



## Brickendon Liberty Newsletter



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### PARISH LITTER PICK 2020



Many thanks to everyone who got involved with the last parish litter pick on Sunday 22nd Nov. It was a fantastic team effort with around 45 people taking part, collecting a mountain of rubbish including tyres, car parts, cabinets, oil drums and a toilet as well as hundreds of cans, bottles and other general litter. It was great to see so many people participating and we can all feel very happy that the Parish was looking a lot cleaner and cared for once it was done! Thank you everyone.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL INFORMATION GIVEN IN THIS NEWSLETTER IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS. WHERE POSSIBLE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE GIVEN IN ORDER THAT CONTACT CAN BE MADE WITH RELEVANT PEOPLE IN ORDER TO GAIN UP TO DATE INFORMATION**

### Children's Christmas arrangements

We were unable to hold the usual Christmas events for Parish children this year because of the Covid19 situation but Janet Burger did a great job in organising gifts for all of the 47 children registered with her. Our older youngsters numbered 24, and they all received Amazon vouchers; the younger ones, of which there were 23, all had a goodie bag from PWP and a present, purchased from The Works online. These were delivered during December. Thank you Janet (aka Mother Christmas) for marking Christmas on behalf of Fanshaws Room Committee.

Please contact Janet (511099) if your children are not yet registered to be included in future Christmas events.

## Parish Clubs

### **Brickendon Petanque/Boules Club:**

Due to the pandemic, play has been suspended since November 2020. The club will not re-start until government regulations permit the Farmer's Boy to re-open. For information/enquiries contact Janet (511515).

Other clubs are in a similar situation of suspension, for further information use the contacts below:

**Book Club:** 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:** Beryl 01992 511617

**Gardening Club:** Chair: Linda Roberts 01992 422874 ([l.roberts847@ntlworld.com](mailto:l.roberts847@ntlworld.com))

### **Petanque/Boules at the Farmer's Boy:**

John Lambie 511551 Secretary: Janet Rees 511515

**Table Tennis:** Marion Todd 01992 511497

## CAN YOU HELP?

There has been a suggestion that we should somehow acknowledge, at a site in this Parish, the residents of the Parish who gave their lives in World War 1 and World War 2 (there is a memorial to some of them in Bayford church and we understand they may also be recognised elsewhere).

The names we have are:

Joseph Allum	Alexander Green
Edwin Mackintosh	Benjamin Meech
Charles Meech	George Swain
Colin Trotter	Thomas Saville

If anyone can provide more information on these men, or any others known to have given their lives in either war, please can you notify the editor.

## Parish People

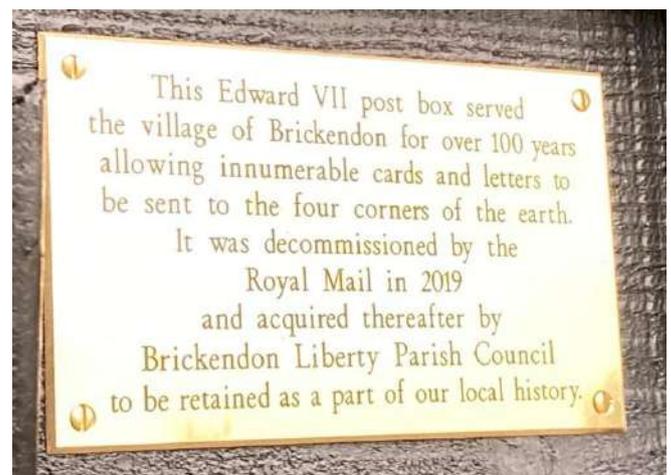
*We are sad to report the death of Martin Todd in December. Martin had worked and lived for many years in the Parish and was a founder member of both the Gardening and Pétanque clubs. He will be much missed and sincere condolences go to his family.*

**Big welcomes to two new residents;** Lily, born to Becc and Michael at Long Leys in October 2020 and Thomas born to David and Steph Bertram in January 2021

(brother for Emilia and George). I understand there are other new babies due in spring, do let me know when they arrive so that we can officially welcome them to the village.

## New site for old postbox

Our Edwardian postbox has now been re-sited on the wall of Fanshaws Room, the Parish Hall. It is no longer in use but we just couldn't part with it after it gave so many years of service to the community. It has been replaced with a more recent model near to the Brickendon Lane cross roads. Thanks go to Councillor Tony Roberts for carrying out this preservation work.



## Paradise Wildlife Park:

Following the government's announcement in December we are sad to confirm that PWP has had to temporarily close. For further information their website can be accessed at [info@pwpark.com](mailto:info@pwpark.com)

## **Brickendon Green playground**

While it is lovely to see so many families using the play area on Brickendon Green do please remember to observe government regulations and guidance on Covid19 safety when you are there, particularly with regard to social distancing and group size.

## **SPRING LITTER PICK**

### **SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

This is the planned date of our next Litter Pick and we hope to have the usual arrangements i.e. meet in Brickendon Green parking area at **10am** to collect equipment and be allocated an area to work on.

**HOWEVER** you will recall that in 2020 we had to make a last minute change of date due to the pandemic so please keep an eye on the website and on notice boards in case there has to be a last minute change of plan (or you could telephone one of the Parish Councillors for confirmation).

### **Planned Roadworks:**

The Parish Council will try to update the website regarding road works but residents can also obtain up to date information from [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Log on for the Parish Website is:  
[www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk](http://www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk)

### **Crime figures:**

Police crime figures for this area were not available at the Parish Council Zoom meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January, however, it was noted that there has been a substantial increase in the number of dogs being stolen in all areas. We have even had a potential incident in Brickendon recorded. It goes without saying how upsetting this can be, not knowing where a loved animal has gone or how it is being treated, so please do take extra care both when out walking and also when leaving dogs unattended either in gardens or elsewhere.

Remember you can **dial 999** in an emergency where there is danger to life or a crime is in progress.

**Telephone 101** for non-emergencies where police attendance is required, to report a crime or to report any other incidents.

Alternatively visit [www.herts.police.uk/contact](http://www.herts.police.uk/contact) to report a non-emergency crime online or to chat to a police operator live via the web chat service.

The Parish **What'sApp** site is working well; **BLPC Neighbour's Alert** was set up to keep residents informed and allows quick sharing of information.

## **SNOW COMES TO BRICKENDON LIBERTY**



### **and just in case .....**

A small quantity of bags of salt has been delivered to the Parish and is currently sited beside Fanshaws Room (the village hall) on Brickendon Green. This salt is for the use of residents to alleviate health and safety issues in the event of frozen road surfaces etc so please do help yourself after contacting Cllr Roberts to make him aware that you will be doing so. (511035).

### **Fanshaws Room Committee**

Last year (2020) we were able to support the Meet & Greet event in January which brought various Parish organisations together to meet our new Rector. After that everything had to be cancelled, including the mid-summer social, the Fete and Hall Bookings. At the time of writing there seems little point in organising any social activities for this year and we will not be holding a Fete in 2021 since it is unlikely that restrictions on public gatherings will be sufficiently eased. Fanshaws Room (the village hall) has been closed for most of the past year and the diary for bookings is looking very empty due to the uncertainty of the national situation. However, there is a great deal of neighbourhood support taking place and it is a privilege to live in such a lovely, caring area at a time like this. Keep it up and, like the phoenix, we will rise again.

## **Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban**

Rector: Rev'd Theresa Musiwacho Tel 01707 875940

Churchwarden: Mr G Gay Tel 01992 465304

Organist: Mrs Virginia Haryott 01992 511575

Information on church services will be posted on the church notice board. Alternatively you should call Virginia or Gerry for an update.

Virginia would welcome more help in keeping our Chapel looking clean and tidy, this would be no more than 3 times a year. Please call Virginia on 01992 511575 or email [virginia.haryott@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.haryott@gmail.com)

**To hire the Parish Hall in Brickendon:** Call 01992 511551 (£7 per hour residents; £10 per hour non-residents) *Currently closed due to government regulations*

## **To hire the Tennis Courts in Brickendon:**

The Farmer's Boy PH 01992 511017 (£5 per hr)  
Under 16 year olds living in the parish can play free of charge if they have a permit (contact a member of FRC to obtain a permit or phone 511551). *Please note the courts are not currently open due to lockdown.*

## **Parish Councillors:**

Julia CAMP - **Vice Chair** 01992 462729

Philip COSFORD 01992 511207

Hannah O`DONNELL 01992 503630

Tony ROBERTS - **Chair** 01992 511035

Alastair WHITAKER 07775 625181

## **Parish Clerk:**

Laura Brooks-Payne ([clerk@brickendon-liberty.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brickendon-liberty.org.uk))

Mobile: 07803 906291

*Please contact Laura for information on forthcoming Parish Council meetings.*

## **Fanshaws Room Committee:**

Chair: Linda Ashley 01992 511313

Vice-Chair: Janet Burger 01992 511099

Secretary Alison Blakey: 01992 511045

Treasurer: Robert Williams 01992 511605

**Local Member of Parliament:** Julie Marson

([julie.marson.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:julie.marson.mp@parliament.uk))

**Herts County Councillor:**

Jonathan Kaye 07580 743521

**East Herts District Councillor:** Charlie Rowley

[charlie.rowley@eastherts.gov.uk/01279](mailto:charlie.rowley@eastherts.gov.uk/01279) 655261

## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO BRICKENDON**

### **NEWSLETTER**

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

[brendalambie@hotmail.com](mailto:brendalambie@hotmail.com)

The closing date for sending items for the Spring Newsletter is the third week of March 2021 (for April, May and June 2021) *This may be subject to revision depending on the corona virus situation, please telephone or email the editor for up to date information.*

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We are also keen to grow a local Business Directory on the website, so if you would like to add your business details, or have anything else you would like to include on our parish website, please contact: [Hannah.odonnell@brickendon-liberty.org.uk](mailto:Hannah.odonnell@brickendon-liberty.org.uk).

**and finally, if a  
little late, may all  
our residents  
enjoy a happy,  
healthy and  
peaceful 2021**