



Brickendon Liberty Newsletter



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Brickendon Fete & Dog Show **Sunday 3rd September 2023** **11.30am – 3.30pm**

Arguably one of the best traditional fetes in Hertfordshire and with a dedicated committee of folk taking charge again this year it looks to be one of the best ever.

Attractions include: Punch & Judy – Live Music – Village Games – Raffle – Quality Craft Stalls – Birds of Prey display – Paradise Wildlife Park - BBQ - Pizza - and our ever popular tea room

To ensure success, volunteers are needed to help set up the stalls, gazebos and games – and to help take them down after the Fete. We also need helpers to relieve stallholders on the day and to help in the hall with Refreshments and with Car Parking and ... contributions for the following please:

New items for **Tombola prizes** – Lawrence 511074 **Homemade cakes and preserves** – please bring to hall on the day **Bric-a-Brac** (no large items) – Jean 511226

Raffle prizes – Linda 511313 and **Books**

Our Fete committee is being co-ordinated by Councillor Tony Roberts (511035)

Results of local election held on 4 May 2023:

There was no election for the Brickendon Liberty Parish Council. Councillor Julia Camp stood down and there being only one nominee, Amanda Whitaker, she therefore took the vacant position.

There were four candidates for the post of District Councillor for the Hertford Heath and Brickendon Ward and Tim Hoskin (Green Party) was elected. The overall turnout was 33.59%.

Coronation Social:

What a lovely event this was, held on 7 May and attended by a great many parishioners. We were rather luckier than the King was on the previous day in that the sun shone warm and bright with no hint of rain. Our thanks go to everybody who worked hard to make this such a joyous occasion, and to everybody who attended and thereby made it worthwhile.

Just a note on the raffle; thank you to everybody who bought tickets, we took £245.31, meaning a small profit was made, congratulations to the prize winners.

Postbox Toppers:

How fortunate we are to have two amazing local knitters who worked hard in order that we could have a beautiful topper on our main postbox in Brickendon Lane. It was greatly admired and, fortunately, many local folk were able to take photographs before it was stolen. Yes, it was stolen, it may have been a jolly jape for someone but it was taken without permission and that is stealing. I do hope the ladies who made it feel reassured that it was greatly appreciated while it was there and residents felt as gutted as they must have at its loss.



Annual Parish Meeting: This was held before the PC meeting on Thursday 25 May and was an opportunity for local residents to address the Parish Council. Thanks were offered by the Chair to various folk who help keep the village well run and a list of various achievements of the PC this past year were read out. This included maintenance of facilities, two litter picks, installation of more de-fibrillators, improvement of play equipment and other facilities, new village signs and another successful fete. The PC is still working on traffic management and parking issues.

Parish Council Meeting: the Annual Parish Meeting was immediately followed by the PC meeting which was attended by all Parish Councillors plus Jonathan Kaye (EHC) and Tim Hoskin (newly elected District Councillor). It was agreed that Tony Roberts will continue as Chair of the PC and Paul Cosford (Markie) will serve as Vice-Chair. Tim Hoskin, a resident of Hertford Heath, was welcomed to the meeting; he explained that he is a member of the Green Party and that his role on the new council (a coalition of Greens and Lib Dems) is Environmental Sustainability. Our new parish councillor (Amanda Whitaker) will take over retiring councillor Julia Camp's role as councillor with responsibility for Transport & Highways.

Thanks were extended to the company and individuals who now maintain the village green. Discussion took place on the 're-wilding' of areas of the green and it was agreed that this would be beneficial to local flora and fauna.

Crime Reports: our PC clerk stated that she now receives monthly crime reports and that during April there were no crimes reported in Brickendon Liberty parish.

Extension of path from station: work on this started in May and is now completed.

Notice board at Fanshaws Lane: this has been replaced with a brand new notice board after the previous one was vandalised (by a horse!!).

Defibrillator training: currently this is on hold as not enough residents of the parish have shown an interest in attending. This is a great shame since we now have the equipment in various parts of the parish and it could be essential in saving a life. It is not difficult to use and training is very straightforward. If you would like to attend training (in the village hall) please contact Tony Roberts.



Hedgehog Highway Project: the PC were informed of this initiative being led by Linda Cook (hedgehogsrus.co.uk) to protect these small mammals and increase their numbers, which have been falling dramatically in recent years. Linda is leading a 'Highways Project' to provide safe passage for hedgehogs to access food etc. Do please look at her website for more information.

Full Minutes of this, and other PC meetings, are on the Brickendon Liberty website

Next meeting: the next meeting of the PC is on **Thursday 27 July at 7.30pm** in the village hall. All residents welcome.

Pothole reporting: *To report potholes go online and type in 'East Herts pothole reporting' this will take you to a site giving a variety of options, depending on what type of fault you wish to report e.g. potholes, rights of way, overgrown roadside hedges etc. You can even report drain cover damage and road obstructions etc.*

Missed bin collection reporting: *If the refuse lorry operatives fail to collect your waste bin, you must report it **within 48 hours** and it will be collected in line with East Herts missed bin policy. Details of this can be found on the East Herts website at: <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/missedbin>.*

If you are unable to use the online reporting forms, please see the [Contact Us](#) page for ways of getting in touch

BAYFORD CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Is looking to appoint two new governors to start in September

The role of a governor provides the opportunity to develop a variety of skills but, although volunteers should be people who care about improving education, they do not need prior experience. These are perfect roles for anybody who wishes to contribute to society and enhance children's futures.

6 – 12 meetings p.a. usual start 5pm

For further information, or to apply, please contact

Brenda Lambie (CoG) on 01992 511551

Fanshaws Room Committee: the most recent meeting of this committee was on 8 June at 7pm in the village hall when various social events were discussed. New members are always welcome to join and are encouraged to present new ideas for keeping this parish the lively, social place it is. Events like the Coronation party, the children's Christmas party etc don't just happen, planning and preparation are needed and the more helpers there are the easier it is so please, residents of Brickendon Liberty parish, do consider offering just a few hours of your time so that we can continue to keep all these things going into the future.

Village Hall: Our thanks to **T.J.Fire** for continuing, without charge, to keep the fire appliances in the hall in good order, thus making it a safer place to be. The hall is well equipped and is available for hire to parishioners at the reduced rate of £10 per hour. It is an excellent location for younger children's parties, training sessions etc.



'Summer Evenings at PWP' are back for Summer 2023! A memorable night of live acoustic music, wildlife stilt walkers, drummers, drink vendors, food trucks and more... you won't want to miss out!

Dates - Every Friday and Saturday from 21st July to 19th August 2023

Times - You can enter from 6:30pm to enjoy the evening with the park closing its gates at 9:30 pm.

Food & Drink - with a wide variety of food and drinks we have something for everyone.

Prices - £15 per member ticket and £18 for general admission. Under 2's go free and will not require a ticket.

Parish People: It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Richard Haryott on 24 May. Richard was a stalwart of the parish, and of Brickendon church, and will be greatly missed. The parish sends sincere condolences to Virginia and to their family.

Chapel of the Holy Cross & St Alban

Rector: Revd. Theresa Musiwacho – 01707 875940

Churchwarden: Colin Taylor – 01992 511041

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

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:

Philip COSFORD – **Vice-Chair** 01992 511207

Hannah O'DONNELL - 01992 535702

Tony ROBERTS - **Chair** 01992 511035

Alastair WHITAKER - 07775 625181

Amanda WHITAKER 07984 937315

Parish Clerk: Laura Brooks-Payne

(clerk@brickendon-liberty.org.uk) Mobile: 07803 906291

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

To hire the Parish Hall in Brickendon:

Call 01992 511551 - **£10 per hour for residents - £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: Tim Hoskin

(tim.hoskin@eastherts.gov.uk)

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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