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Transporting Bedford 2020

On Thursday 5th July, Jon Shortland, Chief Officer for Planning and Highways at Bedford Borough Council attended the Brickhill Parish Council meeting to update councillors. Transporting Bedford 2020 has secured a total funding package of over £18m. It has three distinct themes within a package of measures aimed at solving some of the worst congestion problems namely pinch point schemes to reduce congestion at key locations, technology improvements in traffic signal control and capability and improvements focusing on the High Street and St Pauls Square. In the Summer of 2018, work starts on site for the first of the pinch point schemes in the Manton Lane area with main junction improvements taking place early next year.



The plans include:

Signalisation of Clapham Road/ Manton Lane/ Shakespeare

Road

- Enhancement to the operation of the Paula Radcliffe Way/Great Ouse Way roundabout
- Enhancement to the operation of the Manton Lane/Brickhill Drive junction
- Reviewing entrance arrangements at the Bedford Modern School
- Refurbishing the signals at Manton Lane / Brickhill Drive junction

This design is currently being tested to determine the effect on journey times and network capacity before the Borough consult again. To keep informed of latest developments, visit:

www.bedford.gov.uk/transport_and_streets/highways/transporting_bedford_2020.aspx

Gathering on the Green 7th July 2018

Sometimes pictures say more than words!! The sun shone and everyone enjoyed a great day out on Waveney Green. Best of all everything was free! A big thanks to all those groups and individuals who performed for the crowds including Mike's Line Dancers, Song Squad, Shiron



Kuria, Sandford School of Dance, Vocal Works, Falcon Gymnastics (and Scott Primary who loaned out their gym mats), Messy Play, All Nations, Friends of the Raptor Foundation and



not forgetting the WI who served water and squash. Thanks also to Brickhill Community Association who contributed £500 towards the teacup ride and carousel and Barrie who took super photos for us. Finally a special thank you to Alison Southern, Assistant Clerk at Brickhill Parish Council who worked so hard to make the day such a success, but due to illness was unable to attend.



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Parish Council meetings

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



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Brickhill Borough Councillors Update July 2018 From Wendy Rider and Charles Royden



Thank you to those people who have responded so positively to us as we have visited homes across Brickhill over the past few months. We are trying to get around as many as possible of 4,000 homes in Brickhill which we represent as councillors. If we don't manage to meet you then please remember that we have our regular surgeries at the shops. We are also always more than pleased to receive requests to visit you at home by appointment if that would be more convenient. Simply make a request on our contact form on our Brickhill Lib Dem FOCUS website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com

One of the issues which is continually raised on the doorstep relates to the continuing poor service received from Stagecoach with the Number 6 bus. Commuters report long waits and inaccurate timetable reports on the Real Time Information Systems. This is completely unacceptable and we will continue to make strong representations to senior management until this is resolved..

Residents are concerned about the severity and size of the new speed humps on Tyne Crescent. We complained about the poor quality of the resurfacing and the contractor agreed with us that some of the work was not of an acceptable quality. We did not want premature failure of the road surface and subsequently the contractor carried out the resurfacing at no cost to the council. However the speed humps were clearly enlarged and this is causing an unacceptable hazard for some residents who have reported to us that their vehicles made contact with the humps at low speeds. We are working with the council to have the contractor reduce these speed humps to a less intrusive height.

We are pleased that our request for resurfacing of the car park at Avon Drive shops was carried out quickly once the surface broke up after the severe winter weather. This is now looking much better and encourages people to shop locally. Over the summer we are also monitoring the cutting of the grass to make sure it is of a high standard. If you have any areas of concern then please let us know as occasionally areas can be missed as happened in Mallard Hill recently. It is important that we constantly take a pride in this parish of Brickhill for the benefit of all who live here and as your councillors we will work hard to make this a great place to live

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

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News from Park Wood Local Nature Reserve

During our Dawn Chorus patrol in the Reserve in May, we were regaled by a total of 28 birds. This is a fairly constant number and is only one down on last year when we came across a kestrel's nest. Our June annual orchid count revealed around 1500 common spotted orchids. With the vegetation so lush this year we very likely missed many others, and also the few pyramidal and bee orchids that we usually find. After a splendid blossom display, the community orchard seems to be gearing up for a bumper harvest later in the year. You can keep in touch with developments at the Reserve on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ParkWoodNatureReserve/>



Volunteers Required

Keen volunteers are needed to help deliver our newsletter. 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, our details are on page 2.

Why not advertise in Brickhill News?

Delivered to every property in the parish and is placed on the website. Costs from £30 per quarter page. Contact the Clerk (see page 2).





Brickhill Scouts have been providing adventure and activities for young people in the Brickhill area for over 50 years. We currently have 2 Beaver Nights (ages 6 -8) and one Cub Night (ages 8-10). For older children we have Scouts (ages 10 – 14) and now Explorers (ages 14 – 18). Young people have opportunities to enjoy a

wide range of activities including, archery, kayaking, camping and crafts. Brickhill Scouts is run entirely by volunteers. We are looking for more leaders to help

provide fun and safe activities for young people. All training and uniforms are provided. If you are interested in getting involved please email GSL@BrickhillScouts.Org.Uk



Sporting Success at St Thomas More



Over the last few months, the students of St Thomas More Catholic Secondary School have been competing in a multitude of sporting competitions and have had a roaring success. We have had some fantastic success in athletics – Nicole Sutherland was the District 100m Inter Girls Champion, Tom Wood was the District 800m Inter Boys Champion, Leonie Brunning qualified for the English Schools Athletics Championship in High Jump and the Year 7 and 8 Girls Athletics Team came 3rd overall in the Athletics League. This is a fabulous start to the summer of Athletics and we are expecting more success as the season continues.

Harry Brodie, one of our Year 10 students, ran for Bedfordshire in the English Schools Cross Country Championships. Holly James, one of our Year 10 students was selected for the England Netball training camp at Loughborough University.



Our Basketball teams did not want to be left out so they also competed for glory, the U16 Boys were District Champions and the County runners up, the U14 Boys District Champions and the County

runners up, the U14 Girls were District Champions and the County runners up, and the U13 Girls were District Champions and were undefeated County Champions for over 11 matches.

Green Gym off Ashmead Road

The green gym has finally been installed and given the numbers of residents seen using the equipment, it would seem to be a welcome addition to the area. The parish council is aware that it is located on an area where the grass is cut infrequently by Bedford Borough Council. The parish council is therefore paying to have the grass around the equipment to be regularly cut and will also ask for a pathway to be cut from the equipment to meet up with the pathway which runs from Ashmead Road behind the Carron Road estate. The parish council is also investigating putting wood chippings or some other surface down to improve access between the equipment and Ashmead Road.

The children at Brickhill Primary have had a very busy term:



Two representatives from Google came in to talk to all the pupils about how to stay safe on-line and be Internet Legends. They explained why we all need to be Sharp, Alert, Secure, Kind and Brave.

The younger children have been busy too. The Foundation children had a fabulous day identifying and watching the animals at Woburn Safari Park, while the Year 1s explored the woods at the Forest Centre. Year 2 visited the Higgins Museum to admire the art work displayed there, which included two pieces drawn by their classmates, who were competition winners.

Year 5s have been busy rehearsing for their end-of-year show, Shakespeare Rocks. The performance is going to be an evening full of history and humour. They have also involved themselves in Virgin Money's Grow £5 project, where they have learned how to create and run their own businesses. They have made some money, and so far, no-one is bankrupt!



Year 4 spent three days being adventurers at PGL. They all proved themselves to be

brave, determined and fearless. Year 3 have had their own adventure closer to home, by having an evening of fun, games and a film, followed by a sleep-over at the school.

Everyone is now looking forward to a well-earned rest over the summer but also to a brand new term in September with our first ever Year 6s.



Brickhill Lower Football Club

Brickhill Lower F.C. is a community based football club for all children of the parish (and beyond) regardless of which school is attended. We provide early access for boys and girls of all levels from ages 4-9 (years R through to 4). All coaches are CRB checked, and ensure children are coached in a safe, fun environment focusing on both football skills and social development. We are looking for players for our new reception group which starts in September. So if your child is interested in giving it a go, get in touch with Howard Phillips

(email: chairman.blfc@gmail.com, mobile: 07818004699). Also, we are looking for coaches for our new reception group(s). If you are interested please also get in touch.



Aged 7-12 years... nothing planned on the 6th August??

The parish council still has a few places left on its mini olympics fun session, 9am-1pm at Brickhill Primary School, Cost £7.50. Contact the Clerk (details on page 2) to book a place.

Dates for your diary.....

- 11th November: Lighting of WW1 beacon
- 4th December: Switching on by Santa of the tree lights on Waveney Green
- 6th July 2019: Gathering on the Green



Brickhill Allotments

Cllr Ann Reeve (centre) from the Allotments and



Open Spaces Committee presented £30 vouchers to Katarzyna (on the left) who won for best plot under 2 years and Linda (on the right) for the best plot over 5 years at GOTG on Saturday 7th July.

Interested in having an allotment?

Brickhill Parish Council has a number of vacant plots available to anyone, not just Brickhill residents. **Cost?** There is a one-off plot deposit payment of £50 followed by an annual rent for a full plot of £56 or £33 (for any tenant aged 60 years and over). **To find out more or to arrange a visit**, contact the Clerk.

Extra orange recycling sacks are available from the Community Office, St Mark's Church and Community Centre, Calder Rise.

Brickhill Community Centre Association

has teamed up with *Sandford School of Dance* and is pleased to offer the following activities for just **£1.00** per class during the summer holidays

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3.00-4.00pm	Age 9-11 year olds



Tuesday 7th August

Acrobatic Arts with Angela Feehan (book now for just £1.00)



2.00-3.00pm	Age 5-8 year olds
3.00-4.00pm	Age 9-11 year olds

Wednesday 8th August

Ballet with Natasha King (book now for just £1.00)

1.00-2.00pm	Age 3-5 year olds
2.00-3.00pm	Age 6-8 year olds
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Local surgeries taking place at 10am at:

**Brickhill Drive shops Saturday 4th August
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