



News from Brickhill Parish Council

Elections:

May 2nd marked the end of the four-year term of office of Brickhill's parish councillors. Three councillors stood down: Lynne Seymour, James Cross and Morris Johns. 13 councillors were elected. In Brickhill North ward and Woodlands Park ward, the number of candidates (4 and 2 respectively) matched the number of seats, while in Brickhill South and West ward there were three candidates for the five seats. In Brickhill North (Charles Royden, Corinne Royden, Vince Holloway and John Durham), Woodlands Park (Chris Bailes and Michael Jarman-Webb) and Brickhill South and West ward (Wendy Rider, Ann Reeve and Cathrine Ward) were therefore elected automatically. In the Brickhill East ward there was an election to fill the four seats, with five candidates standing. The results were

Peter Blakeman (Lib Dem) 545 - Elected
 Mark Fitzpatrick (Lib Dem) 553 - Elected
 Stuart Green (Independent) 326 - Elected
 Sudesh Rani (Labour) 160
 Tim Retout (Green) 290 - Elected

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 8th May, Mark Fitzpatrick was re-elected Chair and Peter Blakeman was re-elected Vice-Chair for the forthcoming year. Mark said: "I want to thank Lynne, James and Morris for their contribution to Brickhill. Thank you also to everyone who put themselves forward as candidates and congratulations to everyone who was successfully elected."

Parish Councillor vacancies:

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, to fill the two vacancies in the South and West ward, please contact the Clerk by 27th June. Applicants are asked to send in a written application, outlining what they would contribute to the council. The parish council will consider any applications at its meeting on 4th July. For more information about the role of a parish councillor, please contact the Clerk.

CCTV:

A camera has been installed on Avon Drive directed to cover Waveney Green. This camera is monitored by the CCTV Control Centre at Bedford Borough Council. It is not permanently monitored but the footage can be reviewed by the police should there be an incident on the Green.



Footpaths:

A new footpath was completed during the Easter break linking Francis Groves Close to the main footpaths running across Waveney Green.

As part of our ongoing maintenance works to the existing footpaths on the Green, the section adjacent to the toddler play equipment was resurfaced at the same time.



Please Remember all the minutes of the parish council and its committee meetings can be found on our website at www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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Dates for your diary.....

6th July: *Gathering on the Green*



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.

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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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QysIA0ba5gl>
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Brickhill Borough Councillors May 2019 From Cllr Wendy Rider and Cllr Charles Royden



We would like to thank everybody who trusted us with their vote in the Borough Council elections. We promise to work hard and do all we can to represent and support all residents of Brickhill over the next four years. We will continue to work all year round not just at election time and you can contact us using our details shown below or come to one of our regular surgeries if you have any matters of concern - we are here to help you.

Over election time we were dismayed to see another unlawful encampment on Brickhill Drive Green. We updated residents throughout on our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com and that is always the place to look if there are any events like this. The Council were superb in supporting us to get an eviction order before the court within a week and the unlawful settlement left the day before the court hearing. Council officers then spent a long time clearing rubbish and cleansing all of the human excrement left in the bushes and around the site. We cannot understand why the police refused when we asked repeatedly for them to use their Section 61 powers which could have been used to clear the site immediately. We believe this is contrary to their own policy for 'Primary Land' such as recreation areas. You can read a copy on our website. They eventually did use these powers when the encampment moved to Mowsbury Park but this was too late to help Brickhill. We are also desperately sorry for the scouts who had a burglary of their store and lost £3,000 worth of equipment. We have asked the parish council to try and help financially to enable the scouts to be able to go away on camp.

We will continue to work hard and keep you informed through regular deliveries of FOCUS, surgeries and our website where you can contact us direct www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com
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Gathering on the Green 6th July 2019

Below is a picture of one of the groups who performed at the event in 2018. *Do you run a local group or are a member?? Would you like the chance to show off your skills at our event this year?* We look for groups to do 5 minutes slots during the day either on the stage in the marquee or outside on the grassed area. In past years we have had gymnastics, belly dancing and line dancing. Please contact the 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.

Summer Activities for kids...

We are still trying to organise these. Keep your eye on the noticeboards and website.

Summer Evening Walks around Bedford

Once again, Barry Ingram has put together a programme of evening walks, some on surfaced paths, some across fields. Most are stile free, between 4 to 5.5 miles, 90-135 minutes duration.

One example is:

Friday 21st June: "Say farewell to the longest day".

Meet at 8pm for a drink and a chat in the Pheasant PH before setting off at 8.30pm to watch the sun go down on the longest day of the year. Duration: 2 hours.

Full details of all walks are on the parish council website and on the noticeboards around the parish. For more details contact **Barry on 01234 353704**

e-mail: walking@madasafish.com

Bedford Walking Festival celebrates 10 years. For details go to: www.Bedswalkfest.co.uk

Explore Clapham Park Wood and the North Brickhill Country Park

**Saturday 8th June, 11am
Ashmead Road car park.**

Join Brian Sims and Mark Fitzpatrick to find out more about the natural history of the area. If you are interested in wild flowers, birds and other wildlife, as well as the history of the area, then do come along. Please wear suitable shoes and appropriate clothing (depending on the weather). Accompanied children are welcome.

**For more information call:
Mark Fitzpatrick on 01234 357259.**

The Bedford *International* Writing Competition..

Bedford Borough is full of talented folk: sporting, musical, scientific, and literary. This led to some of us, around the year 2014, to think that a writing competition would be another way of raising the Borough's profile: hence, the Bedford ***International*** Writing Competition. From the first year, we have been amazed by the quality and variety of the short stories, and also since 2016, the poetry, we have received. B.I.W.C. has now been running for five years. The 6th year is open for entries from May 1st, 2019 until 31st October 2019. For information, about entering, the judges and prize monies, visit <https://bedfordwritingcompetition.co.uk>. In addition to the main prizes there are special prizes for the best Bedford entries (Prize money donated by The Harper Trust). This year there is also a Young Writers' Prize for the best story (in the judge's opinion) entered by a writer aged between 17 and 30. We look forward to receiving your entries.

Bedford Writers' Circle:

Bedford Writers' Circle meets in the Biffa Room at St Mark's Church on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Every meeting is a bit different. Sometimes we read short (10 mins max) excerpts from our 'works in progress'. On other occasions, there is a set theme. For fun, we have evenings where we are set a random topic, a photo, or a painting and we try creating 'on the spot'

masterpieces! We review each other's work with kindness and tact.

Have a look at our website: www.bedford-writers.co.uk



News from Brickhill Scout Group....

Tucked away next to the allotments, Scouting in Brickhill continues to grow amongst the 6-18-year olds. Scouting is for all and helps give young people the skills needed to succeed in life by providing fun and adventure. We are limited in how many children we can take due to our safety ratios which as a result, the list of children on the waiting list is also growing. We need additional volunteers and you don't have to be Bear Grylls to get involved, just a sense of adventure some of your free time and an enjoyment of making a difference to the younger generation in your community. As for any training needed, we've got that covered as well. So whether you're up for some adventure and looking more for a leadership role or have existing skills you can apply behind the scenes or just help at some of our events or with the odd admin tasks, or involved with or Exec team or fund raising, you will be welcomed. On a final note, following the recent travellers leaving the green at the top of Brickhill Drive, we were left devastated that our Scout premises were broken into and vast amounts of camping equipment had been stolen as well as causing damage to the building and windows. With only 2 weeks before our next camp for 18 Scouts we were considering cancelling. But no need, as a number of local businesses and local residents have helped contribute towards our recovery. So a really huge thank you to Kathrine from 'Evanca Ltd' for the donation and Tim from 'Tim Stafford Glazing' for responding and replacing our windows so quickly making our building safe again and of course Brickhill Parish Council who have helped secure funding allowing us to replenish some stock in time for our upcoming camp which will be going ahead as planned. Contact Brickhill Scouts please email: GSL@brickhillscouts.org.uk



News from Brickhill Primary...

The children at Brickhill Primary School continue to be busy, hard-working, warm and friendly. Years 3 and 4 grasped the opportunity to develop their life-skills: many children took part in Bikeability training (which they all passed successfully) while others attended a Mini Medics course, learning how to do basic first aid and CPR. They should be very proud of their attitude and commitment to learning. A small group of Year 5's attended a Public Speaking competition at Bedford School, and despite excellent efforts from the opposition, they earned themselves first place, taking home a fabulous medal each. Years 3 and 5 are currently developing their singing skills: Year 3 are practising for the annual Sing-On at the Corn Exchange and Year 5 are rehearsing for an unmissable performance of 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies'. Foundation children are preparing for their class assembly; everyone enjoys watching the youngest members of the school perform and we are sure their parents are looking forward to it too. All children, from Year 1 through to Year 6, have the chance to be involved in the, almost daily, sports clubs which currently include football, cricket, gymnastics, and rounders. Year 4 recently took part in an inter-school football tournament, winning it right at the end, on penalties. We are now all looking forward to the rest of the summer term and to finding out what other exciting opportunities are in store for us.

News from Scott Primary...

On Saturday 4th May, Scott Primary School were lucky enough to send 16 students to the SSE Women's FA cup final between Manchester City and West Ham United.

This was due to the fact that we have an after-school Girl's Football club (known as Wildcat Centre), that allows our students to gain an introduction into football. The Club is run by Bedford Ladies FC coaches, who have worked very hard over the last two years to improve our students knowledge of the game, whilst giving them confidence to play competitive football for Bedford Ladies. Many of our girls have enjoyed playing on the weekends for this club and have also been chosen to represent their school on a number of occasions. Jill Upton (Head of Bedford Ladies FC) and her team of coaches, Joel Upton and John Frost, have been huge role models to our girls and continue to support our school with increasing girl participation- we can't thank them enough!



The students travelled over to Wembley's historic stadium early in the afternoon. As a Wildcats Centre, we were invited to parade around the pitch with many other Wildcats centres around the country, hosting hundreds of girl players. What an experience! They then sat back to watch the 5.30pm final match, which was broadcast on BBC1. Special thanks to Jill Upton.

Scott Primary Wildcats runs on a Thursday after school and we encourage all of our Key Stage 2 girls to take part. All inclusive sport, for an all inclusive school.



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).

Senior Citizens Spring Tea

Brickhill Parish Council once again hosted this free event for the over 65's on the 5th April.



A good time was enjoyed by all! Delicious sandwiches and cakes were provided by Doreen Lambert and music by John Lees who as always played any requests. Most of those present managed to take home a little for later.



We plan to repeat the event again in 2020, details will be in the February Brickhill News.



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Local surgeries taking place at 10am at:

Brickhill Drive shops Saturday 8th June
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