

BRICKENDON LIBERTY NEWSLETTER

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Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held before the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 25th May and is an opportunity for residents of the Parish 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.

LITTER PICK

Brickendon Liberty Parish Council will be holding a Litter Pick on **Sunday 9th April**.

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

New Year Social Evening

About 25 residents met in the village hall in January to share an evening of live music, wine and nibbles. This was a good opportunity to catch up with local friends and neighbours but such a shame there were not more of us.

The committee that organise events such as this also organise the children's Christmas events, the Christmas lunch for older residents and, of course, the Fete. Out of the profits of the Fete we also support one or two local charities each year and we pay for the upkeep of the village hall and the tennis courts, both of which amenities are available to parishioners at subsidised rates. So please, if you

think all this is worthwhile, show your support for our community ... maybe by offering to help on a stall at the Fete - **YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!!!**

TABLE TENNIS IN BRICKENDON



Table tennis continues to be played in Fanshaws Room, the Village Hall on Brickendon Green but during the summer months will move from Tuesday to Thursday evenings.

Dates for the next quarter (and beyond) are as follows:

- Tuesdays 4th and 11th April
- Thursdays 27th April; 11th May; 1st 8th 22nd 29th June; 6th 13th July; 3rd 10th 24th 31st August.
- From 5th September meetings revert to Tuesdays.

For further information on Table Tennis please telephone Marion Todd 01992 511497

BRICKENDON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At the AGM in February Janet Burger was re-elected as Chairperson. Sue Darlow stepped down after a much appreciated term as Secretary, the new Secretary is awaiting confirmation; Linda Roberts was re-elected Treasurer and the Committee includes the following: Elizabeth Dowsett; Judy Pryke and Janet Rees.

Meetings in Fanshaws Room this year will continue to start at 7 for 7.30pm, and will generally be held on the second Wednesday of each month. The current programme is as follows, please contact Janet Burger (01992 511099) or one of the Committee if you need further information:

8th March – John Spielman ‘Wood Sculptures’

12th April – Lynn Gulliver (Dutch Nursery) ‘Encouraging bees and butterflies’

11th May – coach visit to Hughenden Manor at High Wycombe

21st June – visit to a NGS garden

12th July – coach visit to The Beth Chatto Gardens, Colchester

9th August – summer garden party at Hacketts

13th September – Elizabeth Eastwood ‘Glorious gardens’

11th October – visit to Beale Arboretum followed by cream tea at West Lodge Hotel

8th November – Anne Luder ‘Gardening in the third age’

13th December – Margaret Richardson ‘Christmas decorations’

10th Jan 2018 – post Christmas lunch

14th Feb 2018 – Annual Meeting

NB – Help will be appreciated for running the club stall at Brickendon Fete on 3rd September and donations for the stall will be greatly appreciated in the form of produce, plants, and general gardening items.



Brickendon Fete – Sunday 3rd September

The Fete is currently in the planning stage and, as always, we are looking for people to run stalls and games and to help with refreshments, parking etc. Even if you can only manage an hour or two on the day it will help to make the event successful. Able bodies are also needed to help set up the site and, after the Fete, to help carry things back to the Hall.

... and if you have any unwanted books, bric-a-brac, new items suitable for the Tombola etc please put them aside for now so that they can be donated. It is also a good time to start baking, and freezing, cakes ready for either the cake stall or for refreshments. Every little helps us to raise money to support village activities such as the children's party, keep the tennis courts and hall in good order and support one or two local charities.

THE FRIENDLY CLUB: Come rain, or shine a group of likeminded oldies (all over sixty) - from Brickendon, Bayford, Newgate Street, Little Berkhamstead and Hertford meet on the **third Monday every month from 2pm - 4pm** (except in April when we meet on 24th) in Fanshaws Room – Brickendon's Parish Hall on the Green. We put the world to rights, enjoy disputing the answers to a quiz, have a raffle (everyone wins), enjoy delicious home-made cakes and catch up on the local gossip. So if you would like some friendly company once a month, ring Beryl on 01992 511617 – we'll even do our best to arrange a lift for you if required.

THE BOOK CLUB:



Usually meets on the **first Thursday each month at 8pm**. You don't have to be an avid reader to join, but you do have to be prepared to read the agreed book, which we then discuss the following month - over a glass of wine - at a member's house. We are usually able to get a set of books from the public library. Recent reads have included 'A Man like Ove', 'The Miniaturist', and 'I Let You Go'. Each book can often give rise to an enjoyable, really interesting and wide ranging, discussion. Interested? Beryl can tell you more. Ring her on 01992 511617.



The Farmer's Boy PH

Having recently taken over The Farmers Boy, a massive thank you from myself and Kevin for making us feel so welcome.

If you haven't popped in to meet us yet please do; we're a friendly father and son team who, having been in the industry for a collective 50 years (the age dad likes to think he still is), were after some quiet village life. So far you've given us quite the reverse, you rock!

We have big plans to ensure the pub remains a friendly community hub offering well priced, good quality food and drink and most importantly a warm, friendly atmosphere. We like to have fun, and do everything to ensure our customers do too. We've already made a few tweaks including a new menu and complete overhaul of our prices which we know you'll like.

Look out for live music, daily food specials, beer festivals, barbecues, awesome Sunday roasts and much more.

We very much look forward to meeting you all.



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

BAYFORD SCHOOL PUPILS BECOME JUNIOR APPRENTICES!

Children in years 5 and 6 at Bayford Primary School recently took part, with pupils from other schools in the area, in a charity fund-raising event organised by the Community Voluntary Services for Broxbourne and East Herts. (CVSBEH) - Junior Dragons Apprentice. Over 5 weeks Class 3 split into four groups to set up their own businesses. One group made and sold cakes, sweets and milk shakes; another held a raffle and sold Christmas stockings; another sold confectionary in direct competition with the first; while the fourth group made and sold stress balls, decorated stones and held a raffle.

The children made a fantastic £400 for their designated charity - Mudlarks, who will use the money to help support local adults with learning disabilities and mental health issues. The event culminated in an Apprentice style boardroom meeting with local business people at CVSBEH offices in

Stanstead Abbots. The team 'Super Six Stockings' (raffle and stockings) were awarded overall winners of the event (as well as winner for most innovative business idea). Team 'Wiggle' also earned a prize for 'Best Partnership'. Well done to all the children of Class 3 for doing so well.

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.

Annual Parish Meeting and next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 25th May 2017

MINUTES OF PC MEETINGS ARE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE (www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk)

Parish People (please send information for this Newsletter item to the editor

- Congratulations to Linda & William Ashley on the birth of their first grandchild
- We are sad to report the death in January of John Bacon, a resident of Brickendon Green for many years. Our condolences to his family.
- Farewell to Jo & Andy from the Farmer's Boy and good luck to them for the future.

New feature: Brickendon Recipe for: SWEET POTATO AND SPINACH BAKE - serves 4

300ml single or double cream; 1 garlic clove peeled; 2 sprigs thyme or rosemary; 250g bag frozen spinach; freshly grated nutmeg; butter for greasing; 850g sweet potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced; 25g grated cheddar or parmesan cheese.

1. Heat oven to 200C/180fan/gas 6. Put the cream, garlic and herb sprigs into a small saucepan and slowly heat to just below boiling. Turn off the heat, season and leave to infuse.
2. Put spinach into a colander; pour over a kettle of boiling water and leave to drain for a few mins. Then squeeze out as much water as possible. Season with salt, pepper and freshly grated nutmeg.
3. Generously grease an ovenproof dish with butter and spread half the sweet potato slices across the bottom. Top with a layer of spinach, then the remaining sweet potato.

Sieve to remove the garlic and herbs and then pour the cream mixture over the potatoes, sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 1hr - 1hr 30mins until golden.

(please email your favourite recipe to the editor for inclusion in future Newsletters)

Zoological Society of Hertfordshire Launch

As from 1st January 2017, Paradise Wildlife Park changed to full charity status as the Zoological Society of Hertfordshire, charity no. 1108609.

This will be a great step forward for PWP widening the opportunities offered locally as well as contributing to conservation in the UK and around the globe.

The official launch of the Zoological Society of Hertfordshire (ZSH) will take place on 1st April 2017, when ZSH will have special celebrity guests for the launch, as well as the opening of the endangered African Penguin Exhibit called 'Penguin Falls'.

Easter

Hop over to Paradise Wildlife Park and get up-close to over 500 exotic wild animals including, Tigers, White Lions, Penguins, Meerkats, Otters, Red Pandas and Monkeys. Enjoy the #fabzoolus daily programme of animal shows, keeper talks and special Easter themed animal feeds. Plus, check out the brand-new Penguin Falls & Outback Trail Exhibits.

The fun doesn't stop there, Meet the Easter Bunny and during your visit take part in a free Easter hunt around the Animal Park and be in with a chance of winning an exclusive family animal experience day!

Other #fabzoolus activities: Face painting, Easter crafts, Fun and games with PWP show team on the Safari Stage, Tiny chicks & Farmyard fun!

Animal Weekends through April, May & June

29th & 30th April and 1st May - Paradise are celebrating Tapirs when visitors will be able to feed the Tapirs for a small extra fee.

On 27/28 May, spring bank holiday, celebrate Otter Weekend when there will be extra talks and feeds as well as competitions with great prizes.

Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th June Woodland & Nature Wildlife Conservation Weekend will be celebrated at Paradise Wildlife Park!

Fathers can enter Paradise Wildlife Park free on Father's Day (18 June) with one full paying child.

Forthcoming events at Brickendon Grange Golf Club:

St Georges Day Dinner - *Saturday 22nd April*

Wedding Fair - *Sunday 14th May*

Neil Diamond Tribute Night - *Saturday 27th May*

(Contact **Lulu Turner 01992 511258** for more details)

Fly Tipping: Call Police on 999 if witnessed; call 01279 655261 and ask for Environmental services if discovered after the event, or use EHDC online Fly Tipping Report Form

Chapel of the Holy Cross and St. Alban, Brickendon



Services in Brickendon church are held as follows:

Sunday 2nd April: 11.00am Family Communion

EASTER SUNDAY 16th April:

11.15am Family Service and Holy Communion

Sunday 30th April: Group Communion at
Ponsbourne Church

Sunday 7th May: 11.00am Family Communion

Sunday 21st May: 11.00am Family Service

Sunday 4th June: 11.00am Family Communion

Sunday 18th June: 11.00am Family Communion

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

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

Table Tennis: 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:

The Farmer's Boy PH 01992 511731

***(many thanks to the new management for
continuing this arrangement)***

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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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