

# Brickendon Newsletter



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## A Message from Nigel:

Wishing everyone a very merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

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## SAVE THE DATE!! YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!! Update re Our Neighbourhood Plan – The Localism Act 2011

The Government will devolve new powers to our parish very soon so that we can determine planning issues, local services, our environment and acquisition of community assets.

Your Parish Council will be submitting a Neighbourhood Plan in 2012 to ensure that we make the most of this opportunity.

The preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan is already underway but will require input over the coming months from all who reside, run a business, are part of a community group, own land, use facilities and enjoy leisure opportunities in the parish.

If you want to be involved please contact Tony Roberts (01992 511035) or Les Barnes (01992 471333).

Further information will be provided in the New Year.

For a detailed update about the Neighbourhood Plan and what will happen over the coming months make sure you come along to our next public meeting:

**Thursday 2 February 2012 7.30 pm**

at Fanshaws Room, Brickendon Liberty Parish Hall

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## Mobile library – changes

Sorry, we misinformed you about the change of day. As many of you will have since realized, the mobile library is on the Green car park every other **Monday from 1.55 to 2.25pm**. It will only make one visit in December to Brickendon on the 12<sup>th</sup>. (See diary for future dates). It will no longer be arriving on a Tuesday, nor on a Friday!

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## The Book Club

We're reading lots of interesting books before, over and after Christmas! Have had to change the order in some cases. But on 1<sup>st</sup> December we'll be discussing 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Pie Society' by Mary Ann Shaffer (*not as flippant as it sounds*); on 5<sup>th</sup> January we will be discussing a French classic 'Le Grand Meaulnes' by Alain-Fournier and on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 'When God was a Rabbit' by Sara Winman'. No one can say we're not eclectic! If you've read any of these books or would like to read one and then join us at one of our meetings please ring Beryl on 511617.

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## Watt Watchers Club

Watt Watchers: On Tuesday 18 October John Lambie was invited by BBC Three Counties Radio to be interviewed on their news programme about the Watt Watchers club in the Parish. John's comments were used as evidence of good practice in conserving energy and snippets of the interview also featured in news bulletins later in the day. Winners of the last quarter, for conserving the most electricity compared to the same quarter last year, were: Les & Linda Barnes, Richard & Virginia Haryott and Jean Retallick. Next year is the final year for this initiative, although everyone will keep their meters and thereby be able to continue to monitor their electricity usage, however, the funds will have dried up and the final prizes will be awarded by a lottery system with names of all members who have shown their commitment to the project going into a hat ... we thought this was fair since it is evident that it is easier for some to make economies than others but that isn't to say that we haven't all been trying extremely hard and maybe we could make the final meeting a celebration of our efforts with the odd glass of wine and a few nibbles. Date to be advised.

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## Christmas Postal Scam

If a card is posted through your letterbox from a company called **PDS (Parcel Delivery Service)** saying that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them by phoning 0906 6611911 **DON'T**.

It is a Premium rate number and a **scam** originating from Belize.

If you call the number and start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed for £315 for the phone call.

**Instead, if you receive such a card, please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655.**

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## News from The Parish Council

The parish council met on Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup>, among the items discussed were: the recent vandalism at the Bayford station car park; highways repairs funding; road salt provision for Wormley West End and Brickendon; The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report to the PC; parish paths; broadband access; The Queen's Jubilee celebrations to be held on Brickendon Green

on June 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Neighbourhood Watch signage. To see the full minutes go to [www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk](http://www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk) in December. Alternatively a copy of the minutes will be put on the noticeboard inside the Parish hall, anybody wanting a copy can phone one of their councillors. PC meetings are held on the last Thursday of alternate months starting on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012. You are invited to attend and comment. Planning information will in future be posted on the Parish noticeboards.

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## Broxbourne Woods Area

Conservation Society (BWACS) Aims to encourage everyone to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of Broxbourne Woods - a unique National Nature Reserve on our very own doorstep! We are also in close contact with local planning authorities in order to protect the area from undesirable developments. We would welcome new members! Please ring John Lucas 446107 or Les Adkins 440507 to join us and for further details.

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## Tea Party and Live Music

on Sunday 18th December at Fanshaws Room, Brickendon Liberty Parish Hall from 1.30pm - 3.30pm to raise money for Arthritis Care.

Enjoy 2 hours of relaxed music with tea and a selection of homemade cakes in a Christmassy atmosphere. Phone Charlotte West on 01992 462758 for more information.



## Table Tennis

Whether you're a holiday-player or a whizz why not come along and give us a game. Play takes place every Tuesday in Fanshaws Room from 8-10pm and would welcome new players. Interested? Have a word with Marion on 511497.

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## Historical Atlas of Hertfordshire

Almost every aspect of the county's history is explored in the *Historical Atlas of Hertfordshire*; edited by David Short, now available from University of Hertfordshire Press, price £25.

The *Atlas* contains contributions from over fifty historians. In more than eighty articles, each with its own full-colour map, the book gives insights into many different aspects of the county's history from its earliest geological formation to the twenty-first century. For anyone with an interest in the history of the county, this fascinating book is a must-have.

Buy it direct from University of Hertfordshire Press (call Gill Cook on 01707 284654) or order it from any bookshop or online book retailer. For more information, see our website, [www.herts.ac.uk/uhpess](http://www.herts.ac.uk/uhpess).

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## Friendly Club

Our next 'meeting' will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> December (not the 19<sup>th</sup>) and, courtesy of Fanshaws Room Management Committee, we will be all be enjoying our first Christmas lunch of the season (but not our last!) We will greet the New Year in from 2to 4pm on 16<sup>th</sup> January – probably by recycling Christmas cakes! If you haven't yet met us then make it your New Year's resolution to come along – we're an informal friendly lot – and you're bound to know some of us. We meet at Fanshaws Room, Brickendon Green. We'll even pick you up. Ring Beryl for further details on 01992 511617

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## Church services for December and January

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 11am BCP Communion  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 3pm Christmas Candlelit

service

Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December 11.15am  
Family service followed by said Communion  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 10.15 am Group  
Communion  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 11am BCP Communion  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 11am Family service



## Report of Fanshaws Room Management Committee for October/November:

Christmas activities: details of the Parish Christmas lunch were discussed and it was reluctantly decided that ticket prices have to be increased this year in view of increased costs, it is however still very good value and by the November meeting most of the tickets had been sold. Two events for the children were discussed, a party for the under 5s to be organised in partnership with the Messy Play organisers, and another event for the 5 – 11yr olds at PWP. The committee agreed an amount of £20 per head to be made available for the Friendly Club Christmas lunch.

Fanshaws Hall: lengthy discussion took place on parking at the hall and the committee have asked the PC to consider erecting notices asking people not to park on the pavements adjacent to the hall in view of the danger this presents. Signs have been erected on the hall fire doors to prevent people parking in such a way as to block their efficient use in an emergency. Window blinds were ordered to replace the curtains and tracks and were fitted on 24 October with positive feedback from hall users.

A quotation for professional attention to the tennis courts is being obtained.

The village Diamond Jubilee event for next year will be on 2nd June, at the November meeting it was decided that this should take the form of a family tea party on the Green in the afternoon followed by a hog roast or barbecue early evening with music, a marquee is to be hired. It was also decided that the committee would look into providing a permanent Jubilee Playground for smaller

children on the village green. The PC is considering a memorial stone similar to those that already exist. At the January meeting the Diamond Jubilee event will be the main topic for discussion by the committee.

Next year's fete will go ahead with a slightly changed management structure to spread the workload.

Have you noticed?

At the end of November Councillors Barnard and Lambie had a busy morning firstly renovating and re-painting both goalposts on the Green and then erecting a new Parish noticeboard in the bus shelter in Brickendon Lane; there are now 4 noticeboards in Brickendon Liberty which will be used to inform parishioners of local clubs and events as well as displaying public interest information.

Fanshaws Room Management Committee  
Chair: Tim Barnard – 551077

Vice-chair: Nicola Estherby - 511610

Treasurer: Bryan Parkes - 511221

Secretary: Kate Hillaby - 511399

PC Rep: Anne Downes - 446700

Hall Bookings: Brenda Lambie

Member: Jean Retallick

Member: Lindy Milton

Member: Heather Peters

Member: Kate Falloon

PC: Linda Ashley - 511313,

Leslie Kotting - 511410,

John Lambie – 511551

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### Donation For The Gardening Club

Stanley Baldwin from Wormley West End has said that he will donate £50 to the gardening club if his daughter Kelly Scott is successful in quoting and obtaining work for her first electrical job in the area. Her contact details are 01992 636355 or 07788549904

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### Marathon

Congratulations to Julia who recently completed her 8<sup>th</sup> Marathon!

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### Hall Hire

The Hall is available for hire to parishioners at £7 per hour (non-parishioners £8 per hour). Contact Brenda 01992 511551 for details.

### Diary Dates

December
10 Newsletter delivery
11 Christmas Lunch
12 Mobile Library
14 Gardening Club
15 Whist

January
5 Book Club
6 Jazz Club
9 Messy Play
11 Gardening Club
16 Friendly Club
19 Whist
26 Parish Council

February
2 Neighbourhood Plan
2 Book Club
3 Deadline for Newsletter content
3 Jazz Club
6 Messy play
11 Newsletter delivery
16 Whist
20 Friendly Club

### Useful Contacts:

Member of Parliament Mark Prisk 01920 462182

Herts County Councillor Rose Cheswright 01920 823742

East Herts District Councillor William Ashley 01992 511313

Parish Clerk John Ingham 01920 438280

Parish Councillors:

Chairman Leslie Kotting 511410

Vice Chair Anne Downes 446700

Tim Barnard 551077

John Lambie 511551

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Fanshaws Room Social Committee

Acting Chairman Tim Barnard 551077

Deputy Chair Nicola Estherby 511610

Treasurer Bryan Parkes: 511221

Secretary: Kate Hillaby 511399

Neighbourhood Plan:

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Vice Chair Les Barnes 471333

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