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# Brickendon Liberty Parish Newsletter

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### **DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2025 – 7.30pm in Fanshaws Room (the Village Hall)**

**27 March – 22 May – 24 July – 25 September – 27 November**

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#### **Parish Council meeting 23 January 2025 – main points of discussion:**

- District Councillor Tim Hoskin gave a report on the government's proposal for devolution of local councils in England and directed parishioners to a White Paper on this topic on the government website.
- The PC are still waiting on permissions, and finding a suitable installer, for the two new defibrillators
- Purchase of Brickendon Green is moving forward after experiencing delays due to legal issues
- **LITTER PICK will now take place on Sunday 23 March, 10am meet in Brickendon Green car park**
- A contract has been agreed for replacing the fencing around Brickendon Green
- No crime was reported in the parish during November 2024 but two attempted burglaries were reported in Brickendon in December with damage caused to the lock of an outbuilding. The PC discussed installing surveillance equipment to identify fly tippers in the parish.\*
- On **Tuesday 4 February** Countryside Management Services will be clearing around the pond on Brickendon Green, and along the old wall – **helpers with this initiative will be very welcome, 10am start.**

\*Herts police are keen for residents to get involved in making their local area safer, this can be done by registering on the following site: <https://www.hertsconnected.co.uk/>

#### **Fanshaws Room Committee 16 January 2025 – main points of discussion:**

- After expenses were met, a profit of a little short of £3,500 was made from the 2024 Fete. The date for the 2025 Fete and Dog Show is **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**
- There is a serious water leak in the hall which appears to be due to roof issues - remedial work will be carried out asap
- The tennis court maintenance is to be reduced from four to three times per year. Negotiations are in place to include Bayford residents in the greater use of the courts and to promote its availability. Just now no further change of use is planned, although the inclusion of basketball nets and netball facilities was briefly discussed.
- 25 children attended the under 8yr olds Christmas Party at PWP and it was considered a highly successful event.
- 10 'senior citizens' enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Farmer's Boy and some others received a Christmas hamper
- Discussion took place on a summer event to celebrate 80 years since the end of WWII. Saturday **21<sup>st</sup> June** was decided a suitable date between VE and VJ days. More information will be provided to residents when plans are finalised.

- The next meeting of FRC is on **6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** – venue to be confirmed.

## **Knit N Natter**

The Tuesday Knit and Natter and the Bayford Knitting group, both of whom meet in the Farmers Boy PH, knitted Gingerbread Houses and Gingerbread Men that were used to decorate a Christmas tree at the Ponsbourne Christmas Tree Festival. After the festival the Christmas tree was donated to Brickendon chapel, along with some of the Gingerbread Houses and Gingerbread Men.

The rest of the knitted items were put up for sale in The Farmers Boy with donations to the local charity CHIPS (they offer play schemes and social opportunities for children with special needs, and their siblings). We are delighted that £84.84 was raised for this very worthwhile charity.

Knit and Natter meets **every Tuesday in the Farmers Boy from 10am until 12 noon**

Bayford Knitters meet on the **first and third Wednesday of each month** in the Farmers Boy from **8pm until 10pm**.

For further information contact Janet Rees 07795 963531

## **Two iconic Brickendon buildings with a shared history:**

Brickendon Grange, now the home of the golf club, and Fanshaws, the home of the IMI, have a shared history. A gentleman called Henry Demain Saunders rented the Grange in times past and legend has it that he was concerned that the staircase would prove a challenge to bringing him downstairs if he died in his bed. He therefore had Fanshaws built, in the late 19c, with its grander, and wider, staircase, although his real reason for moving may well have been to have his own place, and somewhere somewhat more palatial. However, it's a fun story. The gentleman in question owned half the land round the village, including Bentleys Farm and Hacketts. A footnote to the story is that he, allegedly, died in Bayford church. (*Graham Irwin*)



**[Brickendon Grange Golf Club](http://www.bggc.org.uk)**  
**(01992 511258) [www.bggc.org.uk](http://www.bggc.org.uk)**

Brickendon Grange Golf Club is a private golf club with a membership of over 600 consisting of men, women, and juniors. The golf course was designed by C.K. Cotton and opened in the 1960s, recently celebrating its Golden Jubilee. As a gesture of good will, residents of Brickendon Village can purchase social membership of BGGC at a special rate of £12 per year (currently); this allows access to the bar and restaurant.

**[Institute of the Motor Industry](https://www.theimi.org.uk/imi-general)**  
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The Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) was founded in 1920 when society – as now – was experiencing rapid technology-driven change. The IMI was created to establish new skills and knowledge benchmarks for the emerging automotive industry. The IMI's mission is to support the global automotive workforce in achieving and maintaining professional competence and continuing professional development to service, repair and maintain vehicles to industry standards, including new automotive technologies such as EV and ADAS.

## Happy New Year from Celtic Harmony Camp!

In 2024 Celtic Harmony launched Lavina's Legacy, their volunteering programme, which transformed the opportunities available at Celtic Harmony Camp. From monthly 'Family Saturday' volunteering mornings, to Education Traineeships and Woodland Workshops, it has been lovely welcoming people from all over the local area to the site in Brickendon Lane. Whether they were working in the woods coppicing trees with Conservation Volunteers, or supporting the running of school trips as Education Trainees, they have all helped to make a big difference to Celtic Harmony Camp this year.

Do you have a new year's resolution to get outdoors and be more active in 2025? Would you like to gain skills and work with a friendly, like minded team? Consider joining the Conservation Volunteers on a Monday or Thursday, 10am - 4pm (including a couple of tea breaks!). All you need is enthusiasm about spending time outdoors and gaining new skills. To find out more, email [megan@celticharmony.org](mailto:megan@celticharmony.org).

## **The Woodland Bistro opens at Celtic Harmony Camp**

Escape the everyday and treat yourself with a coffee or tasty lunch, freshly prepared from seasonal ingredients. Open every weekend from **Saturday 15th February** at Celtic Harmony Camp.

**Spring Celebrations** will be taking place at Celtic Harmony Camp from **Saturday 15 - Sunday 23 February**. Gather around the fire for workshops and activities from cooking over an open fire to drumming & storytelling in the Chieftain Roundhouse. The day culminates with a musical fire procession around the woods.

To experience The Woodland Bistro and claim your **complimentary hot drink as a Brickendon resident**, come along **with this newsletter** to the Spring Celebrations and spend time exploring the beautiful surroundings at Celtic Harmony Camp!

For more information call Clare or Luca on 01438 718543 or go to [www.celticharmony.org](http://www.celticharmony.org)

## News from the Farmers Boy PH

- Launching the **13 Feb – Golden Oldies Social Club 3pm – 5pm** Coffee and Social space reserved
- Launching **February Saturday Live** – something for everyone – music, record playing, bingo, psychics etc
- Launching **February – Around the World Dinners** – different country each week with a number of taster dishes from that country, pay whatever you think they are worth – country will only be revealed on the day
- **VE Day Street Party** – date and further information yet to be revealed

### **Plus:**

- **Open Mic Night** – last Wednesday of every month from 8pm performers and audience all welcome
- **Quiz Night** – 8pm every Tuesday £2entry per person to win a Bar Tab
- **Sea Shanty Club** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month from 7.30pm
- **Rock n Roll dance classes** – every Monday 7pm start
- **Valentine's Murder Mystery 14 Feb at 7pm** 3-course dinner and interactive theatre – bookings being taken now
- **Paddy's Night** – 15<sup>th</sup> March (almost St Patrick's Day) Guinness and Irish Music to enjoy

**[Contact Rachel at the Farmers Boy for more information](#)**

## Hartford Hundred West Parish Magazine

This Parish Magazine shares news of Brickendon, Bayford, Newgate Street (Ponsbourne) Little Berkhamsted and Essendon and includes a variety of advertisements for local services as well as other interesting items. It is delivered to subscribers each month

and costs the low subscription price of £8 for the whole year (12 copies). If you are interested in subscribing please contact Virginia Haryott (01992 511575 or email [wellpondharyott@gmail.com](mailto:wellpondharyott@gmail.com)).

**Keep this page for information during 2025**

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Emergency 999    Non Emergency 101    Online <https://herts.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

### **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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month – Communion  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month- Family Service

### **Parish Activities:**

**Book Club** – meet first Tuesday evening of the month, contact Andrea for details of venue – 01992 511588

**Knit N Natter** – Farmers Boy, Tuesday mornings 10am – 12noon

**Petanque** – meet in Farmers Boy car park. Tuesday evenings 5.30 - 7pm, Thursday and Sunday mornings 10am – midday.

**Pilates** – Every Tuesday morning in Fanshaws Room (the village hall) at 9.15am. For more information contact Harriett on 07944 500504 or [pilateswithharriett@hotmail.com](mailto:pilateswithharriett@hotmail.com)

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