



# Brickendon Liberty Newsletter



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**Fete Report:** The weather was good and this year's fete was a great occasion and all round success thanks to the hard work put in by the fete committee and their many helpers. A popular addition was the Birds of Prey display which, together with all the usual games and attractions, made for a wonderful end of summer occasion. Winners of prizes have all been contacted and we now know that a profit of approximately £2,800 was made, this will finance various upcoming parish events as well as allowing us to make a donation to each of our three selected charities; **Herts Cadets, Guide Dogs and Hertford Jedidiha Food Bank.**

**Parish Council meeting 28 September: (Minutes of all PC meetings are on the Brickendon**

**Liberty website):** It was good that several residents attended this meeting, together with both our Hertfordshire County Councillor and our East Herts District Councillor. It was reported by the District Councillor that East Herts are working on climate change and budget issues which may affect the level of services. Work is also going on with HCC on flooding issues and refuse collection. The PC clerk reported that there has recently been a low level of crime in the area, with none reported during August, and that she does access regular updates. Thanks were extended to two local residents who have taken it upon themselves to clean some of our village signs which had become almost unreadable. A discussion took place on purchasing a Beacon in time for the D-Day celebrations in June 2024; this was agreed in principle with further investigation to take place.

## **- FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Thursday 12 October 6.30pm** – a public meeting in Fanshaws Room to discuss re-wilding of some areas of the Green, and other parts of the parish, including discussion on Bat and Bird boxes.

**Monday 6 November 7pm** – meeting in Fanshaws Room to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan

## **LITTER PICK**

**SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER - 10am MEET IN FANSHAWS ROOM CAR PARK**

**WEAR STRONG SHOES – ALL OTHER EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPPLIED**

**Thursday 23 November 7.30pm next Parish Council Meeting**

**Saturday 9 December** – Children's Christmas Party at Paradise Wildlife Park starting 12.30pm

**Friday 15 December** – Carols round the Christmas tree on the Green followed by wine and mincepies

*The PC and FRC are also liaising with The Farmers Boy to provide a Christmas lunch for Senior Citizens. This will be advertised nearer the time but is likely to be between 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December.*

## Under 7 yr olds Christmas Party:



The Christmas Party for children under 7 years old\*, living in the parish of Brickendon Liberty, will this year be held on **Saturday 9th December** at Paradise Wildlife Park. The party will start at 12.30pm and will include a tour of Dinos and the Animal Park, a lunch party and a visit from Father Christmas with a gift for each child as well as a goodie bag. David and Steph Bertram will be co-ordinating invitations again this year, please contact them on 07483 885776 to register your child, please do this even if your child has attended in previous years. If you know of any new residents with eligible children do please advise them that they must register that their child/children will be attending. The entire party is funded by Fanshaws Room Committee; there is no cost to residents.

**\*children who have not had their 7<sup>th</sup> birthday before 25 December 2023**

## Carols on the Green:

FRC are planning to hold a Christmas event on the Green on Friday 15 December starting at 7pm. After the carols wine and mince pies will be served in the village hall. Currently FRC are looking for an acoustic guitarist to accompany the carols so if you can offer this service, or know somebody who could, please contact Lawrence (511074) or Linda (511313).

## Events at the Farmers Boy PH: The following regular events take place at the FB:

(Follow the Farmers Boy on FaceBook or on their website)

**Monday:** *Cask Club*

**Tuesday:** *Brickendon Knitting Club from 10am*  
*Petanque from 5.30 – 7pm*  
*Quiz from 8pm*

**Wednesday:** *Bayford Knitting Club (every second week)*  
*Open Mike Night – last Wednesday of every month at 8pm*  
*Bingo Night – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month*

**Thursday:** *Petanque – 10am – 12 noon*  
*Fortnightly Bike Meet*

**Friday:** *Fizz Friday from 5pm*  
*Comedy Stand Up 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month*

**Saturday:** *Monthly Live Music*  
*Car Meet last Saturday of every month*  
*Veteran's Breakfast 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month, starting 14<sup>th</sup> October*

**Sunday:** *Roast & Relax*  
*Petanque 10am – 12 noon*

**Other Events:** Dog Agility starts on 14 October 2 – 4pm, also on 28 October and every second week after that.

Monday 16 October at 7pm – Menopause Cafe

Friday 20 October at 7.30pm – BARN DANCE

## Oak Processionary Moth (OPM)

Villagers will have seen that part of the play area on the Green was cordoned off at the beginning of August. This was due to the discovery of three Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) nests in the commemorative oak trees. These pesky critters were unintentionally introduced to the UK in 2005 via the importation of wood and are now found across the southeast – including Hertfordshire. They are not an indigenous species but due to our changing climate and local weather conditions they are happily breeding and spreading. They are a pest for two main reasons.

1) The caterpillars feed on the leaves of oak trees – causing stress to the tree and making them more susceptible to other pests, disease and drought.

2) The older caterpillars have hundreds of tiny hairs which can cause itching skin rashes, eye irritations, sore throats, breathing difficulties and, rarely, allergic reactions in people and animals.

Because of the spread and threat to humans, animals and plants, OPM are subject to a government monitoring scheme. This means that any sightings should be reported to the Forestry Commission. The recent nests on the Village Green were reported to the Parish Council who acted swiftly to cordon off the area, report their presence and arrange removal. It is important for villagers to be aware that if you see an OPM nest or cluster of caterpillars, please:

- do not touch or approach OPM nests or caterpillars;
- do not let children or animals touch or approach nests or caterpillars;
- do not try removing nests or caterpillars yourself; and
- see a pharmacist for relief from skin or eye irritations after suspected OPM contact; or
- call NHS111 or see a doctor if you think you or someone in your care has had a serious allergic reaction - tell the doctor you suspect OPM contact.

If you see an OPM nest or caterpillars in the village, please contact Chair of PC Tony Roberts:

Email: [tony.roberts@brickendon-liberty.org.uk](mailto:tony.roberts@brickendon-liberty.org.uk) Mobile: 07734 715002

More information on OPM can be found on the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust web pages or via the Forestry Commission. [www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk) [www.forestryresearch.gov.uk](http://www.forestryresearch.gov.uk)

### **Fly Tipping and Litter**

### **Together we can keep Brickendon tidy**

We've all seen it; discarded cans, fast food wrappers, drinks bottles, piles of rubble, tyres and plant pots littering our country lanes, the Village Green, footpaths and roadside hedges and verges. This is fly tipping and litter and data collected by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirms that over the last few years it's got worse. Fly-tipping is defined as the 'illegal deposit of any waste onto land that does not have a licence to accept it'. Litter is defined as [rubbish](#) such as paper, cans, and bottles discarded in an incorrect place, often in an open or public space.

It is unfortunate that as a village in a rural area we suffer from both fly tipping and litter and the consequences are often unsightly, costly to clear up and damaging to the environment. This dumping of waste materials can also be hazardous to people and animals. Fly tipping is illegal. If you see it in action, call the police on 999 and report it as a crime in progress. Across Hertfordshire, the District and Borough Councils work in partnership with the County Council to tackle fly tipping and they have excellent information and advice on reporting.

We are fortunate that we have a plethora of litter bins on the Green and three dog waste bins, but this doesn't stop litter on the Green (some of which is caused by animals foraging in the bins!) and in the surrounding area. For those of you who take part in the twice-yearly litter pick, you will have seen the sheer amount and variety of waste items that are collected from our road verges and hedgerows. Helium balloons, crisp packets, glass bottles, gas canisters, cans, road signs, tyres, buckets, bags, boxes, polystyrene, gloves.....the list goes on and on.

Villagers, please be vigilant, and report all fly tipping to East Herts Council, whether you saw it in progress or not.

[www.eastherts.gov.uk/bins-waste-and-recycling/dumped-rubbish-fly-tipping-and-littering](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/bins-waste-and-recycling/dumped-rubbish-fly-tipping-and-littering)

#### **What to include in your fly tipping report:**

- exact location
- date and time that you discovered the fly tipping
- details
- and photos of the items.

#### **If you saw the fly tipping happen:**

- vehicle's registration number and details
- description of the fly tippers (and photos if possible)
- direction they were travelling

## Celtic Harmony Autumn News

We were delighted to be part of the Brickendon Fete & Festival, where it was lovely to see some familiar faces and meet new residents!!

With the start of term schools are once again returning to Celtic Harmony Camp, we are happy to be enabling more pupils and teachers to enjoy our special Prehistory experiences.

We are very excited to announce our next event will be Samhain, celebrating the start of the Celtic New Year during the October Half Term. A great day out for all the family with pumpkins, a haunted forest, fire processions, the burning of the wicker man and more! Samhain Celebrations take place from Tuesday 24th to Friday 27th October. Book online at: [celticharmony.org](http://celticharmony.org)

We are also calling for volunteers to join us here on site on Mondays and Thursdays. Volunteering with us is a great way to support local heritage, learn traditional skills and meet other like minded people. Email [ben@celticharmony.org](mailto:ben@celticharmony.org) to find out more.

## Bayford CofE Primary School & Nursery

Come and meet the Head teacher, Staff and Governors at their Open Morning on Saturday 7 October from 10am – 12 noon when you will be able to get a feel of what the school has to offer. However, if you are unable to make this date (or have already missed it) and are looking for a place in either Reception or Nursery to start in September 2024, do please telephone the school on 01992 511259 to arrange a personal visit.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October** - No service at Brickendon, (Group Communion at Ponsbourne 10.15)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October** - Family Service 11.00am

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** - Parish Communion 11.00am

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** - Remembrance Sunday (Little Berkhamsted 10.45am)

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November** - Family Service 11.00am

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Parish Communion 11.00am

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Praise 3.00pm (Carols & Readings)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December** - Family Christmas Day service 11.00am

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January '24** - Parish Communion 11.00am

## 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](mailto:clerk@brickendon-liberty.org.uk)) - 07803 906291

## To hire the Parish Hall in Brickendon:

Call 01992 511551

## 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](mailto:Julie.marson.mp@parliament.uk))

**Herts County Councillor:** Jonathan Kaye 07580 743521 ([jonathan.kaye@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.kaye@hertfordshire.gov.uk))

**East Herts District Councillor:** Tim Hoskin ([tim.hoskin@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:info@bggc.org.uk)

**Brickendon Petanque Boules Club** – 01992 511515 [www.brickendonboules.org.uk](http://www.brickendonboules.org.uk)

**Paradise Wildlife Park** – phone 01992 470490 or email [info@pwpark.com](mailto:info@pwpark.com)

**Pilates in Brickendon** – Harriet on 07944 500504

**The Farmers Boy PH** – 01992 661309

**The Woodman & Olive PH** – phone 01992 463719 or email [bookings@thewoodmanandolive.com](mailto:bookings@thewoodmanandolive.com)

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