



Brickendon Liberty Newsletter



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CORONATION SOCIAL EVENT SUNDAY 7TH MAY

Everyone who lives in the Parish is invited

(on-site parking will be available)

Marquee is hired, including a dance floor!!

Bar has been booked – first drinks free!!

Venue open from 3pm

Music (live singer & Band) starts at 5.30pm

Complimentary Barbecue will be ready to go 6pm – 7.30pm (including veggie options and salads)



Parish Council update:

At the meeting held on 23 March in the Village Hall the PC discussed, among other things:

Defibrillators – Another two are planned, one for Highfield Farm and another in WWE. All the defibrillators are suitable for use on adults and children, the original two having now been upgraded for this purpose. Keep an eye out for notice of more training sessions, although using them is fairly self-explanatory.* *see locations further on in Newsletter*

FRC – reported that they had donated £8,294 towards the new playground equipment on the Green.

Tennis Courts – have now had moss and leaves cleared and are ready for use.

Crime – there has been a report of theft from a local farm but otherwise all crime in the area is vehicle related with notice of two vehicle thefts; theft of catalytic converters is also something to be aware of.

Potholes – conversations have been had with Highways about the condition of local roads, however, the PC are led to believe that pot holes are definitely NOT top of their list just now, however, residents should continue to report these in order that the danger to motorists, cyclists and others, caused by damage to road surfaces and road edges, should be recognised.

Station Path – the contract for extending the path from the station at the village end has been awarded and the contractor is awaiting suitable conditions to carry out the work.

Electric vehicle charging points – currently this has stalled and our grant application was not upheld.

Village Green – Cutting the village green is to continue on a regular basis, however, an area near the pond will be left natural to attract wildlife and wild flowers. A councillor is liaising with an organisation to promote our environmental interests.

It was announced at the end of the meeting that Councillor Julia Camp will not be standing for re-election on 4th May. She was thanked for her long service.

Full Minutes of this, and other PC meetings, appear on the Parish website. Next meeting 25 May 2023.

District and Parish Council elections

Voter ID: At the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023 voters will be required to show photo ID at polling stations. This can be a passport, driving licence or another acceptable ID showing your photo. If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID you can apply for a free voter ID, known as a Voter Authority Certificate, at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate. Application forms can also be obtained from EHC on 01279 655261 (Electoral Services Team). The deadline to apply for elections on 4 May 2023 is Tuesday 25 April 2023.

The next meeting of Fanshaws Room Committee (FRC) will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 13 April, starting at 7pm when final arrangements will be made for the Coronation Event – all are welcome to attend (both the meeting and the event!!!)

Litter Pick

The weekend of 25/26 May was extremely wet but that didn't deter a number of local residents from turning out to remove the large quantity of litter which has been appearing in our lanes. Many thanks to all who participated.

Dog Poo increase in the Village

Residents have recently noticed an increase in dog poo being left on pavements and public grassed areas, especially around Fanshaws Lane. I'm sure everyone will agree that what is particularly annoying is when residents, and their children, step in the mess and take it into the house, only for a lengthy clean-up to begin.

Please will anyone allowing their dog to do its business in the village make sure that it's bagged and taken home or disposed of in one of the village dog poo bins provided (including the dedicated one in Fanshaws Lane). Those not so responsible dog owners are respectfully reminded that it is an offence to allow your dog to defecate in our village without picking it up.

Did you know that you can report a full or overflowing dog poo bin via East Herts Council website; getting in touch helps their team put things right as soon as possible. <http://ow.ly/pNBR50MS4tA>

Brickendon Brook : although not in the Parish of Brickendon Liberty, the condition of the brook at the end of Brickendon Lane has been of concern to residents for many years. Repairs have never fully solved the flooding problem, which earlier this year completely obstructed passage for some smaller vehicles and resulted in some drivers getting stuck in the water. However, a resident, after getting passed around by various agencies including Hertfordshire CC, took it upon himself to contact local councillors and our MP Julie Marson - who allocated it a case reference. The retaining wall has now been repaired (we are not sure by whom) and the bed of the brook has been dredged by A.T. Bone – to whom we owe our thanks – with the brook flowing freely in the recent heavy rains.



Image taken of Brickendon Brook after the renovation

Location of defibrillators in the Parish:

All defibrillators are accessible to the public 24/7

- Fanshaws Room (Brickendon Green) SG13 8PB (location ref "wedge.rounds.rare")
- Old telephone box (Brickendon Lane) SG13 8N (location ref "trails.loaf.beard")
- Clementsbury (Brickendon Lane) SG13 8FG (location ref "agenda.signal.punt")
- Monks Green Farm SG13 8QL (location ref "pretty.pounds.garage")
- Blackfields Farm (Mangrove Lane) SG13 8QH (location ref "player.look.homes")

Upcoming events at the Farmers Boy PH

The Farmers Boy now opens at 11am and serves food every day until 9pm

Board Game afternoons and evenings are being held from the end of March – check the website for dates and details. Fun filled and an opportunity to meet people and play some of your favourite board games.

On 26 April there will be a Psychic night, hosted by Tunedinevents 7pm – midnight, booking advised

On 27 April an Open Mic night will be held, and from then on Open Mic nights will be held on the last Thursday of each month, starting at 8pm

Chapel of the Holy Cross & St Alban

Rector: Revd. Theresa Musiwacho – 01707 875940

Churchwarden: Colin Taylor – 01992 511041

Sidesman: Richard Haryott – 07798 521912

Services are usually held in Brickendon on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Sunday 7 May Group Communion (at Essendon) at 10.15am to celebrate the Coronation

Sunday 21 May Family Service at 11am

Sunday 4 June Parish Communion at 11am

Sunday 18 June Family Service at 11am

Sunday 2 July Parish Communion at 11am

Sunday 16 July Family Service at 11am

Sunday 30 July Group Communion at 10.15am

(check notice board for which church)

Parish Councillors:

Julia CAMP - **Vice Chair** 01992 462729 (resigned)

Philip COSFORD - 01992 511207

Hannah O`DONNELL - 01992 535702

Tony ROBERTS - **Chair** 01992 511035

Alastair WHITAKER - 07775 625181

Parish Clerk: Laura Brooks-Payne (clerk@brickendon-liberty.org.uk) Mobile: 07803 906291

Meetings for 2023: 25 May, 27 July, 28 September, 23 November

To hire the Parish Hall in Brickendon:

Call 01992 511551 - **£10 per hour for residents and £15 per hour for non residents.**

Fanshaws Room Committee:

Chair: Linda Ashley 01992 511313

Vice-Chair: vacancy

Secretary: Alison Blakey 01992 511045

Treasurer: Robert Williams 01992 511605

(new members always welcome)

Local Member of Parliament: Julie Marson

(Julie.marson.mp@parliament.uk)

Herts County Councillor: Jonathan Kaye 07580

743521 (jonathan.kaye@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

East Herts District Councillor: (election for this post will be held on 4 May)

Some other useful contacts in the parish:

Brickendon Book Club – Andrea 01992 511588

Brickendon Grange Golf Club – phone 01992 511258 or email info@bggc.org.uk

Brickendon Petanque Boules Club – 01992 511515
www.brickendonboules.org.uk

Paradise Wildlife Park – phone 01992 470490 or email info@pwpark.com

Pilates in Brickendon – Harriet on 07944 500504

The Farmers Boy PH – phone 01992 661309 or see website for bookings

The Woodman & Olive PH – phone 01992 463719 or email bookings@thewoodmanandolive.com

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