Youth activity sessions during the Easter School Holidays

If you are aged 7-12 years and live in Brickhill why not come along to one of activity camps?



Wednesday 3 April Archery

Wednesday 10 April Wild Survival

Both activities will take place from 9am—1pm at Scott Lower School, Hawk Drive.

Both activities will be run by Sport Support on behalf of the Parish Council (www.sport-support.co.uk).

Spaces are limited—only 20 places per activity so to reserve your space please contact the Clerk on 01234 271708 or email clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk or visit our website to download an application/consent form at www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

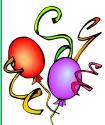


ONLY £5 PEI SESSION

NEW PLAY AREA for 0-6vrs

Work has now started on the new Toddler Play

area on Waveney Green. The new facilities were part funded by an application to WREN and the remainder funded by Brickhill Parish Council. Local playgroups were consulted regarding the design and equipment for this new facility.



Monday 11th March 3pm-4.30pm

Official opening ceremony at which there will be games and a balloon modeller. So please come and join in the fun!

This facility will be managed by Brickhill Parish Council in addition to the existing play area. We hope it will provide many years of enjoyment for our youngest residents.

ALL WELCOME

The future for Brickhill and Ravensden – Your chance to have your say

It is now official: a consultation is underway on the Parish electoral arrangements for Brickhill and Ravensden. The people who will be most interested in this will be residents of Woodlands Park, but everyone in Brickhill and Ravensden is urged to give their views. See the advert from the Borough Council later in this newsletter. Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick, Chair of Brickhill Parish Council said: "The long-held view of Brickhill Parish Council is that it makes sense for Woodlands Park to be officially part of Brickhill Parish. We believe they have so much in common with the rest of Brickhill. I hope residents of both Woodlands Park and Brickhill parish will strongly support the estate joining the Parish. I feel that we are naturally part of the same community and would warmly welcome Woodlands Park joining Brickhill Parish".

Community Litter Pick Saturday 15th June

Do you have any suggestions for areas within Brickhill for our next community litter pick? Please contact the Clerk on 01234 271708. Details regarding the location of the event will be in our next newsletter and advertised locally.

News from Brickhill Parish Council – Council Tax unchanged for 3rd year running

Brickhill Parish Council has agreed its budget for 2013/14. The Band D council tax will remain the same as the past 2 years at £33.16 for the year. The budget covers looking after Waveney Green, including repairs to footpaths and care for the trees, as well as maintenance of Brickhill Community Centre, Brickhill allotments, support for the Brickhill Community Safety Forum and Brickhill Community Plan. There are plans to repeat the successful Gathering on the Green event and to provide more activity sessions for young people in the community during the Easter and Summer holidays. Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick said: "We remain determined to make Brickhill a more vibrant community, but at the same time keep costs down. I am pleased that we have been able to avoid any rise in the Council Tax this year". More financial information is available on the Parish Council website www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk or from the Clerk tel: 01234 271708.

Come and see Community Speed Watch in action

The Brickhill Community Speed watch group will be in operation in Brickhill Drive, 2pm-4pm on Thursday 21st March. This partnership involving the Police, Neighbourhood Watch and the Borough Council gives residents a positive way to tackle concerns about speeding. Speed Watch is designed to educate drivers about their speed and reduce speeding in areas where there is an identified feeling of being unsafe or a high risk of accidents. Meet at the lower junction of Brickhill Drive and Mallard Hill, see how it works and if interested find out how to take part.

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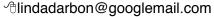
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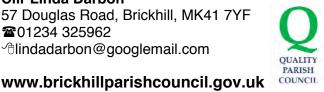
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Parish Council meetings are open to the public and take place on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30pm (except August & December) and take place at St Mark's Church Community Centre, Calder Rise, Bedford MK41 7UY

Councillor Surgeries are held at 7pm before each Parish Council Meeting.

Francesca Johnstone- Clerk to the Council

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Woodlands Park Residents Association

Inaugural General Meeting

Tuesday 19 March 2013

7.30pm Clifton room Anjulita Court

Do you live in Woodlands Park?

The Residents committee want to put WPRA on a formal footing and need your support. Come along for a brief AGM, cup of tea and a presentation by BT Openreach on high speed broadband. Everybody very welcome.





News from Beauchamp Middle School

Pupils from Beauchamp Middle School recently took part in the Bedford District Swimming Gala. The pupils competed against other schools in both the 25 metre and 50 metre events. There were a number of great individual performances and the girls squad won both of the relay races. Three members of the team have now been selected to represent the partnership in the County finals in March. They were Beth Dolan, Lucy Watson and Chiara

Meola congratulations to them all!

Brickhill to Clapham Footpath No 24

On behalf of Cycle Campaign of North Bedfordshire (CCNB) I would like to thank everybody who responded to the November edition of the Brickhill News asking for people to come forward who had cycled during the last fifty years along the Hawk Drive to Green Lane, Clapham track. We received 24 replies representing more than 50 people and a further 11 people have since also put their name forward.

On the Rights of Way Definitive Map the route is marked as a footpath (FP 24) and, as such, is not a legal cycleway. CCNB has been campaigning since 1997 for it to be made legal, initially as a bridleway and then following the adoption of the National Environmental and Rural Communities 2006 Act as a 'Restricted Byway'. The act contained a clause allowing cyclists to claim a way if there was evidence that it had used by cyclists for (normally) 20 years.

An application made to Beds CC by CCNB in July 2006 was passed not fully reviewed onto the new Borough Council in April 2009. A draft report was received from the Borough in July 2012 in which a consultant recommended refusal due to insufficient evidence of use by cyclists and the presence of signs saying that cyclists were not allowed to use the route. CCNB and others have refuted both conclusions and we are now awaiting a final decision from the Borough. Whichever way the outcome, there is a likelihood that the matter will go to a public inquiry. If there are any other people you know who may have or do use the route, please let the Parish Council know as the additional numbers will help at any future public inquiry. Cllr Peter Blakeman



"I love reading and the teachers are very kind" - Sadie (Chicks Class)







Does your child start school in September 2013?

Scott Lower School is opening its new Reception class in Autumn 2013 as part of its two-form entry expansion.

If you would like to know how to enrol your child into Reception for September 2013 please contact the school office on 01234 352630 or email us at scottlower3@schools.bedfordshire.gov.uk

Scott Lower School, Hawk Drive, Brickhill, Bedford MK41 7JA

YOUTH ACTVITY SESSIONS

Come along and try something new, make new friends and join in the fun!

As part of the Youth Innovation Zone project for Brickhill we are able to offer some more great activities to anyone aged 13-19 (priority will be given to Brickhill residents)

Battlefield Live

Sunday 3 March 11:30am-1:30pm this activity will take place at Marston Moretaine Country Park



20 places available

Archery

Tuesday 5th and Tuesday 12th March 6pm—8pm Mark Rutherford Upper School, Wentworth Drive, Bedford MK41 12 places available



Sledging at SnowZone MK

Friday 15th March 2012 12 places available Transport will be provided for the trip to Marston Moretaine and Milton Keynes.

To reserve your place please contact the Clerk on 01234 271708, visit our website or email us at clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Christmas entertainment success

On 4th December, Brickhill Community Association hosted an afternoon of songs and entertainment for senior citizens, with a good time was had by all. The 'Making a Difference Locally' charity kindly donated £300 towards the costs of the event; thank you to Andy at the NISA Local store in Brickhill Drive for your support. More details and photos are on the Parish Council website.

Brickhill Community Safety Forum (CSF)

The Forum held its AGM on the 31st January at St Mark's Church Community Centre. The latest police report for the past 10 months shows total recorded crime case were 212, a reduction of 14% compared with the same period last year. There were 24 Domestic Burglary cases (33% increase), 11 other Burglary cases (63% lower); 18 Vehicle crimes (up 80%). Borough Ranger Jamie Hall reported on anti-social behaviour, parking enforcement, street damage and repairs. Enforcement patrols to reduce dog fouling would commence shortly in Brickhill Drive and Manton Lane. For further information please see the CSF section of the Parish Council website.

OPEN HOUSE UPDATE

Open House which is a drop in facility, for adults with learning difficulties and their carers run on a Wednesday at St Mark's

Church Brickhill.

We were very grateful to receive a grant from Brickhill Parish Council for activities and craft equipment.

Amongst the games a large skittle set was

bought which has given us many hours of enjoyment and many a strike has been Various beads purchased and the group have been very creative and made necklaces and bracelets. One of the highlights for Open House was our fundraising coffee morning for Children In Need where we sold various goods including jewellery made from the beads purchased from the grant. The group were very proud of the £180 they raised for Children in Need.

BRICKHILL SCOUT GROUP



Brickhill Scout Group would like to thank all of the Brickhill residents who very kindly

purchased tickets for the annual Christmas Draw. Thanks to everyone's generosity the raffle raised over £900 for the group.

Our next community event will be a fun family quiz night on 10th May at 7.00pm at St Marks Church. Please email info@brickhillscouts.org.uk for more details and tickets.

The Scout Group provides opportunities for children aged between 6 and 14 to enjoy scouting. It continues to be very popular, with Beavers (ages 6-8) and Cubs (ages 8 - 10½) currently oversubscribed. If you have a child who would like to join the group, either now or in the future, please contact us as soon as possible so that they can be put on our 'joining list' and offered a space when one becomes available. Please do not wait to contact us until your child is 6 as they may be disappointed.

Please email <u>info@brickhillscouts.org.uk</u> to register your interest or for more information.



Brickhill Good Neighbours Update

The Brickhill Good Neighbours Scheme (BGNS) is here to help you! We are a group of volunteers who can assist residents with housework, lifts to shops or appointments, letter writing, small DIY tasks or will simply visit you in a befriending capacity for a cup of tea and a chat. Anyone of any age can access help from the scheme, as long as they are a resident within the Parish of Brickhill (including Woodlands Park). We do ask for payment to cover mileage and transport costs.

So if you have hurt your back and can't walk the dog? Need support to write to a utility company? Bought a new gadget that you need help to get started? Feel isolated and would like some company? Need transport to access the local community service? Please call us! We'll talk through what you need and see if one of our "good neighbours" can help. All volunteers are criminal records bureau checked, have received training and carry identification. If you need help please call us on 07445 594050.

1st Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 16 April
7pm—Main Lounge
Sir William Harpur House
ALL WELCOME

Ravensden and Brickhill



Bedford Borough
Council is
undertaking
a Community
Governance Review
of Brickhill and
Ravensden Parishes.

This is the area shown on the map.

Brickhill Parish 6685 electors

Ravensden Parish 1643 electors including 1049 Woodlands Park

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A public meeting will be held to discuss the Review at St. Mark's Church Community Centre, Calder Rise, Bedford MK41 7UY on Thursday 14 March 2013, from 7.00pm to 8:00pm

So, what is a Community Governance Review?

This is a review of parishes and other arrangements by which communities can be represented and through which they can engage. The main aims of a review are to secure future arrangements that:

- Reflect the identities and interests of the communities in the area; and
- · Are effective and convenient

And who gets to have a say?

The Borough Council is consulting electors in the area under review as well as bodies such as the current parish councils that have an interest in the Review. The Borough Council wants to hear what you think is important to be represented/engaged in future parish and other arrangements.

When can I have my say?

Now! Contact the Borough Council with your views straightaway using the postcard sent with this newsletter. There is an initial three month period where the Borough Council wants to hear what you think. The Borough Council particularly wants your view on whether the Woodlands Park development should continue to be part of Ravensden Parish, become part of Brickhill Parish or have other arrangements such as not being part of a parish or having a parish all for itself.

This doesn't mean the Borough Council only wants to hear views about this but it is an important matter that is likely to affect many other outcomes of the Review. There will be a further period of consultation on proposals for the future once all the views from this initial period have been considered.

Where do I find out more?

The Terms of Reference for the Community Governance Review are available at the Council's website www.bedford.gov.uk/Brickhill_Ravensden

You may also request a copy from Fiona McCabe, Registration and Records, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP, telephone: **01234 276983** or email

communitygovernance@bedford.gov.uk

Borough Council officers will also be attending Brickhill and Ravensden Parish Council meetings to support discussion of the issues involved.

Does this determine school catchment areas?

No. This process is not about catchment areas and it is not about which MP or Borough Councillors will represent you.

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Brickhill Borough Councillors Report

Across Brickhill we will see many features introduced in the next few weeks including a no-verge parking zone, a 20mph zone and new parking restrictions at schools. There was an accident recently involving a child and controlling parking at schools to improve safety is a critical issue.



Money for Brickhill School Places

We are currently working to ensure that over £500,000 is allocated to Brickhill Schools. The money will be used specifically to increase school places and is funded from S106 funds which were set apart as a result of the building of the Woodlands Estate which has put increased pressure on school places at our schools.

Brickhill Meadow Plots

Bedford Borough Council has been working with Cranfield and Sheffield Universities on a project to study the creation of Meadow Grasslands.

They have selected areas in Brickhill for the planting of perennial flowers, including Merlin Gardens, Robin Hill and Brickhill Drive. We have put full details of the project on our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com and we would very much like to hear your views. Brickhill Parish Council has agreed, in principle, for several plots to be allocated on the Green on Waveney Avenue. These are located in a position which will not interfere with recreational activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any matters of concern, we look forward to hearing from you.

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Bulb Planting event Mallard Hill

In December a group of residents planted 500 daffodil bulbs in the green area on Mallard Hill. The bulbs were provided by Brickhill Parish Council as part of their initiative to work with residents to improve the appearance of Brickhill. Thank you to everyone who took part we look forward to seeing the results later on this year.



20mph speed limit proposal



As part of the Mayor's Boroughwide initiative for reduced speed

limits in residential areas and following a request made by the Ward Councillors of Brickhill, Bedford Borough Council proposes to implement a 20mph Speed Limit Zone on Tyne Crescent and its adjoining roads.

Bedford Borough Council are currently consulting on this proposal until 1st March 2013. To find out which roads will be affected by this proposal or for further details of the proposal, please visit www.bedford.gov.uk/tro

The proposed Order is considered necessary on the grounds of promoting road safety by reducing the speed of vehicles in the Tyne Crescent area.



The Friends Group are actively researching the pre 1970's history, archaeology and ecology of Putnoe Wood and Mowsbury Hillfort. If you have memories, stories, images or information concerning either of these sites we would like to hear from you. Do you remember or have information on the Blenheim bomber or the Hurricane that came down in Putnoe Wood or know of Mr Bill Allen and his brother who farmed the Cleat Hill area? All information and nostalgia would be very much appreciated.

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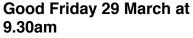
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Good Friday 29 March at 10am

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Easter Sunday 31 March at 9 & 11am

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Report it!

Bedford Borough Council and its Partners investigate all reported cases of Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and take all the necessary remedial action, including using enforcement powers, to help you feel safe in your own home and community. Your options for reporting incidents of Anti Social Behaviour are:

<u>Bedford Borough Council ASB Hotline</u>: Call 01234 276037

Police:

Call 101 (or 999 for an emergency)

If your issue is directly related to a **bpha** household please call **0330 1000 272** and ask for the **Brickhill Neighbourhood Officer** – if out of normal office hours call the **bpha** confidential 24-hour ASB reporting line on **0800 072 3330**

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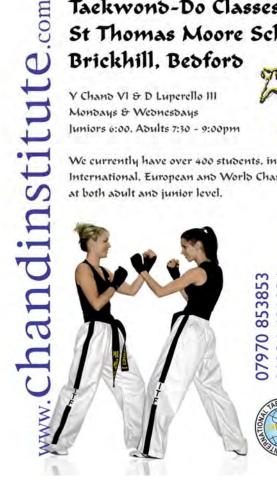
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Can you help us deliver your Parish Council newsletter?

Brickhill Parish Council publishes a newsletter four times a year. The aim is to make sure everyone in Brickhill knows what is going on and has the chance to take part wherever possible. Volunteers are wanted to help deliver the newsletter.

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