

# BRICKHILL NEWS

## The newsletter of Brickhill Parish Council

Waveney Green

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### News from Brickhill Parish Council .....

**Budget :** 'The parish council agreed its budget for 2019/20 on 10th January. The precept will be £121,000, equivalent to a Band D council tax amount of £33.96, a 4p reduction from last year. The budget includes further repairs and renewals at Brickhill Community Centre and Waveney Green (including renewing footpaths and play equipment), more Christmas lighting and/or a bigger 'switch on' event, subsidised play schemes during the Easter and Summer holidays and more besides. The budget and precept were agreed unanimously.'

For more details see the article on the Brickhill Parish Council Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/BrickhillPC/>

Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick, Chair of Brickhill Parish Council

**CCTV:** The parish council is considering the purchase of a mobile/semi mobile CCTV camera.

**Elections:** The parish council is up for election in May. For more information contact the Clerk.

**Waveney Green News:** The parish council has now signed the lease with Bedford Borough Council which now means that it is responsible for the whole of Waveney Green. In the Easter school holidays, the new footpath will be installed linking Frances Groves Close to the footpaths which already cross the Green. Repairs will also be carried out to the existing footpath near the toddler play area.

**Please Remember:** all the minutes of the parish council and its committee meetings can be found on our website at [www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk).

**Easter Activities 8th and 10th April.** Once again Brickhill Parish Council are providing subsidised activities (50%+ of the full cost) for our young residents in the parish through MK Dons and the YMCA. **Get booking as places are limited to first come first served.**



On **Monday 8th April**, MK Dons will be running football training sessions on the playing fields off Ashmead Road.

12noon to 2pm for the age range 7-12

2pm to 4pm for the age range 13-16

**Cost £4 per session.** Contact the Parish Clerk for more information (see page 2)



On **Wednesday 10th April**, YMCA will be running an activity day at Brickhill Primary School. This will be a mix of physical activity (sport & dance), art, mindfulness and books & games.

For the 5-12 age range,

9am—3pm



**£10 per day.** Contact the Parish Clerk for more information (see page 2)



**Brickhill Parish Council Spring Tea**  
Friday 5th April, 2pm - 4pm  
St Mark's Church Community Centre

*Yes it's that time again !!*

Are you a resident aged 65 years young or over? Why not join us for a traditional afternoon tea of sandwiches, cakes, entertainment and good company. Don't worry if you are coming on your own, everyone is always very friendly and you will always find someone to talk to.

**It is also free - so please come along!!**

Places are limited so please contact the Clerk (see page 2) to reserve your free place. It is important to let us know of any dietary requirements.

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### Dates for your diary.....

13th February: Allotments and Open Spaces Meeting



12th March: Community Safety Forum

5th April: Spring Tea for the over 65's

8th & 10th April: Easter Activities

6th July: Gathering on the Green

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### Office Hours

**Monday—Thursday 10am—2pm**

**Parish Council meetings** meetings are open to the public and normally take place on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30pm (except August & December) at St Mark's Church Community Centre, Calder Rise, Brickhill MK41 7UY. Councillor surgeries are held at 7pm before each parish council meeting.

Parish council meetings are now also recorded. The latest one can be viewed on <https://youtu.be/0KPZDUE0TGE>

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## Brickhill Borough Councillors Update February 2019 From Wendy Rider and Charles Royden



The worst of winter is coming and we are doing our best to ensure Brickhill roads are in good condition. A huge number of Brickhill roads and pavements have been resurfaced but we keep going until every road and pavement is in good condition. We will report potholes and defects and have them repaired and the new Jetpatcher pot hole repair machine has been active in Brickhill. We have also asked for verge trimming along footpaths where grass has encroached, this helps restore pavements and it makes a considerable visual improvement.

We have campaigned for new traffic signals and pedestrian crossings on the junctions of Kimbolton Road with Putnoe Lane, Brickhill Drive, Park Avenue and Polhill Avenue. We are delighted that this entire stretch of road will be resurfaced and traffic signals replaced with a new efficient road management system to get traffic moving more quickly and help avoid long queues. We were also delighted that our request for a school crossing patrol on Kimbolton Road saw an appointment made and a crossing patrol was in place at the start of term. Mayor Dave Hodgson has introduced a Council Speedwatch Vehicle which has been active in Brickhill. Offenders are reported to the police who collect the data and offenders may expect to receive a police visit. Perhaps the one bit of good news about winter is that finally we have had enough rainfall to be able to restart the fountain in the pond on Brickhill Drive!

As your local councillors we will continue to work hard and keep you informed through regular deliveries of FOCUS, surgeries and our website where you can sign up for our Brickhill newsletter. **[www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com](http://www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com)**

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### Park Wood Nature Reserve .....

The Reserve is in the cold embrace of winter, but life continues as the seasons gradually evolve. Our snowdrops are nodding their heads, 'pussy' willows are showing and the hazel 'lambs' tail' catkins waft their pollen through the wood on the breeze. Spring's full splendour will soon be with us. In the meantime we would like more rain to fill the ponds for our spawning frogs, toads and newts next month. The effects of our long hot summer are still being felt, but we hope that we will still get to witness the fruits of our wildflower planting efforts. The rangers help by cutting the scrub which volunteers then rake to give the fritillaries, daffodils and many other wild flowers their best chance. The birds, too, sense the changing season with great and blue tits checking out the nest-boxes; on bright mornings the wood vibrates with their song. If we do get the hoped for rain, it is worth wearing wellies when you visit the reserve – some of the paths soon get muddy..

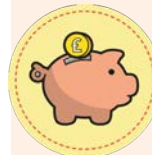


You can keep up with our activities via our Facebook page:

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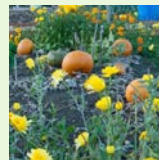
### Does your group need resources or financial support?

#### Did you realise that the parish council offer grants???



If you run a group or activity or take part in one which serves or has members who live in Brickhill, you can apply for a grant. The parish council recently gave a grant of £244.65 to Brickhill Rainbows, Guides and Rangers towards the cost of resources to deliver a new programme. An application form and the grant criteria can be found on the parish council website or contact the Parish Clerk (see page 2)

#### Fancy an allotment?



We have a few plots available to rent. If you would like further information please contact the parish council office, see page 2.



### Volunteers Required

Brickhill News is published 5 times per year and delivered to every household within the parish. This means we need lots of volunteers - could you help? If you could deliver to a few local streets near to where you live and can spare an hour, please contact the parish council office, see page 2.



## Thank You from All Nations!

We would like to say a huge thank you for your contribution in making Christmas In A Box 2018 the best yet. With your help, All Nations Church and Bedford Foodbank were able to provide over 850 boxes that impacted over 1,900 people! We have been amazed at people's generosity at this time of year. We've had feedback from some families to say how much of a difference the box of food made to their Christmas.

Kind regards, **The Christmas In A Box Team** All Nations Church Centre, Brickhill Drive, Bedford, MK41 7QF  
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## News from St Thomas More School....

STM have been accredited with a Bronze Level award for our School Travel Plan - only one of two schools in the Borough to achieve this. The accreditation was achieved as part of our school's development and implementation of our School Travel Plan which is led by Mrs Grimley. We are indebted to Peter Blakeman for his support over the years and with his help, the school has notched up 92 cyclists! Also, special thanks to our own Mr Newman, himself a keen cyclist, who has taken the lead on this excellent initiative.

Our application to the **Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme** has been successful and our project has been put forward to a customer vote in all Bedford Tesco stores until Thursday 28th February 2019. Customers cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop. The project with the highest number of tokens wins.... **So let's make it us!**

**Our Project - Driving Ambition.** As an extra-curricular activity, our Design & Technology department along with students aged 11-18 design and build electric powered racing cars to competitively race throughout the year.



## News from Scott Primary...

The Year 1 children were fortunate enough to visit The Higgins Art Gallery and Museum. Not only did we have the opportunity to explore the museum and look at the old toys on display, but we were also able to play with some of the replica toys. We found out many interesting facts. Poor children tended to make their own toys whereas rich children were able to buy them. Dolls were very popular. We saw a doll made from wax, a doll made from china and a doll made from a peg.



We were able to make our own toys using a range of materials. Some of us made a cup and ball, some made spinners and some made moving pictures. *We all had an amazing day at the Higgins!*



## Brickhill Community Centre

The parish council lease the building from the borough council and is responsible for the building and the car park. It has just installed new lighting and will shortly be re-marking the car park to improve user safety.

**Want to hire the Centre?** The parish council is not responsible for hiring the Centre. It is run by the Brickhill Community Association. Contact Sue the Centre Manager on

Tel: 312332. or e-mail [brickhillcommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:brickhillcommunitycentre@gmail.com)



## Community Safety Forum

### Next Meeting

**Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm**

**Wren Room, St Mark's Church and Community Centre, Calder Rise**

*Your chance to raise any issues of concern, get the latest crime statistics and safety tips.*

*Our local policing team will be there.*

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## News from Brickhill Primary School...

The children at Brickhill Primary School started the New Year with new challenges, new discoveries and new adventures. The Foundation children decided that the witch's house in Hansel and Gretel was too unhealthy, so they recreated it using seeded bread, cream cheese and chopped vegetables. Very tasty and far more nutritious than gingerbread! Year 4 enjoyed an Anglo-Saxon day, when they looked at weapons, food, clothes and customs. Fun was had acting and playing games. Other year groups also travelled back in time: Year 2 explored different types of castle and Year 6 researched the lives of significant Victorian figures, while Year 3 experienced painting in the style of cavemen. Year 5 stayed in the present exploring the Solar System. A space expert from Leicester's National Space Centre, led a lesson via web-cam, sharing knowledge about the Earth, sun and moon. The children then travelled to the Airbus Education Centre in Stevenage to learn about Mars' topography and to investigate rocket design. They were also lucky enough to see the current prototype for the next Mars Rover. Year 1 also became scientists and discovered that a platypus is a mammal, despite the fact that it lays eggs, and that crocodiles and snakes are both reptiles. There are various up-coming sports competitions, so children of all ages have stayed after school to practise their skills and develop their abilities. Local schools need to watch out, *Brickhill Primary are ready to win!*



## Orange Recycling Bags



If you need some more orange recycling bags these are stocked at St Mark's Church. We do try to keep stocks but it is not always possible so **please call 01234 342613 to check availability before you come in.**

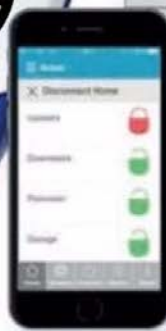
## Twinwoods: Fertiliser Spreading

This will be happening over the coming weeks. Every effort is taken to ensure that spreading only takes place under favourable weather conditions.

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**Local surgeries taking place at 10am at:**

**Avon Drive shops Saturday 2nd March &  
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