

BRICKENDON LIBERTY NEWSLETTER

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Editor's New Year Message

It would be helpful to have some suggestions for the contents of this Newsletter in 2017, and it would be wonderful to have a few new volunteers in the Parish to help with social events and other activities so do please email (brendalambie@hotmail.com) or phone (511551) if you would like to be involved.

Residents' New Year Social

Evening:

**Friday 27th January 2017, 6.30pm
in Fanshaws Room (the Village
Hall). Music, Drink and Nibbles as
well as lots of convivial company.
We would especially like to
welcome all new residents in our
Parish. Please phone Kate on
511399 asap to confirm you are
coming in order to assist catering.**

**DATE OF FETE THIS YEAR –
SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER**

Thank You

The PC wishes to thank CU Phosco Lighting of Ware (and a local resident who wishes to remain nameless) for donating two new benches and two new litter bins to the Parish, if you haven't spotted them you soon will.



WANTED

Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for the Parish and an area representative in Wormley West End. Please telephone a member of the Parish Council if you are interested. (Councillors telephone numbers are all on the last page of this Newsletter).

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The Newsletter is distributed every quarter to all residents of the Parish by a stalwart group of people, to whom we owe a big thank you. In addition some folk who no longer live in the Parish like to receive a copy by email, however, our list is somewhat out of date. If you are aware of anybody who would like a copy please advise the editor, by email, and with the email address of that person. Unfortunately it is no longer economically possible to post copies.

FOUND – TOM CAT

A rather lovely grey and white tom cat has recently taken up residence with some kindly folk on Brickendon Green, he appeared to be a stray when he first arrived as he was very hungry and needed worming and de-fleeing!! They would really like to find his owners and return him so please contact the editor (511551) if he is yours. Obviously proof of ownership will be required.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the PC meeting on the 24 November, the Chair welcomed Mrs Laura Brooks-Payne the new BLPC Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Some of the items discussed at that meeting were: Sweetings Wood is deemed unsuitable as a site by the Camping and Caravanning Club.

Our Neighbourhood Plan is to be updated and a date for a provisional meeting on 23 Jan 2017 was set - ring Tony Roberts 01992 511035 for more information.

Repairs to the fencing around Brickendon Green have been completed and include two additional pedestrian access points

Improved Broadband provision is being investigated by District Councillor Charlotte Snowdon.

The Friendly Club were awarded £200 from the EHDC Community Grants fund for their Christmas luncheon. A resident with an interest in the local environment has volunteered to draw up a plan to upgrade the pond on Brickendon Green in conjunction with the Countryside Management Service.

The EHDC District Plan consultation includes the upgrade of Brickendon Village from a Group 3 village, to Group 2 which may mean more infill housing in the next 15 years.

Dates for PC meetings in 2017: 26 Jan; 23 March; 25 May; 27 July; 28 September and 23 November.

Parish Council meetings are important and parish councillors would like as many parishioners as possible to attend. Agendas are displayed on local notice boards and there is always an opportunity for residents to raise items they are concerned about.

FANSHAWS ROOM COMMITTEE – Next Meeting is on Wednesday 18 January, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Minutes of FRC meetings can be found on the Brickendon Liberty website

Seniors lunch at the Farmer's Boy: Residents enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Farmer's Boy PH on Thursday 8th December supported by FRC. This is the second year we have held this event and it was again a happy and joyous occasion enjoyed by all.

Gardening Club News: members of the club made a fabulous pre-Christmas visit to Anglesea Abbey including a meal and tour of the garden, which was in Christmas mood. A full programme is planned for 2017. More information from Secretary Sue (01992 307693)

2017 Whist Drives dates: Held in Fanshaws Room, Brickendon Green, starts at 7.30pm – all welcome - £2 includes raffle.

Jan 19th – Feb 16th – March 16th – April 20th – May 18th – June 15th – July 20th – August 17th – September 21st – October 19th – November 16th – December 21st

Christmas parties: Many thanks to Janet Burger for again organising two very successful Christmas events for our parish children. 27 children had a lovely time visiting Paradise Wildlife Park and all received an early present from Santa Claus who made his usual welcome visit. The following day it was the older youngsters who celebrated with a visit to the Archery Barn. These parties are funded by money raised at the Fete by FRC.



The Petanque Club: Our Christmas dinner was held at the Farmer's Boy on Friday 16 December attended by 35 members and guests. Play has been well attended this year due both to the milder weather and a discernible increase in player enthusiasm. New comers have abounded and this mixed club has players of all ages enjoying the games and social atmosphere.

Our league team did well this year and will be starting a new season in April. To join in and start playing the game just turn up, the club has boules available for you to use. Meetings are: Sunday mornings 9.30am to 12.00; Tuesdays 5.30 to 7.00pm and Thursdays 10.00am to 12.00, for current information and links go to www.brickendonboules.org.uk

Paradise Wildlife Park:

Zoological Society of Hertfordshire

We have exciting changes taking place at Paradise Wildlife Park. As from 1st January 2017, PWP will be changing to full charity status as the registered charity, Zoological Society of Hertfordshire, charity no. 1108609. The site will still trade as Paradise Wildlife Park but our registered charity will have changed. This will be a great step forward for Paradise and will widen the opportunities we can offer here as well as contributing even further to conservation in the UK and around the world.

Bingo Night

Eyes Down, Look In! Our annual Bingo Night returns on Saturday 20th February here at Paradise Wildlife Park. The evening will commence at 6pm in the Discovery Centre. Come along 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 the Zoological Society of Hertfordshire.

To book tickets, please contact Carly on 01992 470 490 ext. 236 / carly@pwpark.com

News and events from Celtic Harmony: Our Volunteers and members of the education team have been busy in 2016 bringing ancient Britain alive for 250 visiting school groups. The five 'new' Iron Age Roundhouses are now thatched, and will provide a richer learning experience and insight into the world of prehistory. We had great feedback on our 'Learning Outside the Classroom' Quality Badge Inspection recently,

"I was very impressed by many aspects of the centre, from the way that the children had to perform a ceremony to enter the centre and were met by the staff in Celtic costume, to how the programmes had been designed to bring history (Stone/Bronze/Iron Age) to life in an engaging hands on way. There is a clear culture of quality amongst the staff and I look forward to seeing the centre again when the new Roundhouses are finished and the Heritage Centre is built. This will enhance what is already an excellent provision." - Learning Outside the Classroom Assessor.

Do you know a local school or a community group like Brownies or Cubs, if so please help spread the word, or join us by volunteering with our Conservation & Heritage team on Mondays and Thursdays. For more information go to www.celticharmony.org or tel: 01438 718543. Celtic Harmony is an education charity 1156199

Chapel of the Holy Cross and St. Alban, Brickendon **Dates of Church services**

Sunday 1st January

10.15am GROUP COMMUNION – 10.15am

Sunday 8th January

Holy Communion (BCP) – 11.00am

Sunday 22nd January

Family Service – 11.00am

Sunday 5th February

Holy Communion (BCP) – 11.00am

Sunday 19th February

Family Service – 11.00am

Sunday 5th March

Holy Communion – (BCP) 11.00am

Sunday 19th March

Family Service – 11.00am

The Farmer's Boy

Public House and Restaurant

Brickendon Lane, Brickendon,

Herts SG13 8NU (Telephone 01992 511731)



**Woodman & Olive PH: 20 Wormley West End,
Broxbourne, EN10 7QN Telephone: 01992 463719**

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 511617

Broxbourne Woods Area Conservation Society:

John Lucas johnharrylucas@talktalk.net

Friendly Club : (3rd Mon) Beryl 01992 511617

Gardening Club : (2nd Wed)

Chair – Janet Burger 01992 511099

Secretary – Sue Darlow 01992 307693

sue.darlow@aol.co.uk

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

Table Tennis : (Tues evenings) Marion 01992 511497

Whist Drive : (3rd Thurs) Jean 01992 511226

To hire the Parish Hall in Brickendon:

Brenda 01992 511551

To hire the Tennis Courts in Brickendon:

Jo (at the Farmer's Boy) 01992 511731

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.

Next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 26th January 2017

MINUTES OF PC MEETINGS ARE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE

(www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk)

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: Welcome to our new Parish Clerk -

Laura Brooks-Payne (laury1@btinternet.com)

Mobile: 07803 906291

Fanshaws Room Committee:

Chair: Jo Perkiss 01992 511731

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

Police Emergency calls 999:

Non - Emergency calls 101

Police Community Liaison:

PC Neal Dyton 101

Crime stoppers 0800 555 111

Fly Tipping

If you witness fly tipping taking place call the Police on 999 and give them as much detail as possible. If you discover fly tipped waste after the event call 01279 655261 and ask for Environmental Services; or use EHDC online Fly Tipping Report Form.

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