



Brickendon Liberty Newsletter



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Welcome Spring 2024



Dates of forthcoming Parish Council meetings in 2024

23 May – 25 July – 26 September – 28 November

Notes from Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 28 March 2024

- A Beacon will be erected on the Green ready to be lit on 6th June to commemorate D-Day
- Concern about parking on the road near Bayford station was expressed and noted by the police officers present
- An initiative to erect bird and bat boxes is being pursued by two local young people and will be supported by the Parish Council
- A defibrillator will shortly be installed at Highfield Farm; the installation of another defibrillator at WWE is still under review
- The target for raising funds from parishioners has been reached and the PC are now looking to employ a solicitor to further our application to purchase the village green
- **The Litter Pick in March was a massive success and the chair of the PC expressed his thanks to the many parishioners who turned up to help. Another will be held in the Autumn.**



- The police officers present at the meeting gave a report on crime in the vicinity of the parish saying crime in Brickendon Liberty is very low. They did however reinforce the need to stay alert, particularly to vehicle crime.

- There are road works planned for the local area and parishioners should remain alert for possible road closures.
- Fencing around the village green has been surveyed and will be repaired as necessary.
- Installation of electric car charging points is still being pursued with assistance from a volunteer parishioner.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN FULL ON THE WEBSITE

Fanshaws Room Committee

At their meeting in February FRC discussed, among other things, plans for an event on the Village Green to celebrate the anniversary of the **D-Day landings in WWII**. This will take place on **8th June** and will follow the format of last year's Coronation celebration. A marquee has already been ordered and plans are currently in place to book a band and organise drinks and food. We are also planning to take part in the lighting of a beacon on **6th June** which will be installed on the village green. All residents of Brickendon Liberty are invited to attend both events.

The Hall is available for bookings and Covid restrictions are no longer in place. Residents of the parish are able to benefit from a lower hourly hire rate of £10.

Plans for the Fete and Dog Show on **1st September** are currently underway. **If you can help by manning a stall or running a game, baking a cake or in any other way, please contact a member of the Fete committee.**

The next meeting of FRC will be on 18th April in the village hall. This will be the AGM and all are welcome.

Fete Committee: Tony 07734 715002 – email: tony.roberts@brickendon-liberty.org.uk
 Sal 07896 362545 – email: sallydhas@yahoo.co.uk
 Pam 07775 446606 – email: pam.yates7@gmail.com
 Lawrence 07951 765849 – email: lawrenceprice@hotmail.co.uk

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES IN BRICKENDON LIBERTY PARISH

BRICKENDON PATANQUE/BOULES CLUB

Summer play times are as follows:

Tuesdays 5.30pm – 7pm Thursdays 10am – 12noon Sundays 10am – 12noon

All welcome

PILATES IN FANSHAWS ROOM (THE VILLAGE HALL)

Lets' do Pilates with Harriett

Tuesday mornings 9.15 – 10.15am (£11 per class)

Contact: 07795 577210 or email pilateswith harriett@hotmail.com

LEARN BUSHCRAFT & SURVIVAL SKILLS

Established in 2012, for the past 8 years Polaris Bushcraft have had their base camp at Celtic Harmony, Brickendon Lane. They aim to make the outdoors accessible for all ages, offering a range of bushcraft and survival one day workshops and weekends. The most popular focus on bushcraft skills for the outdoor enthusiast, such as fire lighting, shelter building and finding and purifying water. In Spring they also organise forage groups – the next one is 28th April, and they also run other workshops on woodcarving, animal tracking, bow making etc. The full schedule of courses for 2024 can be seen at www.polarisbushcraft.co.uk or telephone 07971 289604 for further information.

Celtic Harmony Camp

Celtic Harmony provides hands on cultural heritage education of ancient Britain, stimulating an awareness of a more sustainable way of life in harmony with the natural world. Celtic Harmony is a Registered Charity (1156199).

If you are looking for a way to spend more time outdoors there are a number of exciting volunteering opportunities as part of the new Lavina's Legacy initiative, skills from the past for the future, funded with thanks to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. From Family Saturdays, to Conservation Volunteering and Education Traineeships, there are lots of ways to get involved. To find out more go to www.celticharmony.org

A little timely advice from a local business:

There's something magical about gathering around a crackling fire. To make sure your cosy moments are also safe, we've put together a helpful guide to chimney safety and creating the perfect, secure blaze.

Let's start by looking after your chimney. Think of it as the heart of your fireplace. It needs a little TLC to keep things running smoothly. Schedule a visit from a chimney sweep before the winter chill sets in. They'll remove any build up, especially creosote, which is a fire risk. Don't forget the basics, a good chimney cowling keeps out unwanted guests like debris and critters, reducing the chance of blockages. Give your chimney a visual once-over, fixing any wear and tear pronto. Think of an open fire like an open window, you'll soon notice the cold air when your fire isn't lit. This is the reason why many people choose to go for a log burner; you raise your efficiency from 10% to 85%. If you're not using it, it's well worth capping the chimney at the top.

Building the perfect fire is an art, not a science! Choose Dry Wood: Opt for seasoned hardwoods like oak or maple. Dry wood burns cleaner, making less smoke and reducing the risk of creosote build up. Start Small: begin with small, dry kindling before adding bigger logs. It's like giving your fire a warm-up, ensuring a steady burn without a smoky start. Leave Some Ash: A little ash between uses (about an inch) acts as insulation, helping the fire maintain its warmth and radiate heat into your space. Add Detectors: Install carbon monoxide detectors. While it's uncommon, blockages can lead to this odourless gas. Safety first!

We're always here if you need any advice, just give us a call. Tim's Chimneys - 07791 741860

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It's good news ... it's very good news ... it's excellent news ... RACHEL IS STAYING



In recent weeks there has been concern about changes at The Farmers Boy PH with the possible loss of our lovely landlady and her family ... but we have now had it confirmed that Rachel is taking over the tenancy. This means she has a greater influence on the way the pub operates, so look out for locally sourced food, including meat, fish and ice cream plus menu items that also meet the needs of those with allergies and special diets. Rachel is a listener and she is aware of what people want and that includes music nights and other entertainment to please a wide range of tastes. Good news all round, now we must all support this hub of our parish and ensure its continuing success!

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A Brickendon sunset March 2024

Vacancy:

Due to a recent change to their constitution Bayford CofE Primary School & Nursery have a vacancy on their Board of Governors. We would like to appoint a local person with a real interest in young people and their education. There would be between 6 and 12 early evening (5pm) meetings to attend per year. If you are interested in school governance and think you could support this thriving village school please contact the Chair of Governors (01992 511551) for a chat.

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

Dates of services from mid-April:

Sunday 21st April Family Service at 11am
Sunday 5th May Parish Communion at 11 am

Sunday 19th May Family Service at 11am
Sunday 2nd June. Parish Communion at 11am

Sunday 16th June Family Service 11am
Sunday 30th June Group Communion 10.15am
(Check which church on noticeboard)

Sunday 7th July Parish Communion at 11am
Sunday 21st July Family Service at 11am

Parish Councillors:

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

Hannah O'DONNELL – 01992 535702

Tony ROBERTS – **Chair** 01992 511035

Alastair WHITAKER – 07775 626181

Amanda WHITAKER – 07984 937315

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

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Linda Ashley – **Chair** 01992 511313

Alison Blakey – **Secretary** 01992 511045

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(Julie.Marson.mp@parliament.uk)

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07580 743521

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East Herts District Councillor: Tim Hoskin

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Police Community Support Officers – East Herts Rural:

PC 6161 Sally Brooks Sally.Brooks@herts.police.uk

PC 926 Ryan Willis Ryan.willis@herts.police.uk

Non Emergency 101

Some other useful contacts in the parish:

Brickendon Book Club: Andrea 01992 511588

Brickendon Grange Golf Club: 01992 511258

(info@bggc.org.uk)

Paradise Wildlife Park: 01992 470490

(info@pwpark.com)

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