



## Brickendon Liberty Newsletter



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### **Christmas Activities in Brickendon Liberty Parish**

The combined efforts of the Parish Council and Fanshaws Room Committee (FRC) made sure that the parish celebrated Christmas with residents. First to arrive was the lovely Christmas tree on Brickendon Green, organised by Councillor Hannah O'Donnell, ably assisted by her mum and dad and by David Oakes. Then on 9<sup>th</sup> December nineteen under 7 year olds gathered at Paradise Wildlife Park for their own party; a full programme of activities was organised by Lynn and her team, which included a tour of the park and a sit down high tea. This was followed by a visit from Santa Clause who had a gift for each child and they each also received a goodie bag from PWP including a ticket to the park and a cuddly toy.

Older residents met for a Christmas lunch jointly funded by FRC and the Farmer's Boy. By all accounts this was a lovely get-together over a traditional turkey meal. Some who were unable to attend received a Christmas hamper.

FRC organised a residents' social on Friday 15 December with mulled wine, hot sausage rolls and mince pies. Unfortunately only around 25 people were able to make it, which was disappointing, but those who did attend enjoyed catching up with neighbours and friends in a truly Christmassy atmosphere.

### **Tractors on Tour run for charity**



***One of the lovely vintage tractors that took part and a line up on Brickendon Green at the end of the rally.***



## **Brickendon Petanque/Boules Club**

2024 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the inception of the BPBC. It all started in 2004 in John Lambie's garden, where several residents were gathered for a celebration, and it was enjoyed so much that it was decided to make it a regular occasion. With only one 'piste' in the garden it was necessary to move to a larger area and the gravelled pub car park made an excellent venue. The number of members grew quickly and in 2007 negotiations were started with the then landlords to convert a rough part of the pub's land into a purpose built area, giving four pistes, together with lighting and a small club storage facility. A grassy area provided room for tables, with umbrellas in the summer, where players could enjoy a drink while they waited to play. Numbers have increased a great deal over the years with the current membership standing at 45. From just meeting once a week members now can play at three different times (see below) and a great many friendships have formed in the past 20 years. The club is affiliated to Sport England through the Chiltern Region. Although the pandemic put a halt to some of the league competitions they are now gradually resuming and players who wish to take part can do so and have proved themselves worthy competitors against other pubs in Hertfordshire. Each Christmas a festive meal for members is organised at the Farmer's Boy. This is a successful Brickendon club where new members are welcome and can give it a try without having to purchase their own boules straight away. Janet Rees (01992 511515) is the club secretary and will be more than happy to provide further information to anybody wanting to join.

Current play times are as follows:

Tuesdays 5.30pm – 7pm, Thursdays 10am – 12noon, Sundays 9.30am – 12noon – *these are winter timings and will change at the end of March to the summer timetable.*

Yes, this is Rachel, the intrepid manager of the Farmer's Boy PH, taking part in the Tractors on Tour rally held on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December (2023) to raise money for the charity SPACE, which supports children and young people with neurodivergent sensory conditions. The rally started at Monks Green Farm and made its way via Hoddesdon, Stanstead Abbots and Ware back to the Farmer's Boy in Brickendon where a raffle was drawn which raised further funds for the charity. Well done to all who took part and many thanks to everyone who contributed to this charity event.

## **Crime Report:**

There were no reported crimes in Brickendon or Bayford during December 2023. However, several areas in East Herts have been targeted by offenders removing number plates from vehicles in order to use them on other vehicles to commit crime.

A lone offender has been seen in several villages in the late evening walking around trying car doors in order to steal items from within. Please make sure that your vehicle is locked, don't leave anything of value in your vehicle even when parked on your own property. If you witness any suspicious behaviour please call Police immediately so that they can deal accordingly.

If you would like to know what your local teams are up to then please follow them on social media. Your local policing teams are continuing regular patrols in hotspot areas at key times. Additionally, they are actively increasing the numbers of residents in East Herts signing up to the OWL Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. <https://www.owl.co.uk/herts/>

**REMINDER TO RESIDENTS – the parking area opposite the Village Hall on Brickendon Green is designated for users of the Village Hall and should not be used for general parking – please advise your visitors accordingly.**

## **Help to manage the cost of living**

This winter, Hertfordshire County Council wants to make sure that advice and support is available to help every resident deal with the rising cost of living and to stay safe and well.

To make sure everyone knows what help is available, HCC are highlighting the support and services Hertfordshire residents can access to help them.

All information can be obtained via Hertfordshire County Council's 'Cost of Living' webpage. Head to [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/winterhelp](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/winterhelp), and please share this link with anyone who may find it useful. **Please note:** this information is also available in BSL, easy read format and translated to Albanian, Arabic, Kurdish, Pashto, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Turkish and Urdu. Visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coltoolkit](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coltoolkit) to download alternative versions. HCC will also be

posting on their social media channel so please share that if you are able to.

## **Paradise Wildlife Park**

A reminder that the park has been closed recently for essential maintenance work but will re-open on **Saturday 10 February** – advance tickets can be purchased on their website.



## **Happy New Year from Luca, Clare and the team at Celtic Harmony!**

2023 was an eventful year at Celtic Harmony Camp, with 15,660 visitors and 460 children benefiting from our new Prehistory Trip bursary for Free School Meal pupils! Thank you to everyone who visited during the Samhain Winter Celebrations in October Half Term, the next family event is **Easter Dragon Quest, taking place between 8-12th April 2024.**

We are excited to announce a new volunteering project launched this month called Lavina's Legacy: Skills from the Past for the Future, funded thanks to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Lavina's Legacy is named in honour of a late, much beloved, long-standing volunteer, Joyce, whose Celtic name when leading school groups was Lavina.

As part of the project you can get outdoors and take part in conservation days in Bourne Wood, Celtic Harmony Camp, as part of their friendly volunteer team on Mondays and Thursdays. Or volunteer to develop your primitive skills on a 6 month education traineeship starting in March to help lead Prehistory Trips!

Sign up to learn more at [www.celticharmony.org/volunteering](http://www.celticharmony.org/volunteering) or email [megan@celticharmony.org](mailto:megan@celticharmony.org) or tel: 01438 718543

## Forthcoming events in the parish

At a recent meeting of **Fanshaws Room Committee** it was agreed that a celebration should be held to acknowledge the **80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-day in June**. A social on the village green was discussed, possibly to be held on Saturday 8 June from 5 – 9pm; however, this is currently only in the planning stage, look out for the Spring edition of the Newsletter when more information and exact date and times will be confirmed.

Our **Annual Fete** will be on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September** this year ... another date for your diary as this is one event not to be missed.

**The PC is organising a Litter Pick in March, look out for posters and announcement on the village WhatsApp group for exact date and more information.**

## Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban

**Rector:** Revd. Theresa Musiwacho – 01707 875940

**Churchwarden:** Colin Taylor – 01992 511041

For Chapel enquiries please contact Virginia Haryott 07770 944854 or email [wellpondharyott@gmail.com](mailto:wellpondharyott@gmail.com)

### Services

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Parish Communion at 11.00am

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Family Service at 11.00am

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Parish Communion at 11.00am

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Family Service at 11.00am

**Easter Sunday** 31<sup>st</sup> March - Parish Communion at 11.15 am at **Bayford Church**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Parish Communion at 11.00am

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Family Service at 11.00am

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Parish Communion at 11.00am

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Family Service at 11.00am

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Parish Communion at 11.00am

### **Oak Processionary Moths**

We have had an expert look at the problem in the Churchyard and, at his recommendation, the lower branches of the oaks have been cut off, and the barriers taken away. We will now wait until late Spring, when the moths start to breed, to further monitor the trees.

### Parish Councillors:

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### Some other useful contacts in the parish:

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**And finally: a big thank you to all who distribute this Newsletter, you are really appreciated.**

