

# Brickhill Parish Council News

The newsletter of Brickhill Parish Council

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## BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2010/11

In 2010/11 the Parish Council will collect a total of £57,700 from the Council Taxpayers of Brickhill. This money (known as the Precept) supports the Parish Council in its work for the benefit of the local community. The 2009-10 Precept was £52,000; for a Band D property this is an increase of £1.82 per year. The Parish Council was conscious of the need to balance income against expenditure, while being mindful of the generally difficult economic situation. Various plans for expenditure were either removed from the budget or cut back, to keep the increase down. The budget will still enable the continuation of the Police Post at St Mark's, further events such as a 'Gathering on the Green' in the Summer, Community Grants and work to improve the Allotments.

A copy of the detailed budget is available on the website, along with last year's accounts. Please contact the Clerk if you would like a hard copy of the budget or have any questions about the Parish Council's finances or any aspect of its business. The 2009-10 accounts will be available after the end of the financial year on 31 March 2010.

Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick, Brickhill Parish Council

## GATHERING ON THE GREEN 3

### WAVENEY AVENUE

DO YOU OR YOUR GROUP WANT TO BE PART  
OF THE EVENT ORGANISING TEAM?

DO YOU HAVE A STALL YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
RUN?

WOULD YOU HELP AS A MARSHAL?

DO YOU HAVE A TALENT YOU WANT TO  
SHOWCASE?

YES—GREAT!!!!!!

COME ALONG TO OUR NEXT PLANNING  
MEETING AT ST MARK'S CHURCH  
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 9 MARCH  
AT 7:30PM.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND BUT WOULD LIKE  
MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
DELIA SHEPARD ON 01234 271708 OR EMAIL  
CLERK@BRICKHILLPARISHCOUNCIL.GOV.UK



## AROUND THE WORLD IN ONE WEEK FOR BRICKHILL LOWER!



What exciting learning opportunities the whole school have had during our recent International Week. We 'flew' around the world visiting so many different countries... Ghana, Malaysia, Philippines, Kenya, India, Jamaica and Tibet. We tasted foods, learnt how to do the Kenyan 'high jump' dance, created Warli story pictures, wove Kente mats, sang songs, learnt about 'Pirates of the Caribbean's, and celebrated the Chinese New Year with stories, lanterns and dragons. It has given us a clearer understanding and appreciation of the beliefs and traditions of different cultures. At the end of our Friday 'share' assembly, we held up Tibetan prayer flags, which the children had written, and reflected ...'It is our hope that our good wishes will be blown on the wind to the people who need them'.

The previous week, parents and children kindly helped us raise an amazing £800 for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. Our thanks go to all those who help us find ways to support others in their time of need.

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### Sir William Harpur House celebrations

Sir William Harpur House has now been open for six years. To celebrate, there will be a party at 2pm, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, with entertainment by 'Something Else'. Tickets cost £4, including refreshments and nibbles. There are a wide variety of activities each week mostly of interest to the over 50s. There is a Coffee Morning every Wednesday at 11am, quizzes, movie matinees and other social activities. The restaurant, run by 'Tastibox' is open to the public for lunch during the week. For tickets to the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary party or details of any events, call Sir William Harpur House on 01234 346370.



Silver Surfers is run by bpha to give older residents the chance to use and learn computers, in a fun, relaxed environment. Sessions are held at Sir William Harpur House on Mondays – Thursdays. To find out more or book a session please call Janet Cook on 791146 or 0777 167 9999. Or email to [janetc@bpha.org.uk](mailto:janetc@bpha.org.uk).

**TIME TRAVELLERS WANTED**

Do you want to take part in a time travel mission?

Are you interested and willing to give some time to working on a **Time Capsule** project for the Woodlands Park area?

**YES - GREAT**

For further mission details contact  
Kim Norris, Community Development Officer, bpha  
Tel: 01234 221219

### MANTON TRAVEL SERVICES

**A Taste of the Dales 4 day holiday  
10-13 September 2010—£180 per person**

3 nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Ramada Jarvis Bradford/Leeds  
Private Coach hire from the Bedford Area  
Entrance to the Wensleydale Creamery  
Entrance to the Black Sheep Brewery

All rooms are en-suite with colour TV, telephone, tea/coffee making facilities and hairdryer.

**Turkey & Tinsel Holidays 2010  
1-5 November 2010**

4 nights at a first class hotel. All rooms are en-suite and the tour will include  
Luxury coach travel from the Bedford Area, 2 Excursions, services of a Tour Manager.  
Holiday cost will be in the range of £221-234 per person + insurance.

If you wish to register your interest for either holiday please contact us on 01234 343238 or email [e.wall2@ntlworld.com](mailto:e.wall2@ntlworld.com). In addition we offer theatre trips to Derngate, Milton Keynes and the West End and also Day Trips all with local pick up points in Bedford the only local company to provide this service.

### LIBRARY LINK in BRICKHILL

If you are not able to visit your local library, Library Link is for you! Library Link visits the following locations in Brickhill: Hollington, Maydenbury, Highfield, Sir William Harpur House and Anjulita Court and will also make house calls. Library stock includes a wide selection of novels and non-fiction, (including large print), books on cassette and CD and jigsaws. Why not try this service? The next visit to Sir William Harpur House will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> March from 11am-11:40am and then every 4 weeks. For further details phone Kempston Library on 01234 276453.

### POT HOLES IN BRICKHILL

The recent bad weather has led to widespread damage to roads in Brickhill, with many dangerous potholes appearing. Parish and Borough Councillors have been reporting potholes to the Borough for repair. Some have been repaired but many remain. If you see a dangerous pothole you can report it yourself to the Highways Helpdesk on 01234 228661 or email [highways.helpdesk@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:highways.helpdesk@bedford.gov.uk).

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN BRICKHILL

**Sunday March 28th**

**10am-1pm PARK WOOD NATURE RESERVE**

Meet at main entrance to Brickhill Drive Allotments (just off Brickhill Drive). Come and join us in the Park Wood nature reserve, cutting back hedges, clearing footpaths and generally tidying the site. Wear warm, waterproof clothing, hot drinks supplied.

**Saturday 3 April**

**10-12.00pm WESTROPE WAY**

Litter Pick—meet at Woodlands Park end of Westrope Way. Equipment will be provided.

**Sunday 18 April**

**10am-12:30pm CLAPHAM PARK WOOD**

Meet outside Beauchamp School, Hawk Drive  
Join us for a woodland walk with a chance to cut your own walking stick!

## **STOP PRESS!! Gates at Mowsbury Park**

Brickhill Parish Council has contributed £1000 towards the installation of car park gates at Mowsbury Park. Work on the gates will begin on 1 March 2010.

**Would you like to be part of a**

**PARENTS FORUM**

**For**

**St Thomas More Cluster**

**Extended Services**

Do you have a passion to support the needs of families in your school and see children and young people in your community thrive.

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Be part of a decision making process

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Improve opportunities for children in schools

Gain new experiences

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Feel valued

**For more information contact:**

**Shikoll Akthar/Marion Boland**

**St Thomas More Cluster – Extended**

**Services**

**01234 400222 ext 238**



# Brickhill Community 5-a-side Football Tournament



**A New  
Tournament  
Every Week**

**Bring your own  
team or come and  
join a team**



## Waveney Green

Register your team by:

# 4.30pm

Starting:

## Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

For 8 weeks

(Event ends at 6.30pm and will not run during half-term)

Want to know more:

Call Tim Gannon on 273773

Or email: [youth@brickhillbaptistchurch.org](mailto:youth@brickhillbaptistchurch.org)

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Meeting Dates**

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

**Councillor Surgeries**

To be held at 7pm before every Parish Council meeting—do please come along

**Full Parish Council Meetings 7.30pm**

4 March 2010, 1 April 2010, 13 May 2010

**Planning Committee Meetings 6.45 pm if on the same day as full meeting of Parish Council otherwise 7.00pm****Parish Council Office Contact Details****Clerk to the Council**

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Public drop in session every Tuesday

10am - 12 noon