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Brickendon Liberty Parish Newsletter

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Fete preparations are under way – here's what residents need to know...

Sunday 7th September 11.30am – 3.30pm

This is a family day full of fun, games, a dog show, food and entertainment

How you can help make it truly successful!

Setting up/Clearing up – Saturday 6th, 10am on village green and Sunday morning 9am to set up, and after the Fete closes at 3.30pm on Sunday help will be appreciated with clearing up

Stalls/Games – can you spare an hour to relieve stallholders, or volunteer to run a game?

There are still some places available for independent stall holders, contact Sal at sallydhas@yahoo.co.uk for details

Tombola – new items, bottles etc

Raffle – prizes please

Home made cakes – always popular, please deliver to village hall on morning of fete

Pre-loved items for the Bric-a-Brac stall, deliver on morning of fete to the stall

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT:

pam.yates7@gmail.com tonyroberts99@btinternet.com or lawrenceprice@hotmail.co.uk

Our Village Fete History Corner

In 1935 parts of the parishes of Broxbourne, Hoddesdon Rural and Wormley were added to Brickendon Liberty, however, I have not been able to establish when 'Brickendon Fete' first began, although I do know it started in the grounds of some of the larger houses in the parish. In 1976 an 'Annual Garden Fete' was held at Sweetings in Brickendon Lane, commencing at 3pm on 10 July; it was in aid of 'children's and old folk's treats, village funds and a donation to charity'. The cost of the programme was 3p (the

UK converted to decimalisation in 1971). A 'Flower & Vegetable Show' was judged at 3.15pm and at 3.45pm there was a demonstration by Hertford & District Dog Training Society. At 5pm there were sports for children and adults (sack races, egg & spoon races etc) and at 5.45pm the raffle was drawn, cups and prizes for various games were presented. Thirty two (32) local businesses are listed as sponsors, many of whom no longer exist e.g. Creasey's, Evan Marks jewellers, Newgate Street garage, Woolworths, to name but a few.

The following year, 1977, the fete was held at Hackets. Much of the format was the same, however a notable donation was added for 'the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal'. That year there was a display by the South East Scottish Dancers to add to the attractions and at 5.30pm a Tug of War took place. Thirty three (33) businesses sponsored the event with the notable addition of Gravesons Limited – another favourite Hertford store now long gone.

80th Anniversary of VE day celebrated



'Our' veterans: Hugh, Tony, Joan and Dave



A real street party going on in the pub garden



A full and enthusiastic congregation in the church



... and lighting the beacon on the village green

Oh what a day that was ... Brickendon certainly remembered, and celebrated, the 80th anniversary of VE day – the day when WWII was officially over ... when Winston Churchill, announced in his speech, broadcast from Downing Street on 8 May 1945, "we may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing, but let us not forget"

At our church we were reminded of the sacrifices made and the challenges that had been faced and veteran service personnel – Hugh Dunlop, Dave Drury, Tony Dean and Joan Morris - laid wreaths before the reveille was sounded.

At the Farmer's Boy there was an amazing atmosphere ... old motor vehicles in the car park and a real 'street party' atmosphere in the pub garden. **WELL DONE EVERYBODY ... A TRULY MEMORABLE OCCASION**

Parish Council Meeting, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, on Thursday 22 May at 7.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting:

The Chair thanked Councillors, Fanshaws Room Committee and Parishioners who have contributed to the various projects and events throughout the parish in the past year. He also thanked our outgoing County Councillor, Jonathan Kaye, and District councillor, Tim Hoskin, for their attendance at meetings and for their support. Particular mention was made of the maintenance of the website, the editor and distributors of the Newsletter, maintenance of our parish litter bins and grass cutting of the village green and its surrounds and maintenance of the area around the tennis courts.

The council has fulfilled its obligations to: install defibrillators – organise litter picks – hold an annual fete – maintain the tennis courts – maintain the play area, benches and trees on the village green – contribute to various parish events – monitor planning applications. In addition, work is ongoing to purchase the village green, replace fencing, install electric vehicle charging points, naturalise the village green and re-new litter bins as required.

The Chair reported that it is hoped to exchange contracts for the purchase of the village green in the near future. Replacing the fencing around the green will not take place until the purchase of the green is completed. The PC is also monitoring plans for possible changes to East Herts boundaries.

There was no update from our District Councillor, Tim Hoskin, or our newly elected County Councillor, Steven Watson, and neither were present at this meeting. Councillor Tony Roberts was re-elected as Chair of the PC and Councillor Hannah O'Donnell was re-elected as Vice Chair.

Parish Council meeting:

This followed the Annual Parish Meeting. Minutes of both meetings will be published on the Brickendon Liberty website. Main points of the PC meeting were:

- Fly tipping is still going on and the PC reinforced that parishioners should always report fly tipping directly to HCC (see below for further information)
 - Signs to deter fly tipping in Back Lane will be installed, their success will be monitored
 - A suitable site for the de-fibrillator in Wormley West End has still to be agreed
 - A bough from the large oak tree on the green has fallen and there are other dead branches that are of concern, the PC will take steps to address this and are mindful of health and safety issues
 - There has been no progress on ditch clearing, this will be carried forward
 - It was noted that parking on the road beside Bayford Station has increased, however, this is not in our parish
 - There were no recorded crimes in the parish in April 2025*
 - The Chair of FRC gave an update on their recent meeting which was primarily concerned with the VE day celebration held jointly with the Farmers Boy PH
 - Various planning applications were viewed by the PC and progress updated
- **Unfortunately, shortly after this PC meeting, two crimes were reported in May, in Brickendon, firstly the theft of sheep from a field in Fanshaws Lane and secondly, theft of a motor cycle from a residence on Brickendon Green.**

To report Fly Tipping in Hertfordshire you can:

- Call HCC on 0300 1234 047 if the fly tip is blocking part or all of the road
- Call the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 if the fly tipping might cause an immediate pollution risk to a watercourse
- Call 999 if you witness fly-tipping in action (being aware of your personal safety)
- Contact the East Herts District Council if you come across a fly tip
- Call Herts County Council's Highways department on 0300 1234 047 if the fly tip is blocking highways and causing an obstruction

Lewis Cocking MP – it was good to have a visit from our elected Member of Parliament on Thursday 19 June when he held an impromptu 'surgery' at the Farmer's Boy PH to allow parishioners to discuss their concerns with him.

Parish People: It was with great sadness we learnt of the death of Jan Whittaker after a bravely fought battle with cancer. Condolences go to Peter, Amanda, Alastair and the whole family. Jan's funeral took place on 20 May before interment in Brickendon churchyard.

Local Information Page

Parish Councillors:

Philip COSFORD – 01992 511207

Hannah O'DONNELL – **Vice chair** 07775 652432

Tony ROBERTS – **Chair** 07734 715002 (tony.roberts@brickendon-liberty.org.uk)

Alastair WHITAKER – 07775 626181

Amanda WHITAKER – 07984 937315

Parish Clerk: Laura Brooks-Payne – email clerk@brickendon-liberty.org.uk

Fanshaws Room Committee:

Linda Ashley **Chair** 01992 511313

Alison Blakey **Secretary** 01992 511045

Robert Williams **Treasurer** 01992 511605

Brenda Lambie **Hall lettings** 01992 511551

Lawrence Price **Environment**

Local Member of Parliament: Lewis Cocking MP (lewis.cocking.mp@parliament.uk)

Herts County Councillor: Steven Watson (newly elected) (steven.watson@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

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

For Chapel enquiries please contact Virginia Haryott 07770 944854 or email wellpondharyott@gmail.com

Our Churchwarden, Colin Taylor, has decided to step down after 10 years service in both Brickendon and Bayford. We thank him for his support and dedication and, while hoping to see him on many occasions, we wish him all the best for his retirement.

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

Hall Letting - **reduced rate** for residents of Brickendon Liberty, contact 01992 511551

Knit N Natter - Farmers Boy, **Tuesday mornings 10am – 12noon** (further information – Janet 01992 511515)

Petanque - meet in Farmers Boy car park. **Tuesday evenings 5.30 - 7pm, Thursday and Sunday mornings 10am – midday** (Club Secretary Janet 01992 511515)

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

Tennis Courts - £5 per hour, to book telephone 07734 715002 or email tony.roberts@brickendon-liberty.org.uk

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