

Brickhill Parish Council News

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SAVE YOUR POST OFFICE - CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you very much to everyone who signed the petition or sent in an individual letter of protest against the threatened closure of the Post Office at Brickhill Drive.

As we approach the deadline for the consultation period it is **more vital than ever** that we show Post Office Ltd the strength of local feeling against the closure and the hardship it would cause to our community. At this stage the best way to influence the Post Office is still for residents to write **individual letters** which outline how they personally will be adversely affected by the closure, eg unsuitability of alternatives because of distance, accessibility, lack of transport and so on.

Remember **even if you usually use Avon Drive Post Office you will still be affected** if Brickhill Drive Post Office is closed down as queueing times will inevitably increase.

Experience from other areas shows that the **number of protest letters received does make a difference**. Please address all letters to Delia Shephard c/o St Mark's Church Community Centre, Calder Rise, Brickhill MK41 7UY or you can send them by email to clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk. We will pass them on in bulk to the Post Office at the appropriate time.



GREEN WHEEL COMING TO BEDFORD

Lovely routes for:

- A Sunday afternoon walk
- Getting to your favourite park
- Children to play safely
- Taking a bike ride
- Getting to work or school



GreenWheel

If any of the above sounds good to you then you may like to know more about the Bedford Green Wheel. The Wheel is an exciting new project to link the town's existing and future parks and other green spaces by improving the network of traffic free routes across Bedford, Kempston and some of the surrounding villages. The Wheel will improve and build on this network to create safe, enjoyable and interesting routes close to homes, workplaces and schools.

Preparation work is now underway and a vital part of this is to find out more about what people will want from the Green Wheel, how they may use it and if there are any concerns or issues that may stop them using it.

To help with this process, the team behind the Wheel are holding a series of workshops for people to find out more and contribute to the planning work. An event has been arranged for **Monday 23 June (7 pm to 9 pm) at St Marks Community Centre in Brickhill**. Everyone is welcome but **booking is essential** – please contact Bedford 227407 or neighbourhoodservices@bedford.gov.uk to reserve a place.

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**SCOTT LOWER SCHOOL
FAMILY FUN DAY
SUNDAY 29TH JUNE
2-5pm, Hawk Drive, Brickhill**

This year we are having a FAMILY FUN DAY Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the day!!

Lots of good family fun with Bouncy Castles, Fun Fair rides and sideshows. We will be having a magic show and Punch & Judy Show plus balloon modelling.

Lots of competitions for the children to enter

Refreshments ~ BBQ ~ Licenses Bar
Tin can alley ~ Face Painting ~ Tattoo's & nails

Hook a duck ~ Beat the goalie ~ Balloon popping

Name the Baby competition ~ Stocks
Weight of the Cake ~ Treasure Hunt ~ Raffle

**SLOW FOOD CAMPAIGN
IN BRICKHILL**

Slow Food Bedford held their first Project 2008 event on the 8th May in The Parkwood Community Orchard and Brickhill Parish Allotments. Funded entirely by membership money and funds raised from events. The purpose was to educate our next generation in our local Food Heritage Hero Thomas Laxton. To give an understanding of local produce, seasons and the importance of our world fruit seasons. Pupils from Brickhill Lower School



joined in the event which commenced with a look at the difference between old and new potatoes and cooking methods with an emphasis on why it is important to cook the vegetable correctly to maintain the full vitamin content and taste. The children visited the allotments to see the potatoes which we are growing on our plot. Shane Hughes from ZCC illustrated the importance of recycling and creating a compost bin in your back garden. The children were then treated to a BBQ of local Handmade sausages from Davidjon Traditional Butchers. Matt from The Mill House Theatre Group dressed as Thomas Laxton from the 1860's and talked to the children about how he came to Bedford and the how his business grew within the town. Patrick Eeles from Friend's of the Parkwood Community Orchard demonstrated how they planted and maintained the trees. Robert Campbell from BTCV talked about the importance of nature within an orchard and helped by Simon Fisher Bed BC Green Spaces Officer and Bedford Park Rangers led a mini beast hunt in the orchard. Sue Miller the convivum leader of Slow Food Bedford said "The smiling faces of the children said it all, learning can be fun and with the support of our members we can educate children and parents in the real taste of food" **To find out how you can join e-mail slowfoodbedford@ntlworld.com or visit our website at www.slowfoodbedford.co.uk**



Community events for over 60s
Sir William Harpur House Clyde Crescent (off
Avon Drive) Brickhill
Did you know that bpha runs activities for the
whole community at Sir William Harpur House?
Come and Join in. You will be very welcome.

Weekly events

Wednesdays at 1am - coffee and a chat

We often have speakers for your entertainment, take a chance on the raffle too You could be a winner!

25 June - Library Link Talk

9 July - Clothes Sale (Summer Collection) Money spinners

Fridays 1:30 - eyes down at 2pm - BINGO 50p a book - come and meet with friends

Special events

18th June (Wednesday) 11am - Free Entry

Coffee Morning with Comfort Plus Mobility

Mobility products for the elderly and disabled

24th June (Tuesday) 2pm Cost £2.00

Summer Party

Come and enjoy the entertainment of Steve Perry (vocalist) back by popular demand

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COULD YOU BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR BRICKHILL?

Parish Councils are the part of local government closest to the community. Your Parish Councillors have responsibilities which fall into three main areas:

- representing the whole electorate within Brickhill
- delivering services within Brickhill
- working to improve the quality of life in Brickhill

Brickhill Parish Council currently has a vacancy for one Parish Councillor. This vacancy may be filled by co-option at the PC meeting in July 2008. If you live or work in Brickhill and you are interested in working for your community the Parish Council would like to hear from you. Contact the Clerk or any member of the Council for an information pack.

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Brickhill Parish Council Meeting Dates

Meetings will be held at St Mark's Church
Community Centre, Calder Rise, Brickhill.

Full Parish Council Meetings 7.30 pm:

3 July, 4 September, 2 October

**Planning Committee Meetings 6.45 pm if on
the same day as a full Parish Council meeting**

otherwise 7.00pm: 3 July, 24 July, 14 August, 4
September, 1 October

Brickhill Community Safety Forum Meeting

7.30 pm Wednesday 2nd July 2008
Brickhill Community Centre

This is an opportunity to meet and discuss
any concerns you may have.

This month the *Guest Speaker will be
Gillian Parker, the Chief Constable of
Bedfordshire Police.*

All welcome

Clerk to the Council

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