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Brickendon Liberty Parish Newsletter

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Let's start by wishing ourselves, that is all residents of this Parish, a very happy and healthy New Year and a big THANK YOU to all the intrepid folk who deliver this Newsletter at least four times a year – thank you for keeping us all in touch.

That was the year that was Thanks also to the Parish Council and to Fanshaws Room Committee for organising the children's Christmas party at Hertfordshire Zoo (aka PWP) and, together with Rachel et al, the meal for seniors at the Farmers Boy PH. Once again our postbox was wonderfully decorated for Christmas, and for that we thank our local knit & natter ladies. Was also lovely to see the Christmas tree on the green welcoming the festive season.

Parish Council updates from meetings on 6 November 2025 and 29 January 2026:

- Equipment for a defibrillator is now in place at the Woodman & Olive public house in WWE with full installation planned asap.
- Land Registry have requested, and been sent, further information on use of the village green before purchase can be completed.
- Fencing of the village green in Brickendon is almost complete. The PC is contacting BGGC concerning the condition of the fencing around the pond.
- **The Parish Litter Pick is now re-scheduled for Sunday 22nd March, meet at 10am in the car park on Brickendon Green.**
- There was no crime reported in the area between September and November, one drug related offense was recorded in Broxbourne Woods in December 2025.
- Residents are advised to sign onto Herts Connected for up-to-date crime reports.
- An environmental grant of £800 has been awarded to the Parish and an Environmental Plan for the Parish is ‘work in progress’

- The PC is registering areas where flooding takes place for investigation
- Some work has already been done on ditch clearing and a future plan is in hand
- An inspection of the village green playground has taken place and it reported that the equipment is safe. One bench requires improvement and the PC have this in hand.
- The Chair of Fanshaws Room Committee reported that a meeting date will be arranged for 2026 and will be announced on the village WhatsApp.
- A presentation was made to Beryl Mathews in December in honour of her becoming a Freeman of the Parish for all the work she has done both on the PC and FRC
- Road closures are planned for Pembridge Lane in March, details on the East Herts website
- An application for a speed awareness sign in WWE has been applied for in order to calm traffic and reduce speeding and the PC is waiting for a response
- EV chargers in the Parish are still planned but no installation date has been given
- The next meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30pm on Thursday 26 March

Report from District Councillor Tim Hoskin:

- Hertfordshire has submitted their proposal for a new regulatory authority, a decision is expected in the summer
- Attention was drawn to the National Policy on Development plans
- Grants are available under the Warm Homes policy
- Plans are being prepared for refreshing town centres, including Hertford

Door Stickers

The editor has some door stickers, supplied by a community care organisation, which some residents may like to receive. They ask that uninvited or unexpected callers do not knock and state that nothing is bought at the door etc. and that the resident should not be disturbed. If you live in the parish and would like one please ring 01992 511551.

Visit from our constituency MP Lewis Cocking

On Thursday 9th January we had another visit to the Farmers Boy from our local MP. This time his focus was to meet publicans and give them an opportunity to raise the issues facing the pub industry just now. Coincidentally, that morning it was announced that the chancellor was finalising a support package for the struggling industry that would include reductions to business rates for pubs, which had been facing a 76% rise on average over the next three years. Maybe they heard us coming!!!

News of Celtic Harmony Camp

Escape the everyday this February half-term whether for a family day out or an activity camp for children. Families can explore and enjoy workshops from Archery to Cooking over an Open Fire on a Celtic Warrior Experience, led by experienced educators, on Monday 16th and Friday 20th February. Alternatively, you can drop children off for an Adventure Camp on

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th February for two days packed with activities including drumming in the Chieftain Roundhouse, Archery, Pottery and even disc golf!!

Work is going on in the Ancient Woodland and on-site facilities ensuring everything is ready to welcome back schools and visitors in the Spring. If you would like to volunteer contact Clare or Luca to learn more on 01438 718543 or visit celticharmony.org (Clare)

The Nativity Story – Sunday 13 December 2025

The Chapel was filled to capacity for this amazing nativity play! What fun it was! The actors looked very magnificent in their costumes and they took part with enthusiasm! Baby Roux was an angelic baby Jesus and slept soundly throughout the whole performance! Between the scenes, carols were sung, led by Brook. The Chapel looked beautiful, decorated by our talented group of village knitters.

Many thanks must go to Rachel who masterminded the whole celebration. Do call into the pub and look at the excellent book of nativity photos that Rachel has printed for us.

(Virginia)

2026 Dates for your diary:

Parish Council Meetings in the village hall:

26th March – 21st May (inc Annual Parish Meeting) – 23rd July – 24th September – 26th November:

Brickendon Grange Golf Club - Sunday Carvery:

Sunday 8th 15th 22nd February Sunday 1st 8th 22nd 29th March Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday
Main Course @£19.50, 2 Courses @ £26, 3 Courses @ £32 Phone 01992 511258 to book

What's on at The Farmers Boy PH

Crack The Safe!!!

Quiz Night – every Tuesday evening @ 8pm

New Year – New Format

But still the same old quizmaster doing her best to entertain the masses!!

£2 pp – Booking essential – Nibbles in the break!

Gentlemen's coffee morning

3rd Saturday every month @ 9am giving a chance to chat and share

Free cuppa & a buttie

The Comedy Cellar

2nd Thursday of every month from 8pm

Free entry but booking essential

Offence should not be taken..... !!!

Brickendon Live Lounge

Open Mic with Andy – last Thursday every month from 8pm

Everyone welcome – 'Let's blow the roof off'

Hertford Shanty Club

1st Wednesday every month from 7.30pm

'Let the tavern walls be trembling with the might of every verse'

Local Information Page

Parish People:

We are sad to report the death of local resident Margaret Hills in October 2025 and send condolences to her family and friends.

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 (telephone 01992 845335)

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

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

Police: 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

Services: 1st Sunday each month - **11am Family Communion**
3rd Sunday each month - **11am Family Service**
Easter Sunday Service (5th April) will be held at Bayford Church this year

Parish Activities:

Book Club - Contact Andrea for details – 01992 511588

Hall Letting - **reduced hourly rate of £10** for residents of Brickendon Liberty, contact 01992 511551

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

Petanque - Farmers Boy car park. **Tuesdays 2 – 4pm (winter play), 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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