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Christmas drawing competition



This year's winning entry is from Humaira Islam, Year 3
Scott Lower School

Year 4 winner Theo St Cyr, Scott Lower School Year 3 winner Shaun Marsh, Scott Lower School

Congratulations to them all!

To view the winning entries visit our website www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

New Parish Councillor for Brickhill

At the November parish council meeting members co-opted Tim Retout. Tim lives in Brickhill with his wife and young family. He works from home as a software architect, and his personal interests include environmental issues and digital rights. In his spare time, he can be found at the park with his daughter, or digging the allotment.

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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, Brickhill MK41 7UY

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

Sue Bottoms, Clerk to the Council

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Good Neighbour Scheme July—October 2015

We have not had many requests over the summer, but are getting busier now with lots of requests for lifts to Christmas dinners! Most requests are for lifts to social events or medical appointments, but we can also offer help with shopping trips, minor DIY, dog walking – in fact anything you might ask a good neighbour to do! If you are feeling a bit lonely/stuck at home/looking for some company we have volunteers who would love to pop by for a chat. We always welcome more volunteers – especially more drivers, and anyone who would be prepared to have the on-call phone for a few days; it isn't arduous, just answering & logging the calls & contacting volunteers to see who can help. Our number for all requests/offers is: 07445 594050

Bedford Borough Council Local Plan to 2032

Bedford Borough Council is preparing a local plan that will set out how much growth there should be in the borough in coming years (housing, jobs and associated infrastructure) and where it should take place. Current planning policy documents look ahead to 2021 and this new local plan will extend the period that development has been planned for to 2032. It will also contain policies that will be used to make decisions on planning applications. Last year the Borough carried out an Issues and Options consultation. Since then we have completed a number of important studies and are now asking your views on how we have interpreted their findings.

Borough and district councils are now responsible for setting their own local targets for new homes and jobs. The Local Plan 2032 must therefore include details of the growth that is needed in Bedford Borough to 2032 and aim to provide the right amount of housing and employment land and associated infrastructure in the best locations to meet those needs. If it doesn't do that then it will not pass the formal 'examination' stage and the Borough Council will not be able to adopt it and use its policies. Central Government has indicated that it will step-in to complete local plans if satisfactory progress is not made, so not making a plan is not an option.

Modelling of future housing needs shows that between 2012 and 2032 (the start date and the end date of the plan) there need to be sites available to build 17,367 dwellings in the borough. This means that 868 dwellings need to be completed in Bedford Borough each year to meet the target. Taking into account housing that has already been built or is in the pipeline, the Local Plan 2032 needs to find sites for at least 4,521 more dwellings. The Borough asked for views on where development should take place. The strategy proposed by the Borough focuses development first on the urban area of Bedford and Kempston. This will promote regeneration within the urban area as well as growth in housing, employment, retail and other facilities. The larger villages (Bromham, Clapham, Great Barford, Sharnbrook, Wilstead, Wootton) will also provide growth, primarily in housing, as well as services for the local community. Some development will also take place in the borough's smaller villages but not of the same scale.

Across the Borough approximately 350 sites were suggested for development; none of these sites were in Brickhill but 11 are in Ravensden Parish. These include land for 500-600 homes at Graze Hill, overlooking Woodlands Park, and a site at Cleat Hill farm. It is possible other sites will be suggested for development.

Extra housing north of Brickhill is going to result in additional traffic through Brickhill and loss of green space, plus possible considerations about provision of schools, GP surgeries and other local facilities. Brickhill Parish Council is concerned about the implications of the proposed developments on Brickhill and will be meeting with the Borough to discuss these concerns. The Local Plan also includes developing policies that will be used to make decisions on planning applications. The consultation period ends on 14th December 2015 and you can take part by visiting planning at www.bedford.gov.uk/localplan2032. Please do take the time to comment on the plan.



Beauchamp Middle School

Beauchamp Middle School have had a sensational autumn term so far, packed with outstanding opportunities for our pupils to experience a vast range of activities. A group of Year 7 and 8 pupils attended a watch workshop enabling them to design, manufacture and assemble their very own watches at Cranfield University through an educational programme called 'watch it made'. The watches are fantastically unique!



Pupil Art Leaders took part in the nationwide art and science initiative 'Fun Palaces' and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of working with local artist, Paul Pibworth. Together they created an art installation involving laser technology and sound engineering techniques that was displayed at The Higgins in October.

We are delighted to be awarded with the Sainsbury's School Games GOLD accreditation for our commitment to sport and PE both in curriculum time and the extensive extra-curricular clubs on offer. The school also received an award for the quality of religious education delivered – this Silver Mark now complements the Bronze Mark we received in July 2014; our next step is to secure the GOLD Mark. Our half termly newsletter has more articles that you may find interesting – visit www.beauchampschool.co.uk or follow us on Twitter @BeauchampMiddle.







Senior Citizens are invited to an afternoon of nostalgic and seasonal song performed by a professional entertainer

Brickhill Community Centre,
Avon Drive, Bedford

Free admission and Refreshments

Wednesday 9th December 2pm-4pm

To reserve your place contact

Sue Stewart at the Community Centre on **01234 312332**



Woodlands Park £20k 'Ravensden' Precept Money Update

In April 2015, following a community governance review, Woodlands Park formally moved from Ravensden Parish to become part of Brickhill Parish. In recognition of the precept monies paid by Woodlands Park residents in 2013/14, Ravensden Parish Council transferred a sum of £20,177.90 to Brickhill Parish Council for the benefit of the estate. A public consultation was held with the residents of Woodlands Park on how the money might best be spent. The consultation was launched in May 2015 with an outdoor event, where the residents were invited to learn more about and discuss potential options for improvement.

Voting cards were delivered to all residents. Once returned, the votes were counted and a prioritised list was generated to guide the allocation of available funds. A further £7,522.10 of matched funding was also secured from Bedford Borough Council and bpha Ltd, allowing eight of the eleven suggested improvements to proceed.

A number of meetings have been organised with suppliers and key stakeholders during Autumn, in order to roll out the improvement programmes at the earliest available opportunity. However, while a number of the estate's roads have already been adopted, presently adoption does not extend to the play parks, open spaces and communal areas. Not owning the land upon which the improvements are to be situated creates a logistical problem for the programmes.

Brickhill Parish Council is organising a series of three-way meetings between itself, the present landowners and Bedford Borough Council in order to seek permission to install the improvements ahead of completion of adoption, to monitor progress and to iron out any emergent difficulties ahead of their occurrence.

For more information, visit: www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk/pdf/woodlands park/news/ Woodlands%20Park%20Consultation%20Report.pdf

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Brickhill Parish Council are looking for volunteers to help deliver our newsletter. Brickhill News is published 4 times per year and delivered to every household within the Parish. This means we need lots of volunteers—could this be you? If you could deliver to a few local streets near to where you live and can spare an hour please contact our Clerk—details are on page 2. Thank You.

Tackling Unauthorised Encampments in Brickhill

Brickhill Parish Council is taking out an injunction that will enable any future unauthorised encampments on Waveney Green to be dealt with more quickly. Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick, Chair of the Parish Council said: "The Parish Council is grateful for the support of Bedford Borough in dealing with the encampment that took place this summer; the injunction will enable action to be taken even more quickly". The cost of the injunction is expected to be around £5,000 and was agreed by the Parish at its November meeting.

In Ashmead Road the Borough has completed the installation of posts and bunding to prevent vehicles leaving the road and establishing camps on the adjacent open spaces.



Brickhill Borough Councillors Update November 2015

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We try to keep residents informed about what is going on via our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com. Currently important issues include:

Housing - The development of land in Brickhill with plans for 500-600 houses on land at Graze Hill off Cleat Hill.

Education - Local schools have been approached by the Borough and offered financial to enable a change to a two-tier structure. Brickhill Lower School might become a Primary school with one class in each year group, Scott Lower School and Beauchamp Middle School might become a Primary school, expanding to three form entry in September 2017. Have your say on the consultation.

Dog Fouling - Irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to foul the pavement and do not clear up are a real menace for everybody. This behaviour is unacceptable and we have asked Council enforcement officers to prosecute offenders in Brickhill. In addition we have used our ward funds to purchase dog poop bag dispensers in problem areas such Dearne Walk to help responsible dog owners.

Tree Planting - We have asked for new trees across Brickhill and Pipit Rise will see planting soon.

Beautiful Brickhill - We work hard to keep Brickhill looking great and we ensure that things like broken street lights, street name plates and potholes are fixed. We are currently working with the Borough Council on a long term solution for Brickhill Drive Pond

Surgery dates - We would be delighted to see you on Saturday 5 December at Avon Drive shops or Saturday 19 December Brickhill Drive shops, both at 10.00am

Best wishes Charles and Wendy

Brickhill Primary promises to build a better a future for your child

Brickhill Lower School has recently announced plans to convert to a Primary School with effect from September 2017. The Ofsted rated 'Good' school, which is nestled in the heart of the Brickhill birds' area has a clear vision: *To create an inspiring, nurturing and motivating environment that will equip children with the skills they need in life.*



There will be a strong focus on drama, The Arts and similar confidence building initiatives. The school will be small, caring and have a strong community feel; the perfect option for children who would benefit from a calm and friendly setting. Head Teacher Debbie Wilson commented "We're really excited to be able to offer such a unique option for families. The standard of academic education will be exceptional and in addition, we will help children grow into confident, well balanced youngsters, ready to move onto secondary school."

Sport continues to be a priority at the school, and earlier this term, children from years 3 and 4 attended an inter-school Multi Sports Festival. The Tag rugby team came 1st place and the two Goalball teams (where children are blindfolded and play using a ball with a bell inside) came 2nd and 4th. The event also included outdoor, team building activities including orienteering.

If you're interested in a tour around the school, please contact the school office on 01234 401404.



What's happening during the Festive Season at St Mark's Church

Sunday 6th December 9.30am Christingle Service A favourite Advent Service with children and adults alike as we decorate our Christingle oranges.

Saturday 19th December 6.30pm Carols in the Car Park

Free mulled wine and mince pies to warm us up as we sing carols accompanied by Bedford Town Band.

Thursday 24th December - Christmas Eve 3.00pm Children's Crib Service

Great for little ones but bring the whole family for a half hour service of carols as we build the Christmas crib.

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

A traditional service of nine lessons and carols in a candlelit setting with musical accompaniment by organ and Bedford Town Band.

11.30pm Midnight Mass by Candlelight

We gather together this most holy night to welcome the birth of the Christ Child.

Friday 25th December - Christmas Day

9.30am Family Morning Worship A perfect way to start Christmas Day.

St Mark's Church, Calder Rise, Brickhill MK41 7UY www.thisischurch.com

Beauchamp Middle School

www.beauchampschool.co.uk

Hawk Drive - Bedford 01234 300900



NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

Beauchamp Middle School have been selected to host the

ESAA (English Schools' Athletic Association)
National Cross Country Cup Final on



In order to accommodate the 60+ schools and spectators, Hawk Drive will be officially closed from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Residents of Hawk Drive will be able to park their vehicles at Scott Lower School as vehicles will not be permitted to park on Hawk Drive.



All NATIONS CHRISTMAS SERVICES

(Brickhill Drive and Mile Road)

Sunday 13th December 10:15am—11:15am

Family Christmas Cracker Service
Bedford Academy

Sunday 20th December 10:15am—11:15am Christmas Carols

Bedford Academy

Friday 25th December 10:00am—11:00am Christmas Day Service

North Site

Bedford Academy, Mile Road, Bedford, MK42 9TR North Site, Brickhill Drive, Bedford, MK41 7QF

Brickhill Community Safety Forum



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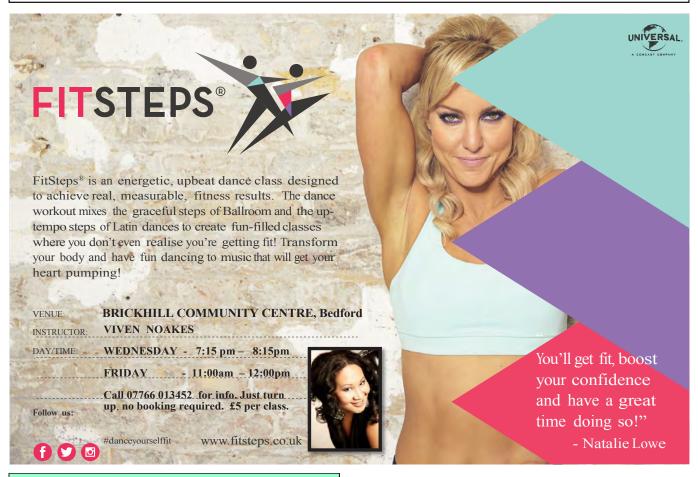
The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th January, from 7pm-9pm, in the Wren Room at St Mark's Church Community Centre, Calder Rise, Brickhill. The Safety Forum gives you the chance to raise any items of concern regarding general safety issues in Brickhill: it could be a policing matter, road safety, about keeping safe from fire, or any similar topic. The main speaker for the evening will be publicised nearer the meeting. Twitter: @CSFBrickhill.

ALL WELCOME

Thermal Imaging - help for Brickhill residents

Are you losing heat from your home unnecessarily? Brickhill BEE (Better Energy Efficiency) Group is offering residents the chance again to find out where their home may be losing heat, due to problems with insulation, draughts etc. You can arrange for a volunteer surveyor, to visit you with a thermal imaging camera, which takes temperature pictures like this.

The surveyor will share the useful images with you and summarise what they show. The images are most revealing when it's 10°C (or more) warmer inside the house than out, so winter is the best time for these surveys. This winter surveys will be carried out on 16th and 17th January. If interested please call Mark Fitzpatrick on 01234 357259 alternatively please email mark.x.fitzpatrick@gmail.com. A small donation is requested, to be split between Cambridge Carbon Footprint (the provider of the camera) and Brickhill BEE Group.



Brickhill Community Clean Up

Saturday 9th January 2016

11am—12 noon

Meet by the post box on Ashmead Road near the Bridleway

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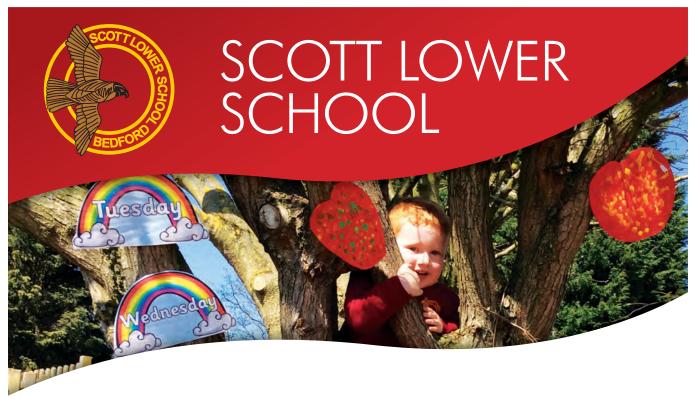
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