

BRICKENDON LIBERTY NEWSLETTER

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BRICKENDO N FETE

Sunday 3rd September

11.30am - 3.30pm

A great event for the
whole family

Punch & Judy -

Refreshments - Music -

Games - Raffle

Quality Craft Stalls -

Dog Show - Pony Rides

etc

Parking £2 with a chance to
win a cash prize!

Contributions/Help with Fete - please

contact:

- BBQ (*helpers needed*) Tony 511035
- Books: Tony 511035
- Bric-a-Brac (*no large items*): Jean 511226
- Cake/Preserves Stall: Janet 511099
- Car Park (*helpers needed*): Leslie 511285

- Gardening items: Janet 511099
- Prizes for Hoopla (*toys, sweets, toiletries etc*): Fiona 511330
- Raffle Prizes: Brenda 511551

- Refreshments: Sue 511150
(*help needed in Hall*)
- Setting up/Clearing up: Kate 511399

- Tombola (*new items bottles etc*):

Lawrence 511074



Fete: continued

We are planning to include a selection of Craft Stalls, a Fun Dog Show and a Cake Competition so keep a watchful eye on parish notice boards for more information.

As in previous years, in addition to funding activities such as the children's parties, over 60s lunch, maintenance of hall and tennis courts etc we hope to support one or two local charities, so far we have received one suggestion but if you have others please telephone a member of FRC and let them know which you think would be a worthy local charity ... please note the word LOCAL.

Parsh People: (please send information for this Newsletter item to the editor)

- Many congratulations to some relatively new residents in Brickendon Lane, Lucy and Paddy, who, on 19th April, produced a baby son named Guy, a brother for Rex.

- And another new parishioner arrived in May to Beccy and Jon who live on Brickendon Green, a second daughter, Emily. Best wishes to all.

- Following on from the death of her husband, John, in January we were sad to also hear of the death of 'Paddy' (Bridget) Bacon on 25th February (aged 91). Both were residents of Brickendon Green for many years. Again, we send our condolences to the family.

- Although not actually a parish resident, the news that Mac, who ran the shop and Post

Office at the end of Brickendon Lane, died on the 4th April will, I'm sure, have been a shock to us all. He was a real character and his presence will be missed by all who use the shop and got to know him over the many years that he was there.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:

The Parish Council are still looking for somebody to co-ordinate the Neighbourhood Watch. This is not a time consuming role nor is it arduous; anybody interested please ring John Lambie on 511551.

Brickendon Recipe for: Sponge sandwich (always welcome at the Fete!!!)

180g butter - 180g caster sugar - 180g self raising flour - 2 large (or 3 small) eggs - jam for filling
Pre-heat oven to 180C, 350F or Gas 4

Beat butter and sugar together until light and fluffy; beat eggs in one at a time; add flour and fold through until thoroughly combined. Spoon mixture equally into two 20cm greased/lined sponge tins; bake for 20-25 mins until golden brown and sponge springs back when gently pressed with your finger. Allow to cool in tins for about 10 mins then remove and cool on a wire rack. Sandwich together with jam of choice or use whipped cream and fresh strawberries to make it really special.

Nb. A friend of mine just puts all the sponge ingredients into a bowl together and whips them up - seems to work just as well!!!

(Next quarter – has anybody got an easy/foolproof recipe for Christmas cookery?)

LITTER PICK



This is just some of the rubbish collected by parishioners from the lanes around Brickendon Liberty parish when we held our Litter Pick in April. Twelve stalwarts turned up to collect high viz jackets, pickers, gloves and plastic bags before setting off on a beautiful spring morning to tackle

the lanes and hedgerows. This annual event is organised by the Parish Council. Usually the number of helpers is higher but this year's event did clash with school holidays however, given the amount collected it is likely that another Litter Pick will be needed in the Autumn this year – posters will be put on notice boards to alert parishioners and the more that are able to participate the better.

Path to Bayford Station: A small amount of litter gets dropped on this path, maybe folk who use it regularly could carry a small plastic bag with them to collect anything they see and deposit it in one of the bins on the Green or, if going in the other direction, in the platform bin.

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

GARDENING CLUB: reminder!!

Wednesday 12th July

Beth Chatto, Elmstead Market, Essex. Full day by coach. Cost £28 members and £30 visitors this includes coach, entrance fee and introductory talk. Light lunches available. (call Janet 511099 for info)

Depart Farmers Boy 9.20am

FANSHAWS ROOM, THE VILLAGE HALL

Thanks to the generosity of a local resident the ceiling in the ladies cloakroom has now been replaced and the roof leak causing the problem has been repaired.

We have also had electrical work done to replace three outside sensor lights, remove the two old storage heaters and replace with just one, more economical, heater to provide off-peak heating, and installed some wall lights. This has resulted in changes to the light switches so please read the notice at the back of the Hall by the switches. The 'poltergeist' in the cupboard has been investigated – apparently nothing strange at all and sound proofing will be installed to reduce its impact!!!

BEES !!!

Unfortunately they have returned to an old nest by the entrance to the Hall and we are advised that nothing can be done now until the colony leave in late Autumn, when we will again try to block it up. The species we have are not very common and only get angry if they feel threatened so if you are using the Hall please ignore them. Bees are important pollinators and, as such, our environment needs them, which is why no attempt will be made to destroy the nest.

Parish Notice boards:

Events and information is regularly posted on parish notice boards, including Agendas for PC Meetings. Notice boards are in the following locations:

- Fanshaws Room

- Fanshaws Lane
- Brickendon Lane bus shelter
- Wormley West End
- Highfield Farm, Mangrove Lane

Parish Council and Annual Parishioner Meeting – held on Thursday 25 May

The Minutes of both of these meetings (one immediately followed the other) can be viewed on the parish website www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk

Several parishioners present expressed concern about incursions into the Green Belt countryside surrounding the parish, of particular concern were:

- Proposals to set up a camping site in Sweetings Wood, Fanshaws Lane, just beside the sewage works;
- the leasing of land in Wormley West End to an Archery Club;
- and the huge effect on Broxbourne Woods wildlife and environment, and surrounding lanes, that the arrival two years ago in Brambles Wood (now called Hatfield Wood by the company!) of Bushcraft (a youth activity centre) is having.

In the PC meeting John Lambie stood down after two years as Chair and Lynn Whitnall was elected to the post. Leslie Kotting remains as vice-chair. Councillor responsibilities were agreed as follows:

Planning: Leslie Kotting

Environment: John Lambie

Neighbourhood Plan

& Finance: Tony Roberts

Highways: Julia Camp

By the time you receive this Newsletter we will know the result of the General Election on 8th June. Whichever political party is successful in being asked to form the next government do remember that your Parish Councillors are all independent and do not represent any national political party ... you could say they do it for love of the parish in which we all live, certainly their roles are entirely voluntary.

News from Paradise Wildlife Park (the Zoological Society of Hertfordshire)

Fitness Class at Paradise

PWP are now running fitness classes at Paradise every Tuesday evening in the Discovery Centre from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. The classes are £4pp and are run by fitness instructor Phil Pledger. There is no need to pre-book, just

turn up and join in. These classes cater for all ages and abilities so don't be shy – the more the merrier!

Pamper Evening

PWP annual Pamper Evening returns on Tuesday 11th July from 5pm – 10pm in their Marquee. Plenty of treatments will be on offer and stalls to browse. For a full list of treatments visit: <https://www.pwpark.com/whats-on/events/pamper-evening> Tickets and treatments **must** be booked in advance by contacting Carly on 01992 470490 ext 236 or email carly@pwpark.com

Jaguar Born at Paradise

Born on 2nd April 2017 as Paradise Wildlife Park celebrated the launch of its new charity, the Zoological Society of Hertfordshire, this is the first Jaguar cub born at Paradise Wildlife Park and is currently the only Jaguar cub in the UK.

The cub's parents, Kumal and Kedera, were first introduced 18 months ago and hit it off from the start. PWP are delighted to say that currently both Kedera and her cub – a girl – are doing well. Kedera and the cub (who is yet to be named) are now out on view for visitors to see.

Malaysian Carnival

Unfortunately we do not have a date for this annual event which takes place in the parish each year at the Tun Abdul Razaq Research Centre in Brickendonbury but do look out for their posters as it is always worth a visit – usually takes place in September/October.

The Farmer's Boy



Mitch and Kevin, our new landlords, are pleased to welcome parishioners to their local hostelry which is now fully open. They are planning various events throughout the year so do watch the chalkboards surrounding the pub, or better still call in for a drink, bite to eat and all round friendly reception. Call 01992 511017 or visit their brand new website www.farmersboy.pub

Grazing Wanted for Sheep :This is a request from a local resident who is able to provide fencing if necessary, if you can help, or know somebody who can, please contact Renate Weller on 511384 or email rweller@rvc.ac.uk

Chapel of the Holy Cross and St. Alban, Brickendon



Services in Brickendon church for July, August and September are as follows:

- Sunday 2 July - 11am Family Communion
- Sunday 16 July - 11am Family Service
- Sunday 30 July - 10.15am Group Communion
(check church notice board for which church)
- Sunday 20 August - 10.15am Group Communion
- Sunday 3 September - 11am Family Communion
- Sunday 17 September - 11am Family Service
- Sunday 1st October - 11am Family Communion

Food Bank: In the chapel porch there is a large box for parishioners to contribute towards the food bank in Hertford and it would be appreciated if you would support this cause. The chapel is open most days.

Useful Contacts:

MP: Mark Prisk 01920 462182

Herts County Councillor:

Jonathan Kaye 07580 743521

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 511017

(Many thanks to the new management for continuing this arrangement)

Parish Councillors:

Julia Camp 01992 462729

Leslie Kotting (Vice-chair) 01992 511285

John Lambie 01992 511551

Tony Roberts 01992 511035

Lynn Whitnall (Chair) 01992 470490 xtn 232

Parish Clerk:

Laura Brooks-Payne (laury1@btinternet.com)

Mobile: 07803 906291

Fanshaws Room Committee:

Chair: Linda Ashley 01992 511313

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

Crime stoppers 0800 555 111

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BRICKENDON NEWSLETTER

Please remember to use this email address if you wish to submit items for the Newsletter:

brendalambie@hotmail.com

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