

A wide banner image featuring a green football pitch in the foreground, a brick building in the middle ground, and a line of trees in the background under a clear sky. The text 'BRICKHILL NEWS' is prominently displayed at the top in large, bold, black capital letters. Below it, in smaller black capital letters, is 'The newsletter of Brickhill Parish Council'. At the bottom left, it says 'Issue 37' and at the bottom right, 'May 2014'.

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Woodlands Park Improvements

On 1st April 2015, Woodlands Park officially becomes part of Brickhill Parish. For the past two years, Ravensden Parish increased its council tax precept, in anticipation of Woodlands Park leaving that parish. Ravensden Parish Council calculate that they have collected £20,117.90 which they will hold in reserve and transfer to Brickhill Parish on 1st April 2015. Brickhill Parish Council is now consulting to find out what suggestions residents have for the use of this money. Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick, Chair of Brickhill Parish Council, said: "This is a one-off amount and needs to be spent with great care. I hope Woodlands Park residents will send in their suggestions for the use of this money". Once the ideas are received, there will be a further consultation with residents to give their preferences on the ideas submitted.

The following are just some suggestions for how the money could be used: improvements to play areas, benches in the country park, funding a parent and baby group, more notice boards, a contribution towards tackling highway problems on the estate (such as the narrow section of Ashmead Road), providing more bins, putting on a community event in the Country Park. If you have ideas, please share them by completing the reply slip below and returning to the Clerk or email the Clerk at clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.



Please return to the Clerk by 21st June—Woodlands Park suggestions

News from Brickhill Parish Council

Brickhill Parish Council has put up 8 bird nestboxes on Waveney Green and is looking into providing boxes for bats. This is part of plans to make the area more attractive to wildlife.

At the Annual Meeting, Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick was re-elected as Chair of the Parish Council, with Cllr Ray Waterhouse re-elected as Vice-Chair. Mark Fitzpatrick said "The next year is going to be a busy one—a big part of that will be the consultation with residents regarding the sum being transferred from Ravensden Parish Council for the benefit of Woodlands Park residents, as well as the existing projects such as improvements to Waveney Green and Brickhill Community Centre.



During the Easter holidays 50 children from Brickhill joined in activity sessions delivered by Sport Support Group on behalf of Brickhill Parish Council. The first session was Multi Sports where the children enjoyed a range of activities including rounders, kwik cricket and dodgeball. During the second session the children took part in a "Wild Survival" challenge. This involved making dens and camp fires and working together as a team to build the best camp! Our thanks to Scott Lower School who allowed free use of their facilities and access into Park Wood Nature Reserve via the school grounds. The activities have proved very popular but don't just take our word for it parents like the activities too—"Hi Brickhill Parish Council, just wanted to let you know that Sam loved the Wild Survival. He was buzzing about it and really wants to do it again! It was clearly brilliant and amazing value. A big thank you from the Whitney's." The activities are part funded by Brickhill Parish Council and 3 more sessions are planned for the Summer Holidays. More details on these activities will be published on the parish council website www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk and noticeboards nearer the time.

Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick, Chairman Brickhill Parish Council

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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.

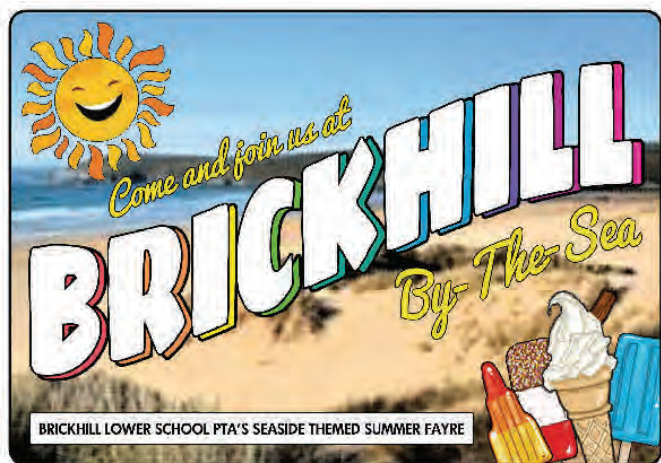
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If you have any concerns about Alzheimer's disease or any other form of dementia or would like more information about any of our services, please get in touch by calling us on 01234 327380, Alzheimer's Society, Suite B2 Emerald Court, Pilgrim Centre, Brickhill Drive, Bedford MK41 7PZ

There's lots going on at All Nations for Children & Youth. Come check it out!



New Mums & Babies Wednesdays, 10.30am-12pm. Chat to other new mums over a drink & a biscuit.

Toddlers Group Wednesdays, 1.30-3pm. Parents & carers of children birth to 4 years are welcome to drop in for a tea/coffee while children join in with craft, music & play.

Toddlers for Dads Second Saturday morning of each month, 10am - noon. Meet up with other dads & join with their children in activities.

Kids Club For children in school years 2-6. Wednesday during term time, 5.45-7pm. We have a mixture of games, quizzes & challenges, & each week we have a short bible story told through puppets, drama or interactive story telling.

Fridays Night Youth

11s-14s - 6.30-8pm term time (years 7-9)

14s-19s - 8.15-9.45pm term time (years 9-13)

If you're looking for fun on a Friday night, then All Nations Youth is the place to be. Invite your mates, grab some food, play some 2 a-side footie, spend time chilling & have an opportunity to explore some of life's big questions.

Beauchamp Middle School Memorable Days



On three days of the year, pupils participate in experiences both on and off site which help to enhance their learning further and since all of the children at Beauchamp will experience their Memorable Days on the same three days of the year, there is minimal disruption to other school days throughout the course of the year. With our Memorable Days, not only do the children experience a series of great educational days out or rewarding days in but their parents can rest assured that the quality of classroom support remains a major priority for every remaining day of the academic year. Before Easter, Years 5 and 6 went to Warwick Castle, Year 7 participated in a Medieval Day at the Higgins Museum and Year 8 stayed in school for a 'Mad Science Day'. Photographs and the children's write ups of their experiences can be seen online in the April edition of our Memorable Days Newsletter at www.beauchampschool.co.uk

COULD YOU BE A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

Beauchamp require a governor to join its new governing body. No experience is necessary as training will be provided. For more information, please contact Mr I Evason, Headteacher at the school ian.evason@beauchampschool.co.uk to register your interest.

News from Brickhill Lower School Football Club

BLSFC players, parents and coaches were invited to Griffin Park for Brentford FC's last home game. Brentford FC invited the club as a reward for all the work that BLSFC are doing in the community to encourage young children to take up the sport and it was a day to remember. BLSFC players formed a guard of honour and took penalties at half time in front of a 12,000 strong, bumper crowd.

BLSFC Coach Steve Howe said "Its fantastic that the work BLSFC is doing is being recognised by league clubs. It's also lovely to see the children, parents and coaches getting opportunities like this through their hard work and dedication. For some of the children it was their first live match and they were amazed at the first save that was made at our end of the ground. The sound of a vicious shot being tipped round a post by the keepers glove is something you don't get to hear on Match of The Day and has to be seen and heard to be appreciated.....the children loved it!!"

BLSFC will be running more trips like this next season and are always looking for new players and coaches. Please contact the club at brickhilllowerschoolfc@gmail.com if you would like to know more.



News from Scott Lower School

Year 4 Celt Day—"Have you heard strange cries coming from the woods at Scott Lower School? Have you seen the Year 4 pupils wearing strange clothes? Well, you may have witnessed Scott Lower School's Celt Day! The pupils in Year 4 took part in an exciting and educational day in the woods learning about the lives of the Iron Age Celts. The children took part in a range of activities, including hunting for food and looking for the perfect settlement. They really enjoyed the day, which gave their topic, "The Invaders are Coming", a stunning start."

Women's Tour of Britain—On Thursday 8th May staff, parents and children from Years 3 & 4 at Scott Lower School braved the rain to cheer on the cyclists in the inaugural Women's Tour of Britain. Standing on the brow of Brickhill Drive they waved flags and cheered on the competitors as they entered the final 4kms of the race which finally ended along the Embankment. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event and were excited to be part of the first ever Women's Tour of Britain.

Bedford District Scouts Group—St Georges Day Parade

On Sunday 27th April Bedford District Scouts celebrated St George's Day with their annual parade along the streets of Bedford town centre. Brickhill Scout Group had the honour of leading the parade in their 50th Anniversary year. It was fantastic to see 9 Brickhill scouts and cubs receiving their Chief Scout gold and silver awards on the day and 4 leaders receiving their wood badges for successful completion of their training. This is an ongoing testament to the hard work and commitment of the leaders of the Group. To continue this success, Brickhill Scout Group needs new leaders for the beaver and cub sections. Beavers aged 6 to 8 years meet on Thursday from 5.45pm - 7.00pm at the Scout HQ off Brickhill Drive. Cubs aged 8 to 10.5 years meet on Monday from 6.30pm - 8.00pm. No previous experience is required as full training is provided. If you would like to join the friendly and supportive Brickhill Scout Group team, please contact secretary@brickhillscouts.org.uk.



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www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com

**For details of surgeries and the latest
Brickhill news**

GATHERING ON THE GREEN

SATURDAY 26TH JULY 2014

11am—3pm

Bouncy Castles, Face Painting, Circus Skills Workshop, Birds of Prey flying display, Beat the Goalie, Mini Carousel & Tea Cup Ride (funded by Brickhill Community Association) Bungee Trampolines, Magic Shows, Arts & Crafts activities plus local groups performing in the marquee.

All activities provided free of charge.
This event is organised and funded by
Brickhill Parish Council

We look forward to seeing you there.

Brickhill Guided Walks

If you enjoy walking then why not join in one of our 6 led walks? The walks start from Waveney Green, are between 4 and 5 miles and approximately 2 hours duration. They will be a mixture of urban and countryside walks ideal for the long summer evenings. All walks have a mixture of surfaced and unsurfaced paths most are stile free.

Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th July and 6th August. 7-00pm start from the bus stop on Waveney Avenue opposite St Philip & St James Catholic Church. OS GR TL056 521.

Organised by The Ramblers Bedfordshire. Contact Barry Ingram 01234 353704 or email walking@madasafish.com.

Barry Ingram is a Brickhill resident, knows the area well and was winner in The Ramblers "Led walks" category at their 75 anniversary celebrations. Barry is also involved with promoting Ramblers RIPPLE activities. (Restoring & Improving Public Paths for Local Enjoyment). Volunteers are always welcome.

Bowling in Bedford

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For further details contact either Ray Seymour 01234 305695 or Gareth Davies 01234 347647

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Wednesday 2 – 5 pm. For further details contact Fiona Mowe 01234 771416

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