

# Brickendon Newsletter



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## The Fete

We're delighted to say the sun shone and we had a very successful and most enjoyable Fete (raising over £5,000). Our thanks to Nicola Estherby (landlady of The Farmer's Boy pub) who was brave enough to take on its organisation and to everyone who helped on stalls and with games, not forgetting our very generous sponsors and, of course, a special thanks to all of you who came along to enjoy yourselves. Nicola says "I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in any way shape or form with the Fete. It was extremely successful and wouldn't have been such an amazing day without the massive team effort that it was. I am very proud to be part of such a generous community who have helped to raise a fantastic £5100.00 approx. Well done everyone. This year we will be putting some funds by for emergencies and the rest will be put back into the Parish with contributions to local groups and charities as well as some new items for the hall which will benefit all users. Thanks again for everyone involved and if you haven't received a personal thank you from me yet it will arrive!! I take my time but get there eventually. If one never arrives it means I have no contact details for you so please get in touch ready for next year. Thank you again.

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## Book Club

On 7<sup>th</sup> October we'll be discussing Ian McEwan's controversial book *On Chesil Beach*; on 4<sup>th</sup> November Harper Lee's even more controversial *To Kill a Mocking Bird* and on 2<sup>nd</sup> December on a very much lighter note *Marley and Me* by John Grogan. We're a friendly lot meeting at 8pm on the first Thursday of each month. New members and new ideas always welcome. Further details from Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617

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## TALKS ON CHAMPAGNE IN BRICKENDON

From Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October "Vies-a-Vies" will be giving talks on French culture. Saida Goutel who has given talks in France and the UK and who now resides locally in Bayford will be launching a series of three talks dedicated to champagne: Fanshaws Room in Brickendon Liberty Parish Hall Day: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October Time: 7pm until 8.30pm fee: £to book please visit [www.vies-a-vies.co.uk](http://www.vies-a-vies.co.uk) or call: (01992) 511389 Saida I

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 12.30 for 1pm**

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A great annual social occasion in Fanshaws Room (the Parish hall)! We start with a glass of mulled wine, followed by a delicious traditional turkey lunch with all the trimmings (veggie option available), finished with Christmas pud and often some form of extraordinary entertainment often provided by your very own selves! We are limited to 48 places – first come, first served. Cost £7.50. Book now with Beryl at 30 Brickendon Green tel 01992 511617. (If you can help prepare, buy and cook the food then please contact Kate Hillaby

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## Petanque

Progress has been made in the construction of a new playing area adjacent to the Farmer's Boy car park. The top surface, fixed lighting and storage provision remain to be completed so the club hopes to be able to use the pistes by Christmas. In the mean time play continues on the car parking surface from 5.30 'til 7.30 every Tuesday (using temporary lighting), and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday mornings each month, from 09.30 'til 12.00. New players are welcome.

### Access to the IMI

If any local residents living in Brickendon would like access to Bayford railway station via the IMI driveways during working hours please apply in writing to Robin Crawley to obtain a permission card (this does not authorise pets or vehicles)

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### Hertfordshire Ploughing Match:



Congratulations to Ray and his grandson Michael. Michael entered his first event after less than 1 weeks practice and won his event. Grandad Ray came runner up. An enjoyable morning was had by all.

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### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Friday October 29th

Mark Prisk, Brickendon Liberty's MP, and the current Minister for Business, is coming to speak to us to explain the coalition Government's environmental agenda, and respond to questions, please telephone 01992 511662 to reserve your place. Charge on door of £2, except for paid-up members of RRR.

Thursday November 11th - Fish and Chip Supper Starting at 7.30 in the Fanshaws Room with the Watt Watcher' Prize Giving. Then, while we eat, local insulation expert Clive Phillips will explain all about grants for loft and wall insulation, and advise on insulation for those with tricky solid walls. The evening will continue with the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle AGM.

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

The chapel was looking at its best at our Harvest Festival on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, and thanks to everyone who helped to decorate the church and gave gifts, which were most gratefully received at the Cheshire Home in Enfield.

Rector: Rev Canon Pauline Higham 01707 875940

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

Church services for October and December are as follows:-

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Communion Service (BCP) at 11.00am

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Family Service at 11.00am

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Communion Service (BCP) at 11.00am

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Family Service at 11.00am

### Winter celebrations at Celtic Camp

24th-30th October 10am-4pm

Explore the haunted forest trail with spooky animals from bats to black spiders; make a broom-stick or wand; and there's lots more to do and see including archery, pumpkin carving and storytelling

### Samhain Winter Festival Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Help celebrate the start of the Celtic New Year – among other things explore the woods on the haunted trail.

There's music and a hog roast too, as well as a lively Winter Storytelling in the evening for younger children and a spooky session for adults and older children later on. Don't miss out! Further information and to book [www.celtic.harmony.org](http://www.celtic.harmony.org) tel:01438 718543.

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**Brickendon and District Gardening Club.** As the evenings get shorter so our summer outdoor visits will now be replaced with talks in Fanshaws Room. We start on 13<sup>th</sup> October when Andrew Turvey (head gardener) will be talking to us about his work on the restoration of the gardens at **Middleton House**. Our last visit out in September to Bentleys Cottage on Brickendon Green was in luck, when the rain stopped and the sun came out just half an hour before we were due and we were greeted by a wonderful rainbow. Our thanks to Mark, the head gardener for escorting us around. For details of membership of the Gardening Club please contact Judith Fawcett on 01992 552341

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### Our Local Councillor – William Ashley says:



On 19<sup>th</sup> October in the village hall there will be a session held by our local councillors to talk about planning policies in East Herts. This will be your opportunity to voice your views relating to where additional housing should go in East Herts. Start time is 7.30pm.

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### The Friendly Club

A friendly get-together in Fanshaws Room (the Parish hall where, over a cup of tea and piece of home-made cake you can enjoy the company of others, catch up on local news, listen to a talk, take part in a quiz - or not as you may wish! It's all very informal but provides an opportunity to get out of your home for an hour or two in good company. Do come along. Lifts can be arranged. We next meet from 2 to 4pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October as well as and on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Further details from Beryl Scott Smith 01992 511617.

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**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 11.30am to 2.30pm  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CELTIC  
CAMP**

The kids who came last year will agree – IT'S THE BEST CHRISTMAS PARTY EVER!  
All children in the Parish between 3 and 10 years old are invited to this year's party. If you missed it last year or want to come again this year then please contact Chrissy 01992 511632 or Janet 01992 511099. There's lots to do like making Christmassy things, a treasure hunt, lunch in the roundhouse and finally a visit from Father Christmas (together with a sack full of Christmas presents!). So if you live in Wormley West End, Brickendon, Clementsbury or Mangrove Lane make sure of your invitation – get mum or dad to phone NOW!

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**.Watt Watchers Club**

Prizes were presented on August to the three most diligent local conservers of household electricity over the full year July 2009 to August 2010. First prize of a £25 M&S voucher: Richard Haryott, with a reduction of 14%. Second Prize an M&S voucher worth £15 to Martin Todd with a saving of 11%. Third prize went to Margaret Hills and an M&S voucher for £10. We signed 3 new members this month and so have just 17 electricity monitors to place to complete the WWC objective. Membership is £5 pa and you too could save 14% on your electricity bill! Contact John 01992 511551, Tim 01992 551077 or John 01992 511515

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**FANSHAWS ROOM – THE VILLAGE HALL**

Just a reminder to all families in the Parish that the Children's Centre are running their 'Messy Play' days for the under 5s on the first Monday of each month: 4th October, 1st November, 6th December. If you haven't yet been and want more information telephone Jenny Turner at the Churchfields Children's Centre in Hertford – 07732 027143.

On Friday 15 October there is the first of three talks about Champagne, further information from Saida Goutel on 01992 511389.

Jackie Rorke is continuing to use the village hall for her very successful training days where you can learn all you need to know about cake decorating. Phone her on 07802 488324 for details.

The Hall is available to hire at the very reasonable rate of £7 for Parishioners and £8 non-Parishioners, call Brenda Lambie on 01992 511551 for more details. Regrettably, the yoga classes are no longer running on Tuesday mornings due to lack of interest.

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I was asked to submit this poem for Armistice Day (Remembrance Day): **In Flanders Fields** by John McCrae, May 1915



In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

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**Guide to Services 2011**

A new 'Guide to Services' with local recommendations of providers (including electricians, plumbers, gardeners, web designers and so on) for the benefit of everyone living in the Parish of Brickendon Liberty, is about to be prepared for inclusion with the December 2010 /January 2011 Newsletter.

If **you** live in the Parish and provide a service which currently appears and you wish it to remain in for 2011, or if you have recently moved into the Parish and have a service to offer, or if you have used the service of a person or a company which you were very pleased with and (*with their permission*) would recommend to others, then please send details **by 5<sup>th</sup> November** to Beryl Scott Smith (email: [beryl.scottsmith@lineone.net](mailto:beryl.scottsmith@lineone.net)) Hill Cottage, 30 Brickendon Green SG13 8PB (opposite tennis courts). If she does not hear from you, nor receive confirmation that you wish to remain on the list by the above date, then your service will be deleted

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### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Please contact Graham Irwin on 01992 511697

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### **Tennis Courts**

Make the most of them while you can as they close for the winter at the end of October.

To book and for keys please contact The Farmers Boy Pub on 01992 511610.

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### **Diary Dates**

#### **October**

7	8pm Book Club
12	1.45 -2.15pm Mobile Library
13	7.45pm Gardening Club
15	8pm Bayford Jazz Club
21	7.30pm Whist Drive
26	1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library

#### **November**

4	8pm Book Club
9	1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library
10	7.45pm Gardening Club
12	8pm Bayford Jazz Club
18	7.30pm Whist Drive
23	1.45-2.15pm Mobile Library
25	7.30 Parish Council Meeting

Table Tennis every Tuesday at 8pm in Fanshaws Room.  
Petanque every Tuesday from 5.30-7.30 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>  
and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month between 9.30 and 12

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### **Useful Contacts:**

Member of Parliament Mark Prisk 01920 462182  
Herts County Councillor Rose Cheswright 01920  
823742

East Herts District Council William Ashley 01992  
511313

Parish Clerk John Ingham 01920 438280

### **Parish Councillors:**

Chairman Leslie Kotting 511410

Vice Chair Anne Downes 446700

Tim Barnard 551077

Graham Irwin 511697

John Lambie 511551

### **Fanshaws Room Social Committee**

Acting Chairman Tim Barnard 551077

Deputy Chair Nicola Estherby 511610

Treasurer Bryan Parkes : 511221

Secretary : Kate Hillaby 511399

Police – non emergency 0845 3300222

Neighbourhood Watch Graham Irwin 511697

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