



# BRICKHILL NEWS

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

**New Parish Councillors:** at the July parish council meeting, Alastair Grant and Morris Johns were both co-opted. The contact details for all councillors are shown on page 2.

**CCTV:** As you are aware, there have been two recent visits by travellers on the green area opposite Eagle Gardens and the scout hut has been broken into and equipment stolen. At the July meeting, the parish council agreed to fund the instalment of CCTV cameras to cover the allotments, the scout hut and the green. The CCTV on the allotments will hopefully help deal with the general fly tipping and help avoid future break ins. On Saturday 13th July, the padlock was cut with bolt cutters and sheds broken into. This has been reported to the police.



**Waveney Green:** We have been experiencing broken bottles on the children's play equipment. Please be vigilant and let the Clerk know if you see any such behaviour.

**Brickhill Community Centre:** Work is being undertaken by the parish council in the Autumn to replace the aged boiler system in readiness for the Winter. *To book the Centre or find out about groups and activities taking place there, please contact the Centre Manager on 01234 312332.*

**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).

## Gathering on the Green 6th July 2019....

It was typical British Summer weather, somewhat overcast but at least it held off rain until near the end. Despite that everyone seemed to enjoy themselves as the photos below show. A big thank you as always to the WI who kept everyone refreshed with water and squash, All Nations and Messy Church St Marks, who provided craft activities and Barry Ingram who acted as our official photographer and took the photographs of the event shown on this page. Brickhill Community Centre Management



Association who provided £500 sponsorship towards the children's carousels, volunteers as well as parish councillors who helped set up, litter pick and just generally made themselves available. Thanks to Mike's Line Dancing Group for finding time in their busy weekend to drop in and treat everyone to a performance. Next year it would be great if we could have more groups perform and show off their skills which are always enjoyed by everyone present. *The event will be held on Saturday 4th July 2020 so get it in your diaries now!!*



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

4th December—Christmas lights



### Volunteers Required

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**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=lnUKIfXBcx>  
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## Brickhill Borough Councillors July 2019

### From Cllr Wendy Rider and Cllr Charles Royden



There is a lot of discussion about roadworks across the Borough at the moment. Disruption was caused when Highways England closed access to the bypass at Great Barford and traffic ended up going across town. This was then followed by the closure of Bromham Railway Bridge by Network Rail to allow electrification of the railway going north from Bedford. Incidentally despite the disruption we are suffering, the Government has decided that Bedford will have a downgraded rail service under the next East Midlands franchise, with no more intercity trains. We will continue to fight this decision.

Work will now progress on a number of schemes which we have planned in Bedford as part of Transporting Bedford 2020, a £20 million scheme to help tackle congestion. This represents the largest ever road investment in our town centre and it cannot be put on hold for year while Network Rail remove the bridge or we would lose much of the money for which we have worked so hard to raise. Work will therefore go on but some schemes such as Manton Lane and the new junctions at Sainsburys and the Clapham Bypass will have to be delayed until Network Rail have finished. However work will start on the High Street next year after the River Festival and this will see completely new stone pavements and traffic reduced to one lane with average speed cameras. Our High Street will look superb! Junctions at Cow Bridge, Britannia Road and Shakespeare Road are all to be tackled and in Brickhill there will be new traffic lights on Kimbolton Road at the junctions with Putnoe Lane, Brickhill Drive and Polhill Avenue. Please be patient as all of this will improve traffic and help build a more attractive and prosperous town.

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](http://www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com)  
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### Brickhill walks and footpath activities

On a glorious evening of the longest day a group of walkers, including a number of Brickhill and Woodlands Park residents, met at The Pheasant PH and enjoyed a drink and a social before setting off through Brickhill Country Park to watch the sun go down on the ridge. It turned out to be one of the best sunsets for weeks and everyone enjoyed the evening. There is still time to enjoy an evening walk on Thursday 22nd August 7-00pm from Mowsbury Park, Kimbolton Road car park. It will last 90 minutes approx 4-5 miles, everyone is welcome, just turn up a few minutes before the start and if dry, trainers or good comfortable shoes are ideal. There is usually a break during the walk so bring a drink or snack. September follows and the 10th annual Bedfordshire Walking Festival takes place between 7th and 15th. During the nine days there are some 16 walks in and around Bedford and on Sunday 8th a tent will be set up in Priory Country park from where two walks will take place and information can be obtained about walking opportunities, groups, the path network and our footpath working group. Away from Bedford lots of walks of varying distances from Sandy to Leighton Buzzard to Luton and Dunstable. For full details visit [www.bedswalkfest.co.uk](http://www.bedswalkfest.co.uk) or pick up a programme.



Ramblers Footpath group RIPPLE (Restoring and Improving Public Paths for Leisure and Enjoyment) have been active around the area clearing bridges, paths, installing yellow topped marker posts and replacing directional discs.

Our group work once a month with Bedford Borough usually on a Tuesday and individuals or smaller groups go out to deal with problems as required. All are volunteers and we could always use more help.

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### News from Scott Primary...

All 450 children at Scott Primary took part in a range of exciting activities, organised by our own specialist PE teacher, during their Healthy Schools Week. The activities included rock climbing, golf, an assault course, tennis, a healthy eating workshop led by Waitrose and a smoothie bike. During the week, children were given the opportunity to participate in activities that they wouldn't normally have access to and to challenge themselves to try new experiences. Our recent OFSTED inspection recognised that "Pupils understand the importance of physical fitness and healthy lifestyles which has led to their active involvement in exercise along with promoting their emotional and mental well being." The children learnt about the benefits of exercise and healthy



eating choices and were involved in lots of experiments to measure the impact of exercise on their bodies. As always, our children behaved in an exemplary manner with many external coaches commenting on this. Mo, one of these external coaches said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed being with your pupils this week. Over my 15 years of teaching and working with other schools, I have met and observed many children and the various situations and behaviours that can present themselves. I have to say your school has some of the nicest, politest and kindest children I have ever met. They took on the challenge of a new activity really enthusiastically and willingly which was fantastic. They were also very willing to try things a few times to succeed – resilience! That's the sort of thing that really makes my day." This was the most successful Healthy Schools Week so far and we look forward to planning even more exciting activities for next year.

### News from Brickhill Primary...

The children at Brickhill Primary School have impressed us all again, in so many ways: The Year 3's performed brilliantly at the Corn Exchange in the annual Sing On; under the guidance of the talented Miss Pollicella, the children sang beautifully and confidently. The following night they were treated to a sleepover at the school where they enjoyed playing tennis, football and cricket amongst other things. Burgers and hotdogs filled their hungry tummies, and hot chocolate and popcorn settled them down for a good night's sleep.

The Year 6's have from a very enjoyable trip to Blue Peris, where they faced many challenges and overcame their fears. They worked as a team to climb mountains, explore gorges, swim in lakes and build strong-structured dens. A day at the beach proved to be not just pleasurable, as they battled against the waves to defeat a slippery cliff. It was a fantastic opportunity, which the Year 6 children fully embraced. While most of our eldest pupils were going on adventurous hikes, the few who stayed at school had an equally fun time. They also built fabulous dens, which were still standing after almost a week! They used some of their time to be outstanding helpers on Years R-4 sports day and to support learning in the lower years. They cooked mouth-watering brownies and made fruit and chocolate kebabs. An afternoon was spent designing and making catapults; paper boulders were flung a whopping 10m. A photography challenge taught the pupils how to take interesting, well-lit pictures, which they then displayed appropriately. We must soon say goodbye to our Year 6's; it will be an emotional day when they leave but we know that they are ready. They leave as happy, resilient, independent, and valued young people, empowered to deal with future challenges. Good luck to you all!

### Park Wood Local Nature Reserve

Amongst its many positive conservation features, the Reserve is a local hotspot for some of our terrestrial orchids. Each year we check the numbers and have seen that our three main species are doing well. The most frequent is the common spotted orchid (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii* – pictured) but we also have pyramidal (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*) and bee orchids (*Ophrys apifera*). They are still flowering but will soon be producing seed for next season's crop. Other high summer attractions for you include our wildflower meadow with its wide array of nectar producing plants attracting a myriad butterflies, our ponds and their dragonflies and, of course the burgeoning forthcoming fruit harvest in the community orchard. Come and enjoy! And keep in touch via our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ParkWoodNatureReserve>



## Cycling in Brickhill is encouraged but **NOT** on the pavement.....

Cycling offers mobility for everyone. It is a quick mode of transport for door to door short journeys and saves money on parking and fuel. It keeps you fit and healthy and helps reduce traffic congestion, air pollution and climate change. In Brickhill some 5 to 10% of residents already use a bicycle to cycle to work, school, railway station, shops, etc or simply for leisure. They are able to do this using Bedford's extensive cycle network of off-road paths and tracks, quiet roads and on-road cycle lanes along more busier roads. Yes there are still some gaps and some sections not so good as



others but it is possible to get to all locations in Brickhill and the whole of the town safely. There are more than 65 signalled cycle crossings of which Brickhill has four and three underpasses.

**Please do not give cyclists a bad name** by riding on pavements/footways by the side of roads unless they have been classified as dual use for cyclists and pedestrians. Unfortunately it is not just in Brickhill where pavement riding occurs with regular frequency but in the whole of Bedford and many other towns and cities. Most of Brickhill's residential roads are now 20mph zones which make them safer for vulnerable people including cyclists. Please use the roads instead of the adjacent pavement/footway. **A plea to motorists** - please consider the possible presence of cyclists and respect the speed limit and when overtaking always leave a minimum clearance of 1.5 metres. <http://www.cyclebedford.org.uk/> contains lots of useful information including cycle maps, training etc. *The full article as well as a Code of Conduct for cyclists and some useful websites and videos can be accessed on [www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk).*

**Brickhill Lower FC** is recruiting for its next generation of footballing superstars. We have spaces available for boys and girls from all schools in our new team (2019-20 Reception Year Group). We train on Saturday mornings (9 -10) on Waveney Green (nr. Avon Drive shops). All coaches are DBS checked. If your child is Reception year in September, and you want them to get involved please contact: [chairman.blfc@gmail.com](mailto:chairman.blfc@gmail.com) for info.

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