only 40 minutes from Moorgate or 30 minutes from Finsbury Park.

Visitors spend the day living as the Celts did, among archers, warriors, storytellers and woodsmen and enjoy lunch under the Feasting Shelter with food freshly prepared from local produce. Activities include woodland treasure hunts, face painting, listening to tales from long ago and longbow archery.

Also featured are games of balance and strength in the Arena, from jump the shield to dragon egg-and-spoon, with gold medals for everyone, while visitors can even become archaeologists on the Mock Excavation to dig up the past. The 2010 Celtic Games have been organised to coincide with the Festival of British Archaeology and the London Olympics 2012 Open Weekend.

Celtic Harmony follows the Games season with the Primitive Skills Festival on Sunday August 29 and Bank Holiday Monday, August 30, when an impressive gathering of experts will be demonstrating ancient arts and crafts. Visitors can watch demonstrations and have a go at activities such as flint knapping, while there will also be fire-breathing performances, live music and real ale. Visitors who arrive in Celtic costume qualify for free admission.

Pilates

Jackie Rorke is looking to arrange a Pilates evening at approximately 7.30pm each week in the village hall. A qualified instructor will hold the session. Jackie has agreed to arrange this. Any interested parties please call Jackie on 511140

Our Local Councillor – William Ashley says:



For years, then Deputy P.M. John Prescott battled to establish largely unelected regional assemblies and give them power over elected district councils. These bodies, like the one in charge of Eastern England, functioned from remote headquarters, and produced grandiose plans and policies overriding existing local plans. Which are, as we know, the Bible for local planners.

It took no time at all for our new Government to sweep most of this existing structure out of the way, and declare their wish to return decision making to the local authorities. Our very own East Herts. District Council's last Local Plan was approved in 2007. Needless to say, some six years late. An important new policy in that plan was that developments over 15 houses must include some 40% of "affordable" housing, and of three new houses in villages one must be affordable. Like so many well-intentioned legislation, this is proving counter-productive. Developers are reluctant to build such schemes, for not only does it make the non-affordables more expensive, but also harder to sell. Rightly or wrongly, private buyers are reluctant to buy into a mixed development. Developers try to strike deals, including building affordables on one site, and freeing up another, and also making often very substantial contributions to local services. One thing is certain: there is great demand for affordable housing (whether rented or part owned). It is reckoned that over 5000 people are on the EHDC register. There is also great Government pressure to meet demand. Let's hope Government guidelines manage to balance nimbysism/need/and suspicion. Time will tell.

Brickendon and District Gardening Club

The trips in June and July were well attended and enjoyed.

Future events:-

August 11th Boat trip – this is now fully booked
 Sunday 5th September donations of any saleable plants for our stall at the fete are very welcome
 Wednesday 8th September Bentleys garden on Brickendon Green – at 7pm. This will be our last outdoor visit of the year when we move indoors to Fanshaws Rooms on Wednesday 13th October at 8pm to hear Andrew Turvey (head gardener) talk of the exciting developments in the gardens of Myddleton House . For details of membership and activities please contact Judith Fawcett on 01992 552341

Parish Council Meeting Reports

At the parish council meeting on 27 May Councillor Leslie Kotting was elected chairman, Graham Irwin having served 4 years in the post remains as Councillor.

The Green Lane (boat- byways open to all traffic) between Brickendon Lane and Monks Green has been redressed and the banks cut back making it possible for cars to use again. Woodlands – Wormley West End, Positive action is being taken by East Herts Council with an enforcement notice being taken on the owner’s site.

At some stage in October the crash barriers along the east side of Brickendon Lane are due to be replaced which will result in temporary road closure. Exact dates are not known yet.

Planning granted:

Alterations and conversion of stable block to residential annexe at Bourne Orchard 52 Brickendon Lane.

Two storey rear extension at 34 Fanshaws Lane.

Replacement of rear flat roof with pitched roof and new window at 17 Brickendon Lane.

Planning refused:

First floor extension to garage at Amber House Monks Green Lane.

Next meeting 23rd September 2010 7.30pm in the Fanshaws Room.

Hertfordshire Ploughing Match:

Ray Peters will be representing us at the Essendon match which is on Saturday 18th September. A few of us have decided to go to support Ray. It starts at 9am and we will be meeting at the Farmers Boy at 8.30. If interested either meet at the FB or contact Nigel on 511140 (we will need to drive there as located at Cromer Hyde Farm, Lemsford)

Petanque

A very big thank you goes to HCC Councillor, Rose Cheswright who allocated £1000 of her grant money to help the club build a new playing area of 4 pistes so that we don’t have to play on the car parking surface of the Farmer’s Boy! Work will start soon and be finished before the end of August. A successful fund raising Quiz Night in June added £300 and with about £1700 already saved, it means that most of the essential basic costs can be met.

The Brickendon Petanque Boules Club meets every Tuesday from 5.30 until about 7.30, and on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday mornings each month from 9.30 ‘til Noon. Visitors are made very welcome, why not learn to play? Just turn up, or tel. John 01992 511551.

Gentle Hatha Yoga with Suzy Jowitt

Brickenden Liberty Village Hall – Tuesday mornings – 10am – 11.30am (starting Tuesday 7th September 2010) £7 per session (first session £5) Yoga is an ancient practice that strengthens the body as well as increasing flexibility, promoting calmness and focusing the mind. For more information, to book your place (place is limited) or to find out about other classes in the area, please contact Suzy on either 07706 100971, at suzyjowitt@hotmail.co.uk or visit her website www.suzyjowitt.co.uk

Hire of Fanshaws Room (Village Hall)

The Hall is for hire to Parishioners for £7 per hour (£8 for non-parishioners). This includes use of equipment and the car park facility. Please telephone 01992 511551 for further information or to make a booking.

Use of Fanshaws Room Car Park

The car park opposite the Village Hall was made specifically for the convenience of people using the hall and is not there for general use. Other cars and vans have started using it as though it were the village public car park and recently the Mobile Library, which also has an arrangement to park there, has had difficulty getting enough space to operate. Please be aware that it is not there for general use and casual parking causes a nuisance to hall users.

Churchfields Children’s Centre

Supports the families with children under 5 in the Parish of Brickendon. Sure Start Children’s Centres are ‘one-stop’ shops for parents and carers of children under 5. They are part of the Governments Every Child Matters Agenda to support families with our very youngest children.

We are based at Abel Smith Primary School in Hertford and the families of Brickendon are welcome to attend any of our sessions run across our children’s centre area which includes Hertford (South), Kingsmead, Pinehurst, Hertford Heath, Brickendon and Hornsmill areas.

To celebrate the start of our services in Brickendon we will be holding a Family Teddy Bears Picnic (all ages welcome) on Monday 2nd August 2010 at the Fanshaws Room between 11am and 1pm. Please come and join us with your own picnic and teddy bear. There will be a range of activities and a children’s entertainer. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To provide a more regular service to families we will be delivering a Messy Play session for children under 5 and their parents/carers at the Fanshaws Room on the first Monday of every month between 9.30am and 11am at a cost of £1 per family. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information please contact Jenny Turner, Manager, Churchfields Children’s Centre Tel: 07732 027143.

Neighbourhood Watch

Please contact Graham Irwin on 01992 511697

East of England Plan dropped

You may recall some four years ago, for the first time ever we had an absolutely packed meeting in the hall when The East of England Plan and undemocratic quango to run it was unanimously opposed by all present. So it’s great to know it, too, has now been dropped.

Stansted Expansion Stopped

The new government has now cancelled plans to extend Stansted and Heathrow thus preserving many listed buildings, acres of green belt and hundreds of threatened homes as well as preventing air and noise pollution. But the campaign continues to press for a ban of any future development of Stansted for at least fifty years.

LUCKY CHARMS - Equine & Community Therapy Centre

Kindersfield Farm, Brickendon Lane, Brickendon, Herts SG13 8NU



Lucky Charms was formed in 2008 by Debbie Pearce and Joanne Wright its aim was to be a focal part of the local community whilst providing a service to Children and Adults affected by Autism, Disadvantage and Disability using the power of horses. Sadly in 2009 we had a robbery at the site and all our equipment was stolen. A few months later we were then faced with the news we would lose our current site. The search began for a new community and a new site! We found Brickendon and fell in love, we loved the community focus and the rural base.

The team behind the scenes: Debbie is the main leader and funder of the project, a qualified riding instructor she sought to set up a site that involved horses for the non riding children, involving activities and stimulation as a form of therapy, at the same time we wanted to open it to the local community for those who remembered their riding days but would just prefer to have contact on the ground with horses or an occasion plod to the pub. Debbie has the support of her mum Shirley and Sister Clare to help with the mucking out and daily duties. Jo is a qualified riding instructor, Home Office Custody Officer for Juveniles and a Family Intervention Practitioner working with families affected with ADHD, Autism, Asperges as well as a range of conditions within the disability spectrum.

Sessions: For children & Adults they are run on a one to one basis and tailor made to each client and their ability, clients can be referred through their local authority services or by private referral for the family or individuals contact us directly
Community Fun: We will open between 12pm to 3pm every Sunday to the local community to pop in and see us. If you would like us to provide an activity for children or a pony ride there will be a small donation fee. Please feel free to give us a call if you would like to pop down at any other time as our gates may be closed but we are probably working in the barn.
Evenings: We will be running a club called Power of the Hoof, this is for people who would like to gain knowledge in horse care and for the local horsey community. This will involve schemes such as horse watch, local vets, riding instructors and all ideas are welcome.

Pony Parties: We run parties for children for birthdays or special events, We can lay on refreshments, activities

(horseshoe painting, horsey hoppers, games, pin the tail on dobbin) and the ponies may join in if required.

If you require any further details please do not hesitate to call us on: Jo 07986 206 495 or Debbie 07889 165 223
email: Luckycharmstherapycentre@yahoo.com

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making us feel to welcome and already part of the community. We plan to be fully operational in September and well on our way to raising our first £5000 to gain our full charity registration.

Please do not hesitate to contact us to support local causes or how we can use our site for the benefit of the community.

Diary Dates

August

3	1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library
5	8pm Book Club
11	7.45pm Gardening Club
19	7.30pm Whist Drive
20	8pm Bayford Jazz Club
31	1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library

September

2	8pm Book Club
5	11.30 – 4pm Fete
8	7.45pm Gardening Club
14	1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library
16	7.30pm Whist Drive
17	8pm Bayford Jazz Club
23	7.30 Parish Council Meeting
28	1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library

Table Tennis every Tuesday at 8pm in Fanshaws Room

Useful Contacts:

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