

# BRICKENDON LIBERTY NEWSLETTER

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**Error:** The editor apologises for an incomplete telephone number appearing in the previous Newsletter. The number to call when reporting **Potholes** should have read **0300 123 4047**

**Gardening Club:** A reminder that the Gardening Club July speaker is Elizabeth Eastwood, whose talk is 'Welcome to Hertfordshire'; the meeting is in Fanshaws Room (the village hall) at 7 for 7.30pm. In August the club's garden party (for members only) will be held and in September a visit to two National Garden Scheme gardens in St Albans is planned.

**Fashaws Room Committee:** This group, which was originally set up almost seventy years ago, is struggling to keep going as a result of falling membership. At the recent AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> April only one parishioner attended in addition to six committee members and two councillors. Minutes of the AGM and the meeting which followed are published on the Brickendon Liberty website and from those it can be seen the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer were all re-elected. Our Secretary resigned from the post (after serving as Secretary for a great many years) and although she will continue to be on the Committee we currently do not have a Secretary. Unless we can encourage more people living in this area to take an interest in what we do it does look as though FRC will have to cease operation. That would be a great shame because it is through their efforts that we are able to raise enough money to maintain local amenities (tennis courts, village hall etc) and hold Christmas parties for our children, older offspring and senior

residents. We would also be unable to continue to support local charities each year – most recently Herts & Essex Air Ambulance, MIND in Mid-Herts, Groundwork Trust, Bayford Pre-School, Isabel Hospice, to name but some of the organisations that we have been able to send donations to after our annual Fete.

We need fresh ideas, and would be open to holding more events if we had more members who would bring new ideas to the committee so please consider joining this worthwhile group so that we can continue to make the community of Brickendon Liberty Parish (which includes Wormley West End and Mangrove Lane) a cohesive and forward looking place for everyone to live. Either contact Linda (our Chair) on [linda@monksgreenfarm.com](mailto:linda@monksgreenfarm.com) or Brenda on [brendalambie@hotmail.com](mailto:brendalambie@hotmail.com) if you would like further information on what joining FRC involves – and it really isn't a great deal!



## Mangrove Lane Residents Group

You are probably aware that over the last two years, Herts County Council (HCC) and East Herts District Council (EHDC) have allowed a company called Bushcraft to run camps in the area for children aged 7-18 yrs. Although most of us think that these camps are a great idea and can be beneficial to children, there is much that has not been taken into account when it comes to considering the surrounding area, its residents, wild life and the environment.

A group of concerned residents have set-up the 'Mangrove Lane Residents Group', which has been having regular meetings to discuss issues, as well as correspond with HCC, Bushcraft, and agencies such as Natural England to deal with some of the following concerns:

\* Environmental: The woods' ecosystem is facing an invasion of large numbers of vehicles and people going into it. Trees and plants are being cleared to make way for tents and the disposal of waste water is being questioned amongst other things.

\* Road and bridle path usage: Coaches and other vehicles are transporting the children to and from the Bushcraft Camp along Brickendon roads, particularly Mangrove Lane and Monks Green Lane, to access the camp. These roads are, in places, breaking away at the edges with the sheer weight that the coaches are putting on them. There have been instances, where the lanes have been completely snarled up, where there is just not enough road for large vehicles to manoeuvre or pass vehicles coming the other way on what are essentially single lane roads. Such times, have caused road side arguments and stand-offs. Bridle paths have been abused by some coach drivers when carrying out their manoeuvres. There have been cases where, when they have been approached about what they are doing by those using the paths in the manner for which they were set-up i.e. horse riders and walkers, they have been aggressive and threatening in their response.

It is very likely that the number of vehicles coming into the area will increase as EHDC recently granted a licence for Bushcraft, albeit that since issuing this we are now hearing that this licence is not valid. However, Bushcraft will push the issue and if they get what they want then they will be allowed 180 tents, holding up to 1800 children. It is important to take into account that for the previous two years they were only granted 56 tents, thus, if the increase is allowed, the number of children/coaches coming into Brickendon would increase by over three times.

There was another meeting of residents on the 14<sup>th</sup> June and if you email the 'Mangrove Lane Residents Group' ([Mangrovelane@outlook.com](mailto:Mangrovelane@outlook.com)) you will be added to the email listing for information on future meetings etc. **The more support we get the more likelihood of a satisfactory solution to this issue.**

## Paradise Wildlife Park:

### ***Pamper Evening – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 5 -10pm***

Back by popular demand, Pamper Evening returns to Paradise Wildlife Park with lots of treatments available and stalls to shop, book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are £4.50pp and include a complimentary drink on arrival. Tickets and treatments should be booked in advance with Carly on 01992 470490 ext. 236 email [carly@pwpark.com](mailto:carly@pwpark.com)

### ***Big Cat Night – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018***

Arrive from 5pm to wander the animal park, enjoy keeper talks and see a Big Cat health check at 6:30pm. The main event begins in the Marquee at 7pm with guest speakers, Ian Jones, Section Leader of Large Carnivores at PWP and Giles Clark, Director of Cats and Conservation at The Big Cat Sanctuary (you may have seen his recent TV series 'Big Cats About The House') Tickets are £20pp (8 years and over only) and can be booked by visiting; [www.pwpark.com/whats-on/events/big-cat-night](http://www.pwpark.com/whats-on/events/big-cat-night)

### ***Summer Ball – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018***

Paradise will be hosting their annual Summer Ball in aid of Wildlife and Conservation in Asia and the Russian Far East. Join us for an Indian inspired cultural evening. Tickets include cocktails and canapés on arrival, a sit down dinner and entertainment. For further information visit: <https://www.pwpark.com/whats-on/events/indian-summer-ball>

### ***Summer BBQ & Party – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018***

Our Summer BBQ & Party returns for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running in The Marquee. Tickets include entry to PWP from 4pm to explore all that it has to offer children's entertainment from 6pm, BBQ and disco until 10:30pm. Tickets are £25 per adult and £15 per child (under 2's are free) and must be booked in advance at [www.pwpark.com](http://www.pwpark.com)

***(PWP supports the Zoological Society of Hertfordshire registered charity number 1108609)***



## Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting of BLPC was held on 24 May 2018 and was attended by approximately 10 members of the public. The Chair, Cllr Whitnall, briefly summarised the previous year and thanked the PC and FRC for all their hard work. Cllr Lambie reported that a new sign has been purchased in order to publicise meetings and this will be erected opposite the village hall several days before a meeting of the PC is due to be held. He also said that, as yet, nobody has come forward to co-ordinate the Neighbourhood Watch initiative although there is a new representative in Fanshaws Lane.

Following on from the Annual Parish Meeting the PC held their council meeting. Cllr Whitnall was re-elected Chair but with a view to the post being taken over by Cllr Roberts at some point in the coming year. Cllr Kotting will serve as Vice-Chair and all other members of the PC remain the same. Councillor responsibilities for the coming year will be as follows: Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Roberts; Planning – Cllr Kotting; Finance – Cllr Roberts and the Parish Clerk; Environment – Cllr Lambie; Transport & Highways – Cllr Camp. Mrs Pearce will continue as internal auditor for 2018/19.

Update on various items: The PC are waiting for BGGC to make a final decision regarding the un-adopted road beside Brickendon Green; Cllr Roberts is investigating opportunities for extra car parking spaces in Brickendon Lane; as no other suggestions have been received it is intended that the PC will install a second defibrillator in the old telephone box and it may also serve as a suitable site for a 'book exchange' scheme, the PC would like to appoint somebody to keep the telephone box in good condition. The removal of the post box from Brickendon Lane was discussed and it is now known that it is planned to replace this but with no timescale yet being given by the Post Office.

On the Agenda for the next meeting is the possible purchase of a bench and Information Board to be sited in Brambles Wood to commemorate a local family who were bombed there during WWII

## **Fete 2018**

***The success of our annual fete depends entirely on the generosity and involvement of local residents.***

***We need help with all of the following:***

- ***Setting up***
- ***'knocking down' (contact Mitch at the Farmer's Boy)***
  
- ***Serving refreshments (Kate 511399)***
- ***Books (Tony 511035)***
- ***Bric-a-Brac (Jean 511226) – nothing too large though!!***
  
- ***Cakes & Preserves (Janet 511099)***
- ***Tombola prizes (Lawrence 511074)***
- ***Raffle prizes (Brenda 511551)***
  
- ***Manning Stalls (Brenda 511551 or Mitch 511017)***
- ***Garden items (Linda 422874)***
- ***Parking (Leslie 511410)***
- ***NEW IDEAS (Linda 511313)***



### **Chapel of the Holy Cross and St. Alban, Brickendon:**

**Message from the Churchwarden:** Please note that, although the Rev Pauline Higham has retired, Church services are carrying on as normal with visiting clergy. For enquiries regarding Weddings, Christenings and Funerals contact Gerry Gay on 01992 465304

**Communion Services in Brickendon are usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month and Family Services are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month:** These dates are for services in July, August and September (**Brickendon services are in bold**):-

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Bayford</i>	<i>Group Communion at</i> 10.15am
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Essendon</i>	<i>Group Communion at</i> 10.15am
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Ponsbourne</i>	<i>Group Communion at</i> 10.15am
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>at Brickendon</b>	<b><i>Group Communion</i></b> <b>10.15am</b>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Berkhamsted</i>	<i>Group Communion at Little</i> 10.15am
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September <i>Berkhamsted</i>	<i>Parish Communion at Little</i> 11.00am
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Bayford and Brickendon</b> Harvest Lunch on Bayford cricket pitch at 12.30pm
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	<i>Group Communion at Little</i> <i>Berkhamsted</i> 10.15am

### **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:**

Secretary June Jenkins - 01992 443404 or email [junejenkins.uk@gmail.com](mailto:junejenkins.uk@gmail.com)

**Friendly Club:** (3rd Mon) Beryl 01992 511617

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

Chair – Linda Roberts 01992 422874

([l.roberts847@ntworld.com](mailto:l.roberts847@ntworld.com))

**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

### **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 (clerk@brickendon-liberty.org.uk)

Mobile: 07803 906291

### **Fanshaws Room Committee:**

Chair: Linda Ashley 01992 511313

Vice-Chair: Janet Burger 01992 511099

Secretary (acting): 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:**

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