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Dates of Parish Council meetings 2025 – 22 May – 24 July – 25 September – 27 November
7.30pm in Fanshaws Room – the Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 27 March – main points of discussion:

(Minutes of this, and other PC meetings, will be available on our website www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk)

- Tim Hoskin (EHDC) spoke about the new litter bin contract and the arrangements for collection in this parish designed to encourage re-cycling but going to a 3 week collection. Households should by now have received a leaflet explaining the changes. He also confirmed that the government will be making a final decision on changes to parish and town councils shortly. There will be elections for local councillors to HCC on 1st May. **Our current representative, Jonathan Kaye, will not be standing again and the PC thanked him for all his hard work on behalf of Brickendon Liberty, he will be missed.**
- Residents of WWE made a request for signs to reduce speeding in the village. Specific locations should go to Jonathan Kaye for referral to the appropriate authority.
- Road faults should be reported to the HCC website: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/report-a-problem/report-a-highway-fault/what-type-of-fault-are-you-reporting.aspx
- A defibrillator has now been installed at Highfield Farm and the PC is planning a training session on how to use it. The PC is still having difficulty finding a site at WWE.
- It was confirmed by the Chair that a one off lump sum to cover the cost of the fencing replacement around the Green in Brickendon has been added into this coming year's Precept.
- Fly tipping is still a concern, particularly in Back Lane. The PC is considering various deterrents. The recommended contact to report fly tipping was given as customer.services@eastherts.
- It was recorded that, whilst no planning application has as yet been submitted, the land upon which BGGC are looking to build three new houses has recently been cleared of its existing vegetation and trees and that this may be in breach of a previous planning condition relating to the two new houses built in 2015/16.
- No crimes were registered in the parish during January or February
- Some further road closures are planned for May that may affect local residents. HCC do publish a map of proposed work on their website which residents can access.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who turned out for the Litter Pick on
Sunday 23 March – a job very well done!!

Fanshaws Room Committee

The meeting of FRC on 6 March was held in the Snug at the Farmers Boy and attended by seven resident members. It was reported that work on the vegetation surrounding the tennis courts will be carried out and members of the PC are considering tidying up the area where users park. The Fete Committee have started work on plans for this year's event on **Sunday 7 September (11.30am – 3.30pm)**; this year there will be a greater variety of music and various amusements have already been booked – including, of course, the ever popular Punch & Judy show. More information in the next Newsletter but do remember to put aside items for Bric-a-Brac, the book stall etc. and any help you can give setting up, helping on a stall or clearing up afterwards, will be much appreciated.

Also discussed was an event to celebrate 80 years since VE (Victory in Europe) day. VE day was 8 May 1945 and VJ day (Victory in Japan) was 15 August 1945. FRC has decided, rather than organising a separate event, they will support the commemorations being planned by Rachel at the Farmers Boy which are being held on **Saturday 10 May from 1pm onwards** and will last most of the day. **Invitations will be extended to all parishioners**, please contact Rachel if you do not receive one by the first week of May. The timetable is as follows:

1300hrs Meet at the Chapel to honour the fallen with a special wreath laying by two local veterans

1400hrs Village Party and Picnic at the Farmers Boy with live music, 1940s vehicles and more ...

You are invited to bring 'goodies' for a Giant picnic in the pub garden – a list of recommended items will be available in the pub so you can pick something to bring and share.

Please RSVP to Rachel as an idea of numbers will be required for Health & Safety reasons
(anybody with mobility issues getting to the pub please advise Rachel)



... many congratulations to our lovely landlady, Rachel, on completing her first year as tenant landlord of the Farmers Boy – great landlady, great pub.

Village Green

We are very grateful to the Countryside Management Service volunteers who braved the cold February weather to help villagers give the Green a spruce up. The intrepid band worked tirelessly to clear the scrub and dead and fallen trees along the boundary ditch and from around the benches on the Green. They also cleared scrub, overgrown willow and fallen branches from the pond, made bramble-free access to the benches and enabled better management of the grassed areas. If you would like to get involved in other activities like this in our local area, CMS are actively looking for more Wood Wardens at Broxbourne Woods. They meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10am to carry out conservation and practical tasks around Broxbourne and Bencroft Woods.

Contact information: 01992 588433 email: cms@hertfordshire.gov.uk

web address for HCC is www.hertfordshire.gov.uk (type Wood Wardens in the search box).

Village Litter Pick

There was a good turnout of local residents to take part in the litter pick on Sunday 23 March. As always, it was amazing how much was collected ... many, many thanks to the PC for organising this and to everybody who turned up on the day and did such an amazing job. Do remember to report any fly tipping to customerservice@eastherts look out for, and consider attending, the next litter pick – probably in the Autumn.

Brickendon & Wormley West End History Corner

In 1030, at Montacute in Somerset, a black flint crucifix was found buried in a field owned by Tovi the Proud, one of King Canute's standard bearers. Tovi had an estate at Waltham, in Essex and set out to bring the cross to his hunting lodge in the forest at Waltham. Here Tovi built a small wooden chapel to house the cross. Tovi was succeeded by his son Athelstan who lost Waltham, which was then given by Edward the Confessor to Earl Harold. Harold set about enriching the church of Waltham partly because he had recovered from a serious illness after praying before the cross. One of the eighteen manors bestowed by Earl Harold on Waltham was Brikendune (Brickendon). So the estate became ecclesiastical property and in the 12th century Brickendon became a Liberty ('freedom from geld and toll and the forfeitures of criminals') when Henry II confirmed ownership of the manor to Waltham Abbey. The Chapel was named Holy Cross and St Alban on account of its close connection with the Abbey of Waltham Holy Cross and St Alban, the patron saint of the diocese. The present chapel was built with funds provided by the owner of the field on which it was built, a Mrs Kingsley who lived in Hacketts, and completion of the work was overseen by her daughter, Constance Demain Saunders. It was consecrated on 17 May 1933 by the Right Reverend Bishop Lander. *(with thanks to the late Athene Sanders)*

Wormley West End

The estate of Wormleybury was one of several estates which King Harold endowed and granted to the Canons of Waltham Abbey (Waltham Holy Cross). In 1220 the Canons of Waltham constructed a conduit for carrying water from Wormley to the monastery. Wormleybury house, now divided into flats, has its own Wikipedia page, which is well worth reading.

A message from Celtic Harmony – a Wonderful Welcome for the Woodland Bistro

We want to extend a huge thank you to all the local villagers who have dropped in to The Woodland Bistro over the last few weeks – it has been a pleasure to catch up again and meet new family members. We love to welcome you for a stroll around the woods and freshly prepared lunch or coffee and cake from our resident chefs. The Woodland Bistro is open every Saturday and Sunday. You may now visit the Stone to Iron Age exhibition in the Prehistory Centre or take part in a weekend event with expert artists. Find out more on the website:

<https://celticharmony.org/events/>

Upcoming events are:

Saturday 5 th April	Chalk Carving & Stone Tools
Sunday 6 th April	Pottery
Sunday 20 th April	Easter Feast
Sunday 27 th April	Basket Weaving
Saturday 3 rd May	Beltane Storytelling Evening
Thursday 10 th -Friday 18 th April	Easter Dragon Quest
May half-term	SummerFest (Thursday 29 th May – Sunday 1 st June)

STOP PRESS:

A new fun outdoor activity will be opening from Thursday 10th April – be the first to try the new Disc Golf 9 hole course that meanders around Celtic Harmony Camp woods



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East Herts District Councillor: Tim Hoskin timhoskin@eastherts.gov.uk

Police Community Support Officer – East Herts Rural: Sally.Brooks@herts.police.uk

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

Services: 1st Sunday each month - Communion
3rd 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.

New players welcome on Tuesday evenings during May 7.30 – 9pm – an opportunity to try the game

Pilates – Every Tuesday morning in Fanshaws Room (the village hall) at 9.15am. For more information contact Harriett on 07795 577210 or pilateswithharriett@hotmail.com

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