

BRICKENDON LIBERTY

Newsletter

2026 – Autumn Edition No 174

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

X – formerly 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 permission from the Editor. While care is taken in presenting information, no responsibility can be accepted for inaccuracies or opinions that are not necessarily those of the PC, FRC or the editor.

Brickendon Liberty PC updates:

At meetings on 23 July and 24 September the following items were discussed by the PC:

- Our District Councillor reported that the District Plan is going ahead, and may affect this parish as development around railway stations is part of the plan mentioned in the Green Belt review, which now has a new 'Grey Belt' definition.
- Local reorganisation is not going ahead at this time so elections for District Councillors will take place in May 2027 but no others.
- Defibrillators throughout the parish are being updated with new batteries which will keep them relevant until 2028
- Purchase of the village green will hopefully proceed as the Land Registry's question about the road crossing of the green was answered some weeks previously.
- Residents can keep an eye out for road closures by checking the East Herts website
- Our District Councillor has followed up the situation with traffic calming measures in Wormley West End with our HCC Councillor for this ward, Steven Watson. A new 'give way' sign will be installed but, Councillor Hoskin was advised that as there is no firm evidence to support the need for other measures none are planned.
- There has been no progress on the installation of EV chargers

- Wild flower seeds have been sown on the Green but the drought has affected their development. More seeds are planned to be sown.
- A suggestion has been made to install CCTV at the crossroads in Brickendon. Chair of the PC will look into the legality of such a project.

Dates of BLPC Meetings 2027

28th January – 25th March – 27th May – 22nd July
23rd September – 25th November

CRIME NEWS

Between midnight on 14 September and 8.30am on 15 September an unknown offender gained entry into the Farmers Boy ph and took a considerable amount of goods. Anybody with information relating to this crime should contact the police on **101** quoting crime number **41/88756/26**.

Alternatively information can be given anonymously via **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111**

Litter Pick

This will take place on:

Sunday 29 November.

Meet in Village Hall car park at 10am to collect equipment.



Christmas is coming (so are other dates!!!)

At FRC meeting on 1st October the following activities were discussed and planned:

*A bonfire event for parishioners, similar to last year's, on **November 5th** is being held in the car park of the Farmers Boy. It will be a simple occasion and free to attend with music provided and the promise of marshmallows and hot dogs.

*FRC will be holding a Special Bingo Evening on **19th November** in the Farmers Boy to raise funds for the village. More details will be on the Village WhatsApp and/or available in the FB.

***28th November** – Christmas Party at Herts Zoo (PWP) for parish children who are under 7yrs old on 25.12.26 Parents/carers must telephone [Amanda \(07984 937315\)](tel:07984937315) if they want their children to attend. **ALL** eligible children must be re-registered, even if they have attended before, to confirm a place.

***10th December** – Christmas lunch in the Farmers Boy PH at 1pm for senior residents of the parish. Invitations will be issued to eligible residents by telephone.

* **?? December (date still to be confirmed)** - It wouldn't be possible to re-create last year's amazing nativity play so this year the Farmers Boy, in conjunction with parishioners, will be organising an event on the Green, attended by Father Christmas, watch for details.

Please join the [Village WhatsApp group](#) to get updates on all events being planned or/and visit the FB for more information on events they are planning.

Baker Arms Bayford Public Rights of Way

Brickendon residents who used the Baker Arms car park in Bayford, either as a walker or horserider, are asked to assist in maintaining it as a Right of Way by completing a User Evidence Statement Form, obtainable from:

atrendler@hotmail.com

or telephone 07936 650992 for a copy.

WANTED: A secretary is wanted by Fanshaws Room Committee, which is the social arm of the Parish Council. This post requires attendance at about 4 meetings each year (usually held in the Farmers Boy) to take Minutes and distribute them by email. Please contact the Chair of FRC if you can help: linda@monksgreenfarm.com



Another great Parish event took place this year on Sunday 6th September on Brickendon Green, and a good time was had by all. We do seem to be fortunate in the weather on our fete days, most residents agree it is many years since rain stopped play and certainly this year was amazing. Our thanks go out to the hard-working, and much appreciated, Fete Committee, and to all the residents who turned out to help set up (and knock down) as well as manning stalls and games, serving refreshments, organising the car parking and generally making it a wonderful community occasion.





A very small selection of brilliant photos of the Fete taken by Laura Ailey



News from Celtic Harmony:

We are open every weekend with exciting new activities from 10th – 25th October. Explore the enchanted woodland trail while solving riddles in our Faery Trail. Challenge family and friends to a game of Disc Golf through our woodland setting.

By the end of October, we will have our new Iron Age Farmstead exhibition. Visit our prehistory centre and discover the people, places and everyday objects that shaped life in Britain over 2,000 years ago. This exhibition revives everyday life in the Iron Age through a fascinating collection of archeological artefacts, loaned to us by museums and trusts. The Iron Age Farmstead is part of Celtic Harmony's Seeing Nature, Shaping Culture; Art & Identity in Pre-history project supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. See www.celticharmony.org for updates



Celtic Harmony experience at the village fete

Bayford CofE Primary School & Nursery

If you are unable to attend/missed the school's Open Morning you can still visit by telephoning 01992 511259 to arrange a tour of the school.

Parish People

We were saddened to hear of the death, in August, of long time resident of this parish Frank Harrison and send Shirley and family our condolences.

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
	Secretary - vacancy
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)

Sign up to our local MP's newsletter at:

www.lewiscocking.uk/newsletter

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 enquiries please contact Virginia Haryott 07770 944854

Services:

1st Sunday each month - 11am Family

Communion

3rd Sunday each month - 11am Family Service

Help Wanted: Both Brickendon and Bayford churches are in desperate need of help. We do not have a Churchwarden, Secretary or Treasurer and the PCC has only 4 members. We are all ageing and so the future of these lovely churches is very much in doubt. We would welcome any offers of help or suggestions of how we can solve this situation. Please contact: Virginia Haryott 07770 944854 or Joyce Mentern 01992 551220 or email wellpondharyott@gmail.com

Parish Activities:

Book Club	Contact Andrea for details: (01992 511588)
Hall Letting	Contact Brenda for details: (01992 511551)
Knit N Natter	Farmers Boy, Tuesday mornings 10am – 12noon Contact Janet for details: (07795 963531)
Petanque	Farmers Boy car park. Tuesdays 5.30 – 7pm Thursday and Sunday mornings 10am – midday Thursday evening – 8.00pm (Club Secretary Janet 07795 963531)
Pilates	9.15am Tuesday mornings in Fanshaws Room Contact: Harriett on 07795 577210 or email pilateswithharriett@hotmail.com
Tennis Courts	£5 per court per hour - telephone: 07734 715002 or email tony.roberts@brickendon-liberty.org.uk

Contributions to Brickendon Newsletter:

Editor:	Brenda Lambie 01992 511551
Webmaster:	graham@compassion-in-business.co.uk
Published by:	Fanshaws Room Management Committee & Brickendon Liberty Parish Council
Printed by:	Fred the Printer