

BRICKHILL NEWS

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Battle's Over 11th November 2018

On the 11th November 2018, the United Kingdom and its friends overseas will be marking the day 100 years ago when the guns fell silent to mark the end of the First World War. Towns and villages across the country and abroad will be taking part in various activities throughout the day. Brickhill Parish Council have decided to take part by lighting a WW1 Beacon of Light (pictured) on Waveney Green and would like to welcome all residents to come along.

Over 1,000 similar beacons will be lit across the UK and overseas. This is a commemoration inspired by a comment made on the 3rd August by Britain's Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey. Observing gas lights being lit at dusk along London's Mall he remarked: "The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime".



The order of events for the evening will be:

- 6.50pm: Tribute to the Millions
- 6.55pm: The Last Post
- 7.00pm: The lighting of the beacon



The beacon will be allowed to burn for approximately 1 hour following its lighting to give everyone present the opportunity to remember the sacrifice of millions of men and women. We look forward to seeing you there.

We need your help! We are seeking a volunteer who can play the "Last Post" on a bugle. If that is you or you know someone—please contact the parish clerk, (details on page 2).

Waveney Green News

Brickhill Parish Council now lease the whole of Waveney Green

Some of you may not realise that up to now the parish council did not lease the whole of Waveney Green. There has been a small section of the Green adjacent to Francis Groves Close which remained under the control of Bedford Borough Council. Following negotiation with the borough council, the parish council has now signed a lease to take over responsibility for this section as well. This will now enable the entire area of the Green to be managed in a single, integrated way. The parish council will now seek permission to install a footpath to link Frances Groves Close to the existing footpaths on Waveney Green. This will allow residents from this area to have a more direct walking route to Waveney Avenue and the Avon Drive shops.

We need your help!!

After giving years of enjoyment to many local children, the galleon is sadly starting to look a little tired. The parish council has been considering what might replace it. Rather than just choose something, it thought it would ask you for any ideas. What equipment have you visited elsewhere that you think would be an ideal replacement? Please e-mail the Clerk (details on page 2) with suggestions and ideally any photos of the equipment and if possible the name of the manufacturer.



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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.

Councillor surgeries are held at 7pm before each Parish Council meeting.



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Brickhill Borough Councillors Update September 2018

From Wendy Rider and Charles Royden



Over the school holidays work has been taking place on Manton Lane. Lots of phone cables and services will need to be moved but eventually there will be a lane to allow traffic to filter past cars entering Bedford Modern. Work on the roundabout and junction by Sainsburys and the by pass will take place between January and June next year. This is all part of over £25m, the largest ever investment in our town roads and junctions over the next few years as part of Transporting Bedford 2020. This is in addition to initiatives such as the new cycle and pedestrian bridge announced for Bromham Road. Our council is efficient and well run and an extra £2m has also been allocated by the Mayor to tackle our roads and pavements which is a remarkable investment when other councils are struggling and cutting things like libraries and other local services. Please be patient if your road is the worse for wear because we are doing more each year.

We are still concerned about the poor service from Stagecoach with the Number 6 bus. The Mayor arranged a meeting with us and senior managers from Stagecoach and they asked us to record times and dates of late or missed buses. Please give us details of any missed services so that we can take this up.

The High Court Injunction has finally been granted to protect Waveney Green from travellers. It will now be an offence for anybody to go onto this land. It has taken a lot of work to provide evidence to satisfy the court but we believe that it will be worth it as the police should be obliged to enforce the court order. We are now seeking the same protection for the land off Brickhill Drive where we had another disgusting encampment over the summer. Large amounts of litter and human waste were left for the council to clear up. As soon as any encampments occur we give daily updates **on www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com**

Please remember that you can park for two hours free every day of the week in Queens Street car park which will soon have new wider parking bays. All car parks are free for two hours Saturday and all day Sunday and after 6.00pm. We have installed 124 new CCTV cameras across the car parks so they are safe. Allhallows has also been made 24hr which should help if you can't get parked at the station.


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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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. Interested?
Contact the Parish Clerk (see page 2).





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.

Dates for your diary.....



25th October: Community Safety Forum
7.30pm, Wren Room, St Marks

7th November: Allotments and OS Meeting,
7.30pm, Biffa Room, St Marks

11th November: Battle's Over, 6.45pm
Waveney Green

4th December: Switching on by Santa of
the tree lights on Waveney Green at 6pm

6th July 2019: Gathering on the Green

Dates to be confirmed:

Autumn Litter Pick—watch the website,
noticeboards and social media for more
information

Over 65's Spring Tea— March /April



News from St Thomas More

Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

On December 3rd 2017, Bishop Peter invited our Diocese to join him in celebrating a special year of Prayer and Vocation. What a beautiful experience this has proved to be for the St Thomas More School community in Bedford! We have embraced this theme in so many ways.

A highlight in May was the visit of Bishop Peter to school. As the Bishop arrived he greeted our 6th Form Senior Leaders and Faith Ambassadors who were heading to the Church of St Philip and St James to prepare for the Leavers' Service.



Before the service began we shared with Bishop Peter some examples of our invitational approach to prayer in the form of Prayer Stations carefully positioned in different areas of the school as well as in the prayer room. Bishop Peter walked to each station where he met students and staff who shared their story and experience of the station. The stations embraced the theme of the Year.

One in particular focused on the question, "How do we hear God's voice today?" A stunning watercolour of the Sea of Galilee painted by Mr Andrews formed the backdrop and Year 8 presented their answers in speech bubbles. Responses included "I feel God speaks to us through prayer. This way he can connect with those who love and follow him" and "God speaks to me when I decide to make the right decisions."

Other stations included a little 'Oasis of Peace linked to St Francis of Assisi' and a map of the world with prayers in many languages celebrating our diversity and linguistic ability. In the PE department we had a station capturing our CAFOD walking group 'sharing the journey with the refugee crisis' and hoping with CAFOD to walk the distance around the world of 24,901 miles! The final two stations included an exam stress prayer tree and the garden area which we often use for outdoor prayer and reflection.



An important aspect of the Bishops visit was the Leavers' Service for Year 13. This was a Service of the Word led by Mrs Burgess and Bishop Peter based on the theme of the Year of Prayer and Vocation. At the end of the service, all who had gathered came forward and were blessed by Bishop Peter for the journey ahead. A beautiful and poignant moment. Thank you

Some News from the Latest Parish Council Meeting



Unauthorised encampments: The parish council agreed to write to the borough council to support an injunction to protect the land off Brickhill Drive near Foster's Brow.

Woodlands Park Rural Policing Team Changes: The parish council agreed to write to the Chief Inspector to express its disappointment at the lack of notification of fundamental changes to critical arrangements for Woodlands Park and to strongly recommend that Woodlands Park is included in the local policing arrangements for Brickhill.

Brickhill Community Centre: The parish council is seeking quotes to improve the car park lighting. Once completed, the white lines will be re-marked.

Orange Recycling Bags

If you need some more orange recycling bags these are now available in the Foyer at St Mark's Church.

Please call **01234 342613** to check availability.

Community Safety Forum

Thursday 25th October, 7:30pm,

Wren Room,
St Mark's Church Community Centre.

All welcome.

Refreshments available

<https://twitter.com/CSFBrickhill>



Visit to the Allotments by Brickhill Primary School

Perfect weather on the morning of Friday 7th September welcomed the visit to the allotments by Year 5 of Brickhill Primary School. They came armed with lots of brilliant questions and had clearly done their homework before arriving! A big thank you to Mrs Pauline Newbery (pictured) for kindly showing the children around her plot and answering the many questions raised.

Fancy an allotment??

Brickhill Parish Council has a number of vacant plots (full size only at the moment) available to anyone, not just Brickhill residents.

Cost? There is a one-off plot deposit payment of £50 and key deposit of £8. Both are refundable if the key is returned and the plot is left in good condition. In addition, there is 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. (details on page 2)



Scott Primary Scoring Sporting Successes!



Scott Primary have created a connection with Bedford Ladies FC and this fantastic opportunity means girls from our school receive quality coaching from the best girl football coaches in the county. As part of this initiative, Arsenal Football Club came in to deliver free taster sessions to all of our year 3 and 4 girls.

In July, 7 of our Year 3 girls and 2 members of staff were fortunate to be invited to visit Arsenal at The Emirates Stadium. The girls were

put through their paces with team building games on the Emirates Community pitch and had the chance to meet other like minded girls from around London. After the initial activities, the girls joined the whole party for a stadium tour. Nothing was missed out on, with the girls being introduced to the Executive Suites for the Arsenal Chairman, both sets of changing rooms, a pitch side view of the 60,000 seater stadium and not to forget the press conference room. Throughout the tour, the girls were always in amazement of how big and exciting the stadium was.



After lunch, the girls played in a tournament and were winners in 3 out of 4 matches with goals were scored by Grace W, Felecia B, Honey G and Izabel Watton. This is a huge credit to their football coach John Frost who was also present for the trip. His dedication throughout the last 3 months has been one of the main reasons why the girls have improved so much. We finished the day with a tour of the Armoury Club Shop, looking at the array of shirts, training gear, boots and posters of the Arsenal players. What an excellent end to the trip!



Scott Primary are delighted to have a dedicated PE Teacher, Mr Allen who offers all of our students fantastic sporting opportunities both in school and extra curricular. On this trip he had support from Miss Fish and her enthusiasm, great rapport and knowledge of football really helped to keep the students smiling all day long.

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