

BRICKHILL NEWS

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GATHERING ON THE GREEN

SATURDAY 26TH JULY 2014

11am—3pm



This year's event promises to be lots of fun for the children with all activities provided free of charge. Activities booked include:

- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Inflatables—separate one for under 5's
- ★ Bunjee trampolines
- ★ Messy Crafts
- ★ Tea-cups ride
- ★ Mini carousel ride (funded by Brickhill Community Centre Association)
- ★ Circus skills workshop
- ★ Bird of Prey Falconry
- ★ Magic Shows
- ★ Beat the Goalie (Brickhill Lower School Football Club)



Plus in our marquee, demonstrations /join in sessions from:

Mikes Line Dancing
Bedford Belly Dancing

Zumba by Utopia Mas
Falcon Gymnastics

This event is organised and funded by Brickhill Parish Council



Youth Activity Sessions

If you are aged 7-12 years and live in Brickhill or Woodlands Park why not come along to one of our activity camps?

Summer 2014

Wednesday 30th July—Multi-Sports/Ball Games (25 places)

Wednesday 6th August—Wild Survival—make your own den and build a campfire (25 places)
These activities will take place from 9am—1pm on Waveney Green—meet by the Play Area

Tuesday 12th August—Battlefield Live 9am—1:30pm Marston Forest Centre (20 places)
Transport will be provided to and from Brickhill to the Forest Centre.
Meet at Brickhill Community Centre, Avon Drive, Brickhill MK41 7AF

All activities will be run by Sport Support on behalf of the Parish Council

Spaces are limited. To reserve your space please contact the parish council office on 01234 271708 or email us at clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk. Visit our website to download an application/consent form at www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk



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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, Bedford MK41 7UY

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

Sue Bottoms, Clerk to the Council

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Tackling speeding traffic in Brickhill Drive

Over the years there have been many accidents and near-misses in Brickhill Drive. There have been injuries and one fatality. The speed of traffic is a significant underlying cause and there have been requests from residents to deal with this. Brickhill Parish Council got the speed warning sign installed at the top of Brickhill Drive, but this is just a reminder to drivers. Installing speed cameras that would result in speeding drivers getting fined could help, but given the length of Brickhill Drive several cameras would be needed to be effective. Elsewhere in the Borough there are now some Average Speed Cameras which can help enforce reduced traffic speeds throughout a lengthy section of road. Brickhill Parish Council are considering the installation of Average Speed Cameras on Brickhill Drive, but we want to know residents views. The Community Safety Forum is to consult specifically with residents of Brickhill Drive, but all Brickhill residents can use the form below to give their views:

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Would you like to see Average Speed Cameras introduced in Brickhill Drive? YES / NO

Name:

Address:

Tel:..... Email:.....

Please return to: Sue Bottoms, Clerk to the Council, Brickhill Community Centre, Avon Drive, Bedford, MK41 7AF or email: clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Could you make a difference?

Brickhill Parish Council has 1 casual vacancy to be filled by co-option. Applicants are asked to send a personal statement giving reasons for offering their services to the council, detailing skills and experience and any special areas of interests they may have. If you are unsure what is involved in the role please contact the Clerk for an informal discussion. Further details are also available at [www. http://www.beacouncillor.org.uk](http://www.beacouncillor.org.uk)

Applications received will be considered by the Parish Council at the September meeting.

Closing date for applications 25th August

To apply, send your details along with a personal statement to the Clerk or contact via email

Brickhill Community Centre
Avon Drive, Brickhill,
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News from Scott Lower



The very youngest children at Scott Lower School had a wonderful visit from Ark Farm a couple of weeks ago. For a day the school was turned into a small farm yard! The children had the experience of petting sheep, pigs, hens a goat and a donkey. The first hand experiences enabled the children to develop an understanding of how to care for animals and how their needs are met. For some children, this experience provided them with the opportunity to touch and stroke animals..... something they initially thought they would never be brave enough to do!



Brickhill Scout's where do they get their energy from?

Not a group that likes to stand still too long, Brickhill Scout Group has had an active summer. Children between the ages of 6-14 have been busy with activities such as Climbing, Fire building, Kayaking, Cooking, Camping, Archery, Air Rifle, Pioneering, Raft Building, Hiking to name a few,. We've also had a couple of day trips, including a trip to Box End to try out some wakeboarding, plus a couple of trips to Gilwell Park where even the youngest of the group have no fear in climbing up a 10m pole to then just jump off the top, or zip wiring down the hill towards Lee Valley!



CAN YOU HELP US? There's never a shortage of Beavers, Cubs or Scouts wanting to join us. Brickhill has a list of children wanting to join but can't because of a shortage of Leaders / Assistant helpers. If you enjoy working with children and would like to help or get involved then we would love to hear from you. In the first instance, please contact the group Secretary Caroline Romans at Secretary@brickhillscouts.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

Cash for Currency

Open House which is run in Brickhill offers a unique facility for people with learning disabilities and their carers to access a free service. Cheryl Green is the group organiser and she has seen the group expand dramatically with many more people joining. The weekly group is entirely voluntary organised and receives no funding. In order to raise funds to help provide this service we are asking you to search out any coins which you may have and give them to us. The coins may be British or foreign coins or notes, we know somebody who will ensure that we receive the best value for them.

It may be old foreign currency left over from that holiday years ago, or a few old British coins lying around. They may be no use to you but they are to us. We can turn every coin and note, no matter how old or how small, into cash to help fund our Open House project to help people with learning difficulties. So search out those old pesetas or shillings or whatever and bring them along to the Church Office anytime so we can sort them out and get the best possible value for everything you donate. Any coins or notes can be left at the Office St Marks Church, Calder Rise. Everything we receive can be used to generate funds. For further information on Open House telephone 01234 342613. Thank you.

During the summer we will continue to run the following activities for children:



New Mums & Babies with Toddler Group: Wednesdays, 10.30am-12pm.

This is for parents & carers with children from birth to 4 years to drop in for a tea/coffee while children play.

On Friday, 1 August, 10:30am-12pm, there will be a joint Toddler session with Goldington Children's Centre. Come along and join the fun!

Just a reminder that we will resume all of our weekly children's activities when term starts back in September and these include:

Toddlers for Dads—2nd Saturday of month

Kids Club—Wednesday 5:45-7pm for children in school years 2-6

Friday Night Youth
11-14 years 6:30-8pm
14-19 years 8:15-9:45pm

Have a great summer!

News from Beauchamp Middle School



Over the last six months, members of the RE Department at Beauchamp Middle School have been working with the pupils to secure the Religious Education Quality Mark. On 30th June we welcomed Mrs Leigh, the REQM assessor to the school where she spent the afternoon observing the teaching of R.E, meeting with pupils to discuss their experiences before a portfolio review and meeting with Mr. Redmond the Assistant Headteacher and Religious Education Coordinator and the Headteacher Mr. Evason. We are pleased to announce that, as a school, we were successful with our project and were awarded the REQM which recognises the commitment of Beauchamp Middle to the teaching and provision of high quality RE experiences for all pupils.

**University of Bedfordshire,
Opening Doors
Beauchamp Middle School**

Next year's Year 7, will be involved in an exciting partnership with the University of Bedfordshire; the project is called 'Opening Doors'. The aim of the project is to improve careers and skills awareness and begin looking at employability; it will also cover parts of the new Citizenship curriculum.

Brickhill Borough Councillors Update

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As councillors we become involved in a variety of matters including schools, planning issues, local crime and housing. However the single biggest issue which residents contact us about every month is roads.

The problems are generally speeding or inconsiderate and unlawful parking at junctions and on verges. There is a lot going on to help tackle this at the moment including consideration of yellow lines at problem junctions and introducing a new 20mph limit on roads around Curlew Crescent. These 20mph zones have proved to be effective at reducing speed, albeit over time, as attitudes change. Lowering speed just by a few miles per hour has a dramatic impact upon reducing deaths and casualties. We are also now considering the possibility of average speed cameras on Brickhill Drive, which has seen a lot of serious and fatal accidents over previous years. These cameras could also be considered for other Brickhill roads in future years, so please let us have your views.

One road which we are delighted to report progress on is the bypass. Intense negotiations have taken place, resulting in all land owners finally agreeing to drop their opposition. The work is out to tender with completion expected in 2016. This will cut journey times and congestion for Brickhill residents who will be able to avoid travelling down Shakespeare Road and instead join the bypass at the junction by Sainsburys. For more on what is happening in Brickhill see our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com



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Brickhill Good Neighbour Scheme—Volunteers needed

Volunteers required to join our group. Could you spare 1-2hrs per week helping others by becoming a member of the Brickhill Good Neighbour Team? We are here to assist residents with housework, lifts to shops or appointments, letter writing, small DIY tasks or simply to visit in a befriending capacity for a cup of tea and a chat. Anyone of any age can access help from the scheme, as long as they are a resident within the Parish of Brickhill (including Woodlands Park). Please telephone us in the first instance for an informal discussion on 07445 594050.

Do you need a good neighbour? Hurt your back and can't walk the dog? Bought a new gadget that you need help to get started? Feel isolated and would like some company? Need transport to access the local community service? Please call us! All volunteers are criminal records bureau checked, have received training and carry identification. If you need help please call us on 07445 594050.

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Classes take place every Wednesday morning 09:30-10:30 at Brickhill Community Centre, Avon Drive, MK41 7AF.

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Local Surgeries taking place 10am

Brickhill Drive Shops 2nd & 30th August
Avon Drive Shops 19th July,
16th August

See our website

www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com

For details of surgeries and the latest

Woodlands Park Improvements

The parish council would like to thank all those residents who responded to our request for suggestions for the allocation of £20,117.90 set aside for Woodlands Park which will transfer to Brickhill Parish Council on 1st April 2015.

Suggestions so far have included:

- Dog waste bins
- Toddler play area
- Park benches
- Notice boards
- Traffic calming/road marking on Ashmead Road
- Toilet facilities adjacent to new football pitches
- Outdoor gym equipment
- Community Centre

All these suggestions will be given due consideration by members of the parish council and we will keep you informed of any decisions.

Are you one of them?

More and more Brickhill residents

are
Cycling

to
work
shops
school

and
railway station

as well as for

leisure

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