



Brickendon Liberty Newsletter

Issue No 166 Summer 2024

www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk – website includes Minutes, Newsletters and Photos – to subscribe to updates please use 'subscribe to our updates' box on home page of website

Twitter: @BrickLib

Facebook page: *Brickendon Liberty*

Brickendon WhatsApp group for reporting CRIME in the Parish: 07887 782567

Brickendon WhatsApp group for VILLAGE MATTERS: 07811 397399

The contents of this Newsletter are for the benefit of residents living in Brickendon Liberty Parish and are not for wider publication without the permission of the Editor.

Please send items of local interest for including in the Autumn 2024 Newsletter to brendalambie@hotmail.com

Dates of forthcoming Parish Council meetings in 2024

25 July – 26 September – 28 November

The Parish Council meeting, on Thursday 23rd May, was also the Annual Parish Meeting. Minutes can be viewed on the Brickendon Liberty website. Among other items, it was noted that there is still no progress on electric charging points for vehicles in the Parish. It was also noted that naturalisation of the village green is in progress, together with involvement in an environmental improvement scheme.



Brickendon Fete and Dog Show – Sunday 1st September



Plans for the Fete and Dog Show on 1st September are well under way.

If you can help by manning a stall, running a game, helping with refreshments in the hall, baking a cake or in any other way, please contact a member of the Fete committee.

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

Items for the bric-a-brac stall – please bring items for this stall on the morning of the fete, unfortunately we cannot accommodate large items of furniture but other household equipment, toys, chinaware and glassware etc will be much appreciated by Jean and her fellow stallholders. There will be a separate stall for books.



D-Day Commemoration in Brickendon Liberty

D-Day commemoration started with the arrival of a very special post box topper, created by talented local knitters, Janet Burger and Janet Rees, it took pride of place on Brickendon Lane post box and was accompanied by knitted bunting along the bus shelter.



On 6th June the chair of the Parish Council, ably assisted by long time resident Jean Retallick, lit the beacon on Brickendon Green. This was followed on 8th June by a residents' BBQ. Many thanks to all who contributed to both commemorations of this historical event.



Bus Departures from Brickendon, The Farmers Boy PH to Hertford Bus Station (refer to printed timetable at bus shelter for updates)

Mondays to Fridays

0819 Bus 308 – 1009 Bus 308 (Tuesdays and Thursdays only) – 1304 Bus 308

Saturdays

1009 Bus 308 – 1304 Bus 308 – 1539 Bus 308

No service on Sundays

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES IN BRICKENDON LIBERTY PARISH

Brickendon Petanque/Boules Club

Summer play times are as follows:

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

All welcome – boules are available for new players

Pilates in Fanshaws Room (The Village Hall)

Let's do Pilates with Harriett - Tuesday mornings 9.15 – 10.15am (£11 per class)

Contact: 07795 577210 or email pilateswithharriett@hotmail.com

Knit 'N' Natter: Brickendon Knit 'n' Natter meet **every Tuesday** in **The Farmers Boy PH from 10am to 12noon**. This is a friendly and welcoming group. Some people knit, some crochet, some sew, some natter and some knit and natter. If you want to learn how to knit or crochet the group can help you, just go along on a Tuesday morning and join in. **More information from Janet (01992 511515)**

New Home Ed Explorer Days at **Celtic Harmony Camp** on Tuesday 6th & Tuesday 20th August 2024. Exclusively for Home Ed families, work together to take on the warrior quest, earning coins along the way. £25pp-book here: celticharmony.org/product/home-ed-explorer

Learn Bushcraft & Survival Skills: Established in 2012, for the past 8 years Polaris Bushcraft has felt fortunate to have their base camp in a beautiful, **45 acre private ancient woodland site off Brickendon Lane**. For more information contact: Graham Couling - Chief Instructor Polaris Wilderness Adventure Ltd
www.PolarisBushcraft.co.uk (Telephone: 07971 289604)

Village Hall (Fanshaws Room): Big shout out of thanks to **T.J. FIRE & SECURITY** for keeping our village hall fire equipment up-to-date and in safe, working condition. They make an annual visit to check that all is in order so that we can safely use the hall, and rent it out, in the knowledge that we are fire safe – so important in a basically wooden construction of some age.

Damage to Brickendon Chapel fencing: On Saturday 25 May, during the night, a vehicle ploughed into the fencing at the front of the Chapel causing a considerable amount of damage. The fence and concrete post holding up the noticeboard were destroyed and hedges were uprooted. It is believed to have occurred at approximately 12.55am. The vehicle that was involved must have been damaged since various parts have been discovered amongst the debris. It is thought to have been a vehicle of considerable weight, possibly a 4 x 4. The police are aware and would welcome any further information that can be provided.



Brickendon Green Tennis Courts

The Parish Council and Fanshaws Room Management Committee are concerned that the tennis courts are seriously under used and are looking at ideas to rectify this. The cost of maintaining the two courts is high but income is low so at a recent meeting of FRMC thought was given to how this could be rectified, possibly by changing the use of the courts. Various ideas were put forward such as turning them into a 5-a-side football pitch, converting them into Paddle Board courts or other ways of re-developing the land. FRMC would welcome input from residents on this, either via the village WhatsApp group or by contacting the Chair of the PC on 01992 511035 or the Chair of FRMC on 01992 511313.

Fanshaws Room (Management) Committee

This committee was set up many years ago (middle of last century) as a sub-committee of the Parish Council. Its mandate was to oversee the village hall (Fanshaws Room) and other village amenities and to hold social functions that would financially maintain these facilities. Nowadays most of our income comes from the annual fete and hall lettings; FRMC doesn't receive any financial benefit from the precept (aka Council Tax). Happily, we generally raise enough to also hold parish events such as the 2023 Coronation Party and this year's D-Day commemoration BBQ; in addition, we finance the annual Christmas party for the younger children in the parish, including purchasing a gift for each child and we also provide either a Christmas lunch, or a hamper for retired folk in the parish. FRMC makes contributions to other village initiatives including the provision and upkeep of play equipment and benches on the Green.

So, what is the problem you ask ... well, it is simply that we get very little support from folk living in the area and hence FRMC is now down to just 5 long term members, plus a Parish Councillor, and we are running out of ideas. Last year we held a Christmas party that very few residents attended and we don't know where we went wrong ... what do parishioners want? Unless we are able to encourage more residents to attend meetings – fewer than 6 per year – and tell us what the village wants this committee (FRMC) is in danger of folding, there will then be no children's party, no Christmas gifts, and no celebrations on the Green etc.

If you think this would be a shame and you could spend just a little of your time coming up with, and supporting, ideas that will inspire today's residents please join our committee. You can do this by contacting Linda (our Chair) on 01992 511313 or Alison (our Secretary) on 01992 511045.

Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban

A Church Treasurer is urgently needed for Brickendon And Bayford. For details please contact Lorna Fitzjohn on 07582 538996 or Virginia Haryott – 07770 944854

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

Services: 1st Sunday each month – Communion
3rd Sunday each month- Family Service

There will be no services in Brickendon during August.

Parish Councillors:

Philip COSFORD – 01992 511207

Hannah O'DONNELL – **Vice chair** 01992 535702

Tony ROBERTS – **Chair** 01992 511035

Alastair WHITAKER – 07775 626181

Amanda WHITAKER – 07984 937315

Parish Clerk: Laura Brooks-Payne

Fanshaws Room Committee:

Linda Ashley – **Chair** 01992 511313

Alison Blakey – **Secretary** 01992 511045

Robert Williams – **Treasurer** 01992 511605

Local Member of Parliament: TBA

Herts County Councillor: Jonathan Kaye

07580 743521 (jonathan.kaye@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

East Herts District Councillor: Tim Hoskin

timhoskin@eastherts.gov.uk

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

Contributions to Brickendon Newsletter:

Editor: Brenda Lambie 01992 511551

Published by: Fanshaws Room Management Committee
& Brickendon Liberty Parish Council

Printed by: **EliteOffsetPrinter**

