

# BRICKENDON LIBERTY NEWSLETTER

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## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

At their meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September Brickendon Liberty Parish Council were pleased to co-opt Mrs Lynn Whitnall as the fifth member of the council following the resignation of Anne Downes (due to her re-location elsewhere in Hertfordshire). The Minutes of that meeting, and the one in November, can be found with other Minutes of PC meetings on the Brickendon Liberty website. Meeting dates already agreed for 2016 are: 28 January, 31 March, 26 May (Annual Meeting), 28 July, 22 September, and 24 November.

These meetings are important and parish councillors would like as many parishioners as possible to attend.

## **FANSHAWS ROOM COMMITTEE**

Minutes of FRC meetings can also be found on the Brickendon Liberty website. Following on from another successful Fete the committee's vice-chair, Janet Burger, organised two children's Christmas parties and FRC also contributed towards a lunch for the Friendly



Club in December and a meal at the Farmer's Boy PH for senior residents of the Parish.

FRC have obtained permission from the PC to purchase and install a suitable bench on Brickendon Green, close to the crossroads, that can be easily accessed by folk who do not want to walk far across the grass to sit down. This will be done early in 2016.

At their meeting in December members discussed arrangements for the parish New Year Social to be held on Friday 15 January starting at 7.30pm. Leaflets will be distributed to every home in the parish giving information and asking everyone planning to come to phone 511551 in order that catering can be planned.

**Christmas parties:** Many thanks to Janet Burger for organising two very successful Christmas events for our parish children. 23 of the younger children went to Paradise Wildlife Park on 5<sup>th</sup> December and had a lovely time seeing the animals and enjoying tea, entertainment and a visit from Father Christmas; and the following day 10 of our older parish children had an Archery Experience at Celtic Archery Barn in Brickendon Lane. Many thanks to Father Christmas (aka Hugh Dunlop), and also to Lynn at PWP and Luca at Celtic Archery for their input at these events.

**Book Club News:** We have just celebrated our tenth birthday, and enjoyed a meal at Ginger, the Indian restaurant at the end of Brickendon Lane – and we have read 108 books. Some we hated – some we couldn't put down! We meet at 8pm on the first Thursday of each month and after a glass of wine and a chat we get down to the business of discussing the book. Already scheduled for this year are 'The Legacy of Kirsty Pringle' 'Go Set a Watchman' and 'Skios'. For more information ring 511617.

**Mobile Library:** As a result of cost-cutting the mobile library service is no more. However, a service is still available for elderly and housebound people, ring 0300 123 4049 and ask for Community Support Services for details.

**Friendly Club:** Meeting on the third Monday each month from 2 – 4pm in Fanshaws Room this group of local over 60s enjoy quizzes, chat, a raffle and tea and cakes among other things such as a Christmas lunch and summer outings. Lifts can be arranged, phone 511617 for more information.

**Gardening Club:** The AGM will be on 10<sup>th</sup> February in Fanshaws Room, Brickendon Green. New members will be very welcome. An interesting programme of talks, visits and social events will be scheduled for the year. Contact Sue Darlow on 01992 307693 for more information. *(and a reminder for all of you keen gardeners, Bayford Gardens Open Day for 2016 will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June).*

**Whist Drive:** This is the longest running club in our parish and is a sociable way to spend a pleasant evening with likeminded folk. Held every month in Fanshaws Room, more information is available by ringing 511226.

**Bus Service:** We are fortunate in having a local bus service; times of which can be found displayed near the stop in Brickendon. Most drivers are helpful and friendly and will drop passengers off at convenient points and can be hailed along the route. If any problems arise do contact Jenny Grey, who is responsible for transport issues at Herts County Council.

### WALK SAFELY

The parish council's project to create a safe off road path has now been realised between Brickendon Green and Bayford Station.

All over Brickendon Liberty there are existing registered footpaths that are in need of attention and upkeep. The Council can get a small grant annually from Hertfordshire CC for minor path works, but the first step is to know where and what has to be done.

This is an opportunity for parishioners to walk some of the 28 other public footpaths in the parish and tell us what needs fixing! Winter is the ideal time for inspections as bushes can be cut back when the birds are not nesting.

Email your name and address and I will post you a map with a location and description of each path. Some are just a few hundred yards long and others a mile or so.

[Johnclambie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Johnclambie@hotmail.co.uk) or ring 01992 511551

### BAYFORD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

A vacancy has arisen for a Midday Supervisory Assistant to start immediately. There is also a vacancy for a school cleaner to start as soon as possible. If you are interested in either position please contact Mrs Sims, the School Secretary, for further details – 01992 511259

## **PRE-SCHOOL**

All enquiries concerning this local organisation should be made by phoning 01992 511474 or email [bayfordpreschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bayfordpreschool@hotmail.co.uk)

## **NEWS FROM CELTIC TIMES!**

The changes in the National Curriculum to include the topic 'Changes from Stone Age to Iron Age in Britain', have created a need for school groups and community groups to gain a deeper understanding of how primitive technologies evolved to enable our ancestors to adapt and work with the natural environment. So we are planning to create more exhibition structures at Celtic Harmony Camp as mock up roundhouses from prehistory to bring the period to life. Our Conservation volunteers are going to be very busy wattling and daubing in 2016 as well as maintaining the fencing for the goats and sheep and woodland conservation jobs! We meet every Monday and Thursday and any help is much appreciated if you fancy a day out in the woods, no experience necessary, just enthusiasm and sturdy boots!

Down at The Archery Barn, Luca Parrella, Head Coach, and his team of archery instructors will be teaching Indoor Discovery, Beginners and Longbow Archery Courses at the weekends.

Up and coming dates are Discover Archery on Sundays 8, 16, 23 and 30 January, Beginner Archery on Saturdays 9, 16, 23, 30 January.

For more information on how to join the Conservation team or Become an Archer go to [www.celticharmony.org](http://www.celticharmony.org) or tel: 01438 718543

## **NEWS FROM PARADISE WILDLIFE PARK:**

We are pleased to report that Jessie, our new female Snow Leopard has arrived at Paradise from Welsh Mountain Zoo as part of the

European Breeding Programme. She has settled in very well and is getting used to her new companion, Panja. In time we hope for the patter of tiny paws. Come along and visit her at Paradise.

**Bingo Night:** Eyes Down, Look In! Our annual Bingo Night returns on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February here at Paradise. The evening will commence at 6pm in the Discovery Centre. Come along and take part for just £5 per person, which includes all games with some great prizes to be won! You are welcome to bring your own food and drink. All proceeds raised on the evening will be donated to Friends of Paradise Wildlife Park. To book tickets, please contact Carly on 01992 470490 xtn 236 or email [carly@pwpark.com](mailto:carly@pwpark.com)

**Mum's Go Free This Mother's Day!** Be prepared and plan your Mother's Day gift early! Come along and visit us at Paradise on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March where Mum's can gain FREE entry for the day with a full paying child. (Free entry for Mums only valid at the gate). For further information about all that's happening at Paradise, please visit [www.pwpark.com](http://www.pwpark.com)

**Following the election on 17<sup>th</sup> December Charlotte Snowdon now stands as District Councillor for this area: she sends the following message:** I am truly honoured to be your newly elected District Councillor and would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support. I am looking forward to meeting you all and will be actively supporting the village.

## **Useful Contacts**

**MP:** Mark Prisk 01920 462182

**Herts County Councillor:**

Jeanette Taylor 01920 464262

**East Herts District Councillor:**

Charlotte Snowdon: 07549 451921

**For more information on clubs and activities contact the following:**

**Book Club:**(1st Thurs) Beryl 01992 511 617

**Friendly Club:**(3rd Mon) Beryl 01992 511 617

**Gardening Club:** (2nd Wed)

Chair – Terry Hayne 01992 511219

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Secretary – Sue Darlow 01992 307693

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Treasurer – Martin Todd 01992 511497

[mmactodd@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mmactodd@tiscali.co.uk)

**Liberty Bees:**Catherine 01992 511448

**Petanque/Boules at The Farmer's Boy**

**PH:**John 01992 511551

**Table Tennis:**(Tue or Thurs evenings) Marion  
01992 511497

**Whist Drive:**(3rd Thurs) Jean 01992 511 226

**Celtic Harmony Archery Club:** 01438  
718543

**To hire the Parish Hall in Brickendon:**

Brenda 01992 511551

**To hire the Tennis Courts:**

Beryl 01992 511617

**Broxbourne Woods Area Conservation  
Society:**

Eileen Gay 01992 465304

John Lucas 01992 468634

**Neighbourhood Watch Team:**

John Rees, Brickendon Green 01992 511  
515

Linda Ashley, Monks Green 01992 511313

Tim Barnard, Clementsbury 01992 551 077

Linda Barnes, White Stubbs Lane 01992  
471333

Paul Massey, Fanshaws Lane 01992 511368

Martin Todd, Brickendon Lane 01992  
511497

Vacancy: Wormley West End

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

These are held in Fanshaws Room,  
Brickendon Green starting at 7.30pm. The  
Agenda for each meeting is placed in parish  
notice boards beforehand and there is  
always an Agenda item for attending  
parishioners to make comments. See dates  
for 2016 on front page of this Newsletter.

**Parish Councillors:**

Julia Camp 01992 462729

Leslie Kotting (Vice-chair) 01992 511410

John Lambie (Chair) 01992 511551

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Lynn Whitnall 01992 470490 xtn 232

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John Ingham 01920 438280

**Fanshaws Room Committee:**

Chair: Lindy Milton 01992 511303

Vice-Chair: Janet Burger 01992 511099

Secretary: Kate Hillaby 01992 511399

Treasurer: Robert Williams 01992 511605

**Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:**

Chair: Tony Roberts 01992 511035

Vice Chair: TBA

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**Police Community Liaison:**

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