

BRICKHILL NEWS

The newsletter of Brickhill Parish Council

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Gathering on the Green Saturday 18th July Waveney Green 11am — 3pm

Face painting

Bouncy Castles

Mini carousel

Tea cups ride

Birds of Prey

Bungee trampolines

Circus skills

Messy Church—Arts & Crafts

Plus Magic Shows and balloon modelling at 12:00noon and 1:30pm

Demonstrations by Mikes Line Dancing, Bedford Belly Dancers, Theatre Train and Falcon Gymnastics

BRING A PICNIC AND JOIN IN THE FUN

All activities are provided free of charge and funded by Brickhill Parish Council

Summer holiday activities for 7-12 year olds spaces available for August

Only £5.00 per child per activity—sessions run from 9am—1pm

The parish council are running three Summer activity sessions for 7-12 year olds (children must live in Brickhill which now includes Woodlands Park). The activities take place from 9am—1pm and offer excellent value for money at only £5.00 per child per session.

- 4th August—Football Skills & Tournament Play (meet at Scott Lower School)
- 11th —Laser Clay Pigeon Shooting & Crossbows (meet at Scott Lower School) maxm 20 spaces
- 18th—Battlefield Live (Marston Forest Centre) transport is provided from Scott Lower School

To reserve your place telephone Brickhill Parish Council on 01234 271708. Bookings must be confirmed and paid within 5 days of booking (BACS payments now being accepted). Download your booking form from our website at www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Since our last newsletter, Brickhill Parish Council has co-opted three new councillors: Morris Johns from Brickhill Drive, Gaius Manser from Ashmead Road and Mark Bowler from Crispin Drive. That means we have just one vacancy left. As the new council gets to work, we have had to deal with a fair amount of bureaucracy such as reviewing our standing orders, financial regulations and the like. This isn't the most exciting part of being a councillor, but it is useful to take stock and make sure we have the right rules in place for carrying out public business. Beyond that though, there is good progress being made. You will read later about the outcome of the Woodlands Park consultation exercise; the challenge now is to deliver the agreed items. On Waveney Green, the parish council is replacing the wooden posts near the play area; many have been removed in the past few years as they were loose or rotting - more suitable stepping logs will be installed which will provide more opportunities for young children to play safely.



I hope you are able to come to the Gathering on the Green event on 18th July - where everything is free. If you have views or comments on anything in Brickhill News, please do contact the Clerk or any of your parish councillors. Have a great summer!

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, Brickhill MK41 7UY

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

Sue Bottoms, Clerk to the Council

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Woodlands Park consultation

Previous editions of 'Brickhill News' have given updates on the progress of how the £20,117.90 handed over to Brickhill Parish Council from Ravensden Parish Council should be spent. The detailed consultation with Woodlands Park residents ended in June, with 159 valid responses received. Residents were asked to rank a list of possible ways of spending the money for the benefit of the community. A Working Group of residents and parish councillors drew up a report, which was presented to Brickhill Parish Council on 2nd July. The main recommendations, which were agreed, are to install: CCTV covering Ashmead Road (one camera near the Owl Park and one near Westrope Way); green gym equipment; 4 dog/waste bins; play area improvements, 4 benches and 2 picnic tables and an orchard/herb garden. The CCTV could be installed as soon as contractual issues are agreed; the other items are going to involve negotiations with the Borough Council and Persimmon, as the North Brickhill Country Park as well as all the play areas and the boundary fencing are still the responsibility of Persimmon, as they have not yet been adopted by the Borough Council. Opportunities are currently being looked at to see if additional funds could be obtained to enable more items to be provided. For the full report visit www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Beauchamp Middle School supports various Charities

During this academic year, Beauchamp Middle School has raised a total of £2,155.93 for five different charities. We held non-uniform days, where pupils donated £1 to wear 'mufti' and also organised a fancy dress fun-run, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Our most recent donation was to Bedford Road Runner, raising £361.00 in support of this community transport service. Bedford Road Runner provides regular transport for Bedford and outlying villages. This vital community service is provided by volunteer drivers. If you would like to volunteer to drive the Road Runner for a few hours each week please contact Geoff on 07776340114.



A whopping £380.00 was raised for Hospital Radio Bedford in October 2014, £400.00 for Sports Relief in March 2015, an incredible £1014.93 for Children with Cancer UK. We are yet to hold our last non-uniform day at the end of the term for MS Society Bedford.

Do you have an active/sports minded child? We have teamed up with Premier Sport to provide Multi-Sport Holiday Courses at Beauchamp during the summer holiday, for further information visit www.premiersport.org or call 01953 499040.

As we reach the end of this academic year we would like to wish all our Year 8 pupils a successful and happy start in their upper schools and wish all our pupils and families a very enjoyable summer. www.beauchampschool.co.uk Twitter @BeauchampMiddle



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St Thomas More Football Victory

A fair season for our football teams was capped off with a victory in the District Cup for year 9. They had previously been knocked out of the semi-finals of the County Cup, with the year 10 team going out on penalties in their District Semi-final and the year 11 team losing after extra time in their District Cup Final. However, we were able to go one better on this occasion, it took extra time to win the game despite being up 2-0 earlier in the game, but they really dug in and in truth were the better team. Fraeias Mienambolo scored in between two goals from Dylan Asonganyi to win 3-2 against Redborne. Well done boys, a fantastic achievement!

Young musician of the year 2015

On the 5th May the school held its annual Young Musician of the Year competition, judging the event was extremely difficult due to the high standard of entries.

Overall winner – Jacob Frederick (YR12)

Solo winner – Ruby Armstrong (YR7)

Ensemble winners – Erin Jackson & Lucy Fleming (YR9)

Composition winner – Prince Zisengwe (YR13)

Highly Commended – Chris Howes (YR11), Meo Ziccardi (YR10), Rosie Armitage (YR10)

Year 10 BTEC Music students helped to organize the event and ran a raffle and refreshments during the interval. Well done and thank you to all our musicians who provided a fantastic evening of entertainment.

Siân Smith, Head of Music

News from Brickhill Lower School

Our Year 4 children will soon be moving on to their new schools and recently we have been celebrating their learning and time at Brickhill. Half the year spent time in school completing an exciting and tasty project about chocolate. The remaining children travelled to Caythorpe Court for a 3 day residential trip with PGL, experiencing many thrilling and exhilarating challenges.

As usual this is a very busy time for all year groups with several trips taking place to enhance the children's learning. Year 1 went to Thurleigh Farm for a Secret Garden Topic, Year 3 had a School Sleepover and Year 4 went to Stibbington to learn what it was like to be evacuee's during the Second World War.

Our Year 3 children also attended the Sing Up Concert at Bedford Corn Exchange whilst some of our Year 4 children represented Brickhill in the County Finals of Cricket, Tennis and Athletics.

All classes have been participating in our Enterprise £5 Challenge and have been busy making and selling products, with the aim of earning as much money as possible for charity and their class.

In the coming weeks we will be holding our annual Sports Day, having a PTA Cookout and the Bishop of Bedford will be visiting.

As usual all of our children have been a credit to themselves, the school and their parents whilst representing the school. We are very proud of them all and the role models they are becoming.

POLICE SURGERY TIMES

**Brickhill Community Centre, Avon Drive
3pm—5pm**

This is an opportunity to meet with members of your local policing team and discuss in confidence any matters relating to crime and anti social behaviour in your neighbourhood.

- Friday 31st July
- Thursday 27th Aug
- Thursday 24th Sept

For non emergency issues ring 101 and always call 999 when you need an immediate response.



Brickhill - Urban Local
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Brickhill Lower School Football Club

It's been another magnificent year for Brickhill Lower FC. The club achieved a new record by having 88 local lower school children signed up during the 2014/15 season. On July 11th the club will hold its annual Fun Day on Waveney Green to honour the children's achievements. Every child will receive a trophy and there is lots of fun and surprises planned for the day. VIP guests attending the Fun Day include coaches from the MK Dons, Deputy Mayor Charles Royden and representatives from Bedfordshire FA.

The club is so successful and expanding at such a rate that they are recruiting new volunteer coaches to help keep up with demand for places. These coaching roles are open to males and females over 16, students from Beds Uni are especially welcome. You don't need to be a qualified coach as the BLSFC coaching team will support you. The club will also pay for your DBS certificate (previously known as CRB) if you agree to become part of the coaching team. The club are also looking for sponsors and anyone that can help with organizing discounted trips for the children such as the promotion party trip to Brentford last season and the very popular coach trip to watch the MK Dons earlier this year.....the Dons won 6-1 that day and the kids loved it! So if you or anyone you know wants to help this great club continue to move forward, please get in touch with our Chairman Dom Quirke via email at:

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Waveney Green Wildflower Meadow

The wild flower meadow in Waveney Green is currently a riot of colour and being heavily used by bees, hover flies, butterflies and damsel flies. Go and have a close-up look, see what you can find and then let us know! The flower meadow is part of a project to see how the biodiversity of towns and cities contributes to human well-being.

See <http://bess-urban.group.shef.ac.uk/>.

Damselfly at Waveney Green



Improvements to rights of way in the North Brickhill Country Park

On 16th June a number of rambler volunteers working with Bedford Borough Council installed 6 marker posts and cleared a footbridge in the park. They also cleared around a marker post leading into the park from Kimbolton Road.



Permanent bollard on the Woodlands Park boundary footpath

The Parish Council remains concerned at the possibility of unauthorised encampments off Ashmead Road. The Borough has been in discussions with Persimmon about the path that crosses Ashmead Road. Temporary bollards had been installed, but these have now been replaced by permanent ones. Meanwhile the Borough has said that they will put in bunds, where they are needed, along Ashmead Road from the junction with Tyne Crescent.



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