

BRICKENDON LIBERTY NEWSLETTER

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Litter Pick

Brickendon Liberty Parish Council will be holding a Litter Pick on **Sunday 10th April**.

Helpers should meet at the Village Hall car park on Brickendon Green at 10am where they will be provided with all the necessary safety equipment and allocated an area to clear up. Please wear stout shoes. The more helpers we have the quicker, and easier, the job will be.

New Bench

A new bench has been purchased by FRC for Brickendon Green. It will be placed close to the village sign, facing the junction. This will enable folk to sit and watch the world go by without having to walk across the Green to find a seat.

Great News - Bayford Church of England Primary School & Nursery are officially 'Good' in every category

The Ofsted Inspection which took place on 10th and 11th February confirmed the opinion of the Governors that Bayford is a really good school. The Headteacher's highly successful leadership has been central to this improvement. The School was judged 'good' in all four categories with comments such as 'The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding'; 'The conduct and behaviour of pupils around the school is exemplary'; 'the early years is well led and managed'. All those involved must be congratulated on their hard work and brilliant result; we have a local school that we can be proud of.

(Margaret Kotting, Chair of Governors)

Bayford Musical Gardens Day

We are very happy to promote this biennial event held in our neighbouring village of Bayford. This year it will be on Sunday 19th June from 11.30am to 5pm. Twelve gardens will be open and there will be woodland walks to enjoy. This year 5 live bands will be in attendance with music ranging from brass, steel and jazz. A variety of refreshments will be available and cakes and plants will be on sale. Parking will be free.

Pre-School

All enquiries concerning the local independent pre-school in Bayford should be made by phoning 01992 511474 or email bayfordpreschool@hotmail.co.uk

RECOMMENDATION

We are always happy to include recommendations from local residents who have received good service from local companies. This month it is for a Tree Surgery company:

"We would like to praise the friendly, courteous and efficient work carried out by Andy's Trees. They do all types of tree surgery, are fully insured and estimates are free. Andy's Trees can be contacted on 01992 467157 or 07764962450

TENNIS COURTS IN BRICKENDON

Our thanks go to Beryl and John Mathews for organising court bookings for many years. They are now handing over the keys to Jo Perkiss at The Farmer's Boy to whom all future enquiries should be made. 01992 511731

FANSHAWS ROOM COMMITTEE

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 20 April at 7.30pm in Fanshaws Room. All residents are welcome, this is a chance to have your say on fund raising activities (incl. the Fete) and how any proceeds are spent.

NEWS FROM PARADISE WILDLIFE PARK

1st to 17th April - the Easter Eggstravaganza is here at Paradise where you can meet the Easter Bunny and watch our wonderful animals enjoy their very own Easter Eggs!

Friday 15th April - we will be hosting an evening for one of the most mythical creatures to walk the earth - the Wolves. At Paradise we are extremely lucky to have 2 sets of wolves. Entry is from 4pm to wander the park before thrilling talks from our guest speakers.

Please contact Carly on 01992 470 490 ext. 236 or email carly@pwpark.com to book your tickets.

23rd & 24th April - help us celebrate World Tapir Weekend. Tickle a Tapir at a special rate for this one very special weekend; it is an experience you will never forget. Lots of other activities also taking place!

28th & 29th May - is Otter Weekend. Visit us on the last weekend in May and meet the most Otterly adorable animals we have here at Paradise – normal entrance fees apply.

11th & 12th June - is Woodland & Nature Wildlife Conservation Weekend. Support British Nature & Wildlife in the heart of the Hertfordshire countryside, Paradise will be raising awareness (and funds) for this very worthy cause.

Sunday 19th June - treat your Dad this Father's Day with a visit to Paradise. Fathers can gain FREE entry if accompanied by one full paying child.

For further information on all of our events, please visit www.pwpark.com

NEW ARRIVAL

Welcome to our latest new resident - *George* - he was born on 26th February to Laura and Jamie Barry who live in Lower Hacketts, Brickendon Lane. He weighed in at 7lbs 3ozs and is doing well and getting lots of love from his little sister as well.

Petanque

The club plays at the Farmer's Boy every week on: Sunday morning from 09.30 to 12.00 and on Thursday morning from 10 to 12.00, also Tuesday evening from 17.30 to 19.00.

Anyone can join in, just turn up, £5 club membership only after you've played a few times and enjoy it!

Chapel of the Holy Cross and St. Alban, Brickendon



Services in Brickendon church are held as follows:

1st Sunday in each month – Communion 11am

3rd Sunday in each month – Family Service 11am

Everyone is most welcome and all services are followed with coffee and biscuits and a good chat!

Easter Sunday 27 March – Family Service and Said Holy Communion – 11.15am

April 3rd 11.00am Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)

April 17th 11.00am Family Service

May 1st 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

May 15th 11.00am Family Service

May 29th 11.00am Group Communion at
Ponsbourne

June 5th 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

June 19th 11.00am Family Service

Pop in and see our new pew cushions, which not only look good, but are certainly more comfortable!

A big thank you to all the stalwart helpers who clean the church and arrange such lovely flowers. We are always looking for volunteers to join the list of helpers, so please phone Virginia Haryott on 511575 if you could spare some time – usually only 3 or 4 times a year.

Hartford Hundred West Parish Magazine is published, and delivered, every month for an annual subscription of £5. If you would like to receive a copy please contact Virginia Haryott on 01992 511575

New Neighbours

In recent months we have said goodbye to several of our residents, although many plan to keep in touch and we have already had commitments to continue helping at the Fete and with other parish activities. Many new residents have already made themselves known and we warmly welcome you all. Brickendon Liberty is a lovely parish in which to live and we hope you all enjoy being a part of it for many years to come.

Parish Paths

This is a busy year for Brickendon Liberty's paths. It started with the official opening of the Brickendon rural path from the Green to Bayford Station on 18th March when Councillor Derrick Ashley, Environment portfolio holder for Hertfordshire County Council, unveiled a plaque commemorating the event. Planning and design has been going on for 5 years and construction was mainly completed in 2015 and the path finished and handed over to HCC Rights of Way for on-going maintenance.

This parish boasts 28 short footpaths, and the Parish Council want to know what state they are in. If you decide to walk any of them please contact John Lambie (johnclambie@hotmail.co.uk) for a map and maintenance report sheet.

Potholes and other Hertfordshire CC Highways responsibilities.

Please report every pothole deeper than 40mm (about the width of two fingers); either telephone 0300 123 4047 or log on to www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults The more reports from different sources the greater the chance they will be attended to. The Parish Council is working on this but it needs the interest and support of residents, whose cars may well be suffering as a result of the poor condition of our roads, to jump start the action!

A Message from the Farmer's Boy

On the first Wednesday of the month music nights continue with Becky Phillips on **6th April** when we will also have a delicious Italian themed menu to enjoy for just £12.95 for two courses whilst Becky entertains. Then join us everyThursday for our popular fizz and quiz night where new teams are always welcome. Just £1 per entrant with a bottle of fizz and cash prizes to be won!

On **Monday 2nd May** we will host our May Fare. The fun starts at 12 noon with a Punch & Judy show, live folk music from the Huxleys, plenty of traditional games and a delicious BBQ. This is all in aid of Teens Unite respite home in Broxbourne. As last year, this will be held in the lovely back garden of the Farmer's Boy.

In June we will have a delicious treat for the Dad's out there as we celebrate Father's Day - Farmer's Boy style!

Keep up to date with us on our Facebook page, website or (the best way) come in and say hello! We are delighted to have been nominated for the best independent restaurant in Hertfordshire. If you'd like to support your local pub then voting is now open on www.hfda.com We look forward to seeing you this springtime. Andy & Jo

Update on the Gardening Club

At the recent AGM a new Chairperson and a new Treasurer were elected (see back page for contact details). Sue Darlow agreed to continue as Secretary. For precise information on meetings and visits please contact them; however, current plans are as follows:

Wednesday 13th April – Myddleton House, Bulls Cross, Enfield. Afternoon visit - travel by car.

Thursday 12th May - Ickworth, Horringer, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. Full day by coach. Cost £30 per person unless National Trust members then £19 for coach, includes entrance and introductory talk. Depart Farmers Boy 9.30am (provisional)

Wednesday 8th June – Two National Garden Scheme gardens in Hertfordshire to be confirmed later. Afternoon visit with tea and cake, travel by car.

Wednesday 13th July – Green Island Gardens, Ardleigh, Essex. Full day by coach. Cost £30 to include coach, tea/coffee and homemade cake, guided talk. Light lunches available. Depart Farmer's Boy 9.30am (provisional)

Wednesday 14th September - Theobalds Farm House, details to follow.

As always, new members will be welcome.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held before the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 26th May and is an opportunity for residents of the Parish of Brickendon Liberty to raise items for discussion independent of the Parish Council. BLPC does have an item on the Agenda of every PC meeting for residents to raise matters but the Annual Parish Meeting is a legal requirement and it would be nice to have a good turnout.

OBITUARY: Those who knew him will be sad to learn of the recent and unexpected death of Alan Fenton, a familiar figure on our new footpath to the station. He was a keen walker and traveller, excellent photographer and railway enthusiast who had lived in Brickendon for over forty years.

News & Events from Ancient Britain! The volunteers and education team have been busy preparing Celtic Harmony Camp for school visits and building the new roundhouses! They will be celebrating the start of summer with the Beltane Summer Festival on Sunday 1st May when you can enjoy live music, hog roast, face painting, shows, bushcraft, pottery and green woodworking and make history by

adding your clay daub ball to the walls of the new roundhouses! This May Half Term 'Live Like a Celt' for the day with your own Celtic host at the Camp! The after school archery club starts again at The Archery Barn on Thursday 21st April for all those young people wanting to add another string to their bow! Join us as a volunteer or organise a day out in Ancient Britain at celticharmony.org or tel:01438 718543. (Celtic Harmony is an award winning education charity 1156199)



Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. Now involving more than 100,000 households in Hertfordshire, it is based on the simple idea that you and your neighbours can help to reduce crime and create a safer and better place to live, work and play.

Since our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator moved out of the parish we have been unable to report in the Newsletter any incidents that have occurred within Brickendon Liberty. This could be overcome if someone is prepared to take on the responsibility of being our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. We also need a local rep for Wormley West End. Currently the team comprises:

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

If the co-ordinator role, or the role of WWE rep, appeals to you, please contact a member of the Parish Council.

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

Broxbourne Woods Area Conservation Society:

Eileen Gay 01992 465304

John Lucas 01992 468634

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

Gardening Club :(2nd Wed)

Chair – Janet Burger 01992 511099

Secretary – Sue Darlow 01992 307693

sue.darlow@aol.co.uk

Treasurer – Linda Roberts

Liberty Bees: Catherine 01992 511448

Petanque/Boules at The Farmer's Boy:(Tues evenings, Thurs and Sun mornings) John 01992 511551

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

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

To hire the Parish Hall in Brickendon:

Brenda 01992 511551

To hire the Tennis Courts:

Jo (at the Farmer's Boy) 01992 511731

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:These are held in FanshawsRoom, 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.

Next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 31st March, followed by Thursday 26th May

Parish Councillors:

Julia Camp 01992 462729

Leslie Kotting (Vice-chair) 01992 511410

John Lambie (Chair) 01992 511551

Tony Roberts 01992 511035

Lynn Whitnall 01992 470490 xtn 232

Parish Clerk:

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

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Non - Emergency calls 101

Police Community Liaison:

PC Neal Dyton 101

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