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### **Community Safety forum meeting.**

The next meeting is on Thursday 26th May 7pm, St Mark's Church Community Centre. The guest speaker is Andy Peckham, Service Operational Commander of Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service. There will be the usual news about crime in Brickhill, plus reports from councillors and other organisations, with the chance to raise any issues that concern you. All welcome, do come along. Twitter: @CSFBrickhill.



**Wildflower Planting on Waveney Green**—you may have noticed that the wildflower area on Waveney Green, near Falcon Avenue, is looking somewhat bare. The ground has been prepared and a new set of wildflower seeds have been sown. Weather permitting, we should soon see a riot of colour, with corn chamomile, corn cockle, cornflower, corn marigold and poppy.

### **BEDFORD & BRICKHILL Walks — July and August 2016**

8 led walks between 4 and 5 miles and approximately 2 hours duration. A mixture of urban and countryside walks ideal for the long summer evenings. Some walks are almost entirely on surfaced paths whilst others are over fields, most are stile free. All walks are free and start at 7pm—just turn up. Organised by The Ramblers Bedfordshire. Contact Barry Ingram 01234 353704 or email at [walking@madasafish.com](mailto: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). Barry is the recent recipient of the Winifred Fowler award for his services to walking and the local community. Full details can be found on the parish council website [www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

### **Summer Activity Sessions for children aged 7-12 years**

The Parish Council will be running 4 activity sessions during the Summer holidays. If you have a child aged 7-12 years old and live in Brickhill then why not book them a place. Our activities are run by Sport Support Group and take place at Scott Lower School. The Battlefield Live activity takes place at the Marston Forest Centre.

**26th July—Battlefield Live (transport provided to and from the Forest Centre)**

**2nd August—Climbing Wall and Low Ropes**

**9th August—Bushcraft—make a camp, build your own camp fire and roast marshmallows**

**16th August—Laser Clay Pigeon Shooting & Archery**

All activities take place from 9am—1pm and cost only £7.50 per child. These activities are subsidised by the Parish Council. Places are limited to only 25 children per session.

To book your space contact the parish council on 01234 271708 or email the council office at [clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@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, Brickhill MK41 7UY

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

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### Brickhill Scout Group

This year we have a second Beavers group to keep up with demand. This runs on a Tuesday evening, and both groups have approx 15 members. Last term, the Beavers have been participating in activities such as Cookery, Disability Awareness, Hiking, Caving and writing to another Beaver group in Australia. This term's plans include more outdoors activities, such as campfires, den building and archery. The Scouts have been busy too - kayaking, sailing, climbing, and archery are just a few of the things that these girls & boys aged 10-14 get to experience. Every camp has great opportunities to learn new skills, not just toasting marshmallows over an open fire. This year it is Cubs 100<sup>th</sup> and Beavers 30<sup>th</sup> birthdays so there are a lot of activities planned across the country, including camps in September which both Brickhill groups will be attending. The rules for Beavers changed earlier this year so Beavers are now allowed to camp in tents for the first time, so this should be a good experience for them. Brickhill Scout Group have applied for a grant from the Harpur Trust to erect a fence to enclose the grass area in front of the hut. At the moment this is temporarily fenced off with plastic orange netting, however members of the public are taking a short cut across this grassy area.





## The Queen's Birthday

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Did you know about the free opportunities for children to learn how to cycle safely?

Have you heard about the move of the Register Office from Brickhill to the Old Town Hall, or the free children's books being given away at our Bedford libraries? All of these things and more are reported in the May edition of the online council magazine Borough Monthly. There is also a welcome report on what the council is doing to clampdown on people who misuse blue badges. To subscribe to the monthly magazine free of charge go to [www.bedford.gov.uk](http://www.bedford.gov.uk) and sign up! The Council is also operating a diary page which lists funerals taking place in the Borough with the location, time and date of service and the funeral director. Visit [www.bedford.gov.uk/obituaries](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/obituaries). Here in Brickhill you can sign up to our own Brickhill Bulletin on our website [www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com](http://www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com) this will keep you up to date on things happening locally. This month there was coverage on issues such as local street lights, action on dog fouling, and planting on Waveney Green. We recognise not everybody likes digital communication, so please feel free to call us direct using our contact details above. Remember we are also at the shops on Saturday mornings so drop in and see us if we can help you in any way or just to say hello !

Saturday 14 May and 11 June at 10.00am at Brickhill Drive Shops

Saturday 28 May 10.00am at Avon Drive Shops



## Riverfield F.C. Under 11's—news from the team

Riverfield U11's were first formed in August 2014 after the children had worked through the ranks of the Brickhill Lower School Football Club. All our players are local boys and the majority of them attend Beauchamp Middle School here in Brickhill.

This season has seen us reach final of the Autumn trophy and the semi-final of the Spring Trophy. Out of 21 games this season, we have won 11, drawn 6 and lost 4, a pretty good 2<sup>nd</sup> season.

During the Winter months we trained at Gordon Fields facility on the excellent 3G astro pitch.

Now the lighter evenings are here, we train at the well maintained Mowsbury Park facilities.

Trials for the coming season will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, please email [riverfieldfcu12@gmail.com](mailto:riverfieldfcu12@gmail.com) for details. We are especially keen to see goal keepers at the trial.



## News from Brickhill Lower School

Thanks to contributions from Brickhill Parish Council and funds raised from the school's PTA, the children of Brickhill Lower have been treated to a shiny new playground trim trail to burn off their break time energy. Ropes, scramble nets and monkey bars make up the assault course which has been set on an all-weather surface so the children can play come rain or shine, developing their balance, strength and agility through play.

### Young Sports Ambassadors

A small group of children spent the day at Sharnbrook Upper School, learning leadership skills through sports.

The Bronze Ambassador Programme was led by 6th form students who helped the younger children create new games and activities to take back into their schools and encourage others to play. All children taking part were awarded the title of 'Bronze Sports Ambassador', the first step on a journey to become a professional sporting leader. Also on the sporting front, Years 1 and 2 had a fabulous day of sports at the interschool sports festival. The children participated in 3 areas, Score Ball, Uni Hoc and Dance and were awarded first place in both Score Ball and Uni Hoc – an excellent result for all children who took part.



## Peace Haven Church

Peace Haven Church Bedford is now holding its Church service, in the upper hall of the Brickhill Community Centre on Sunday's Commencing at 4-30. We would love for you to join us, tea and coffee is served after the service everyone is welcome. If you would like any information please contact Paul Imrie on 07741190227.



## News from the Brickhill Good Neighbours

Brickhill Good Neighbours Scheme was set up to help residents in Brickhill; we have a small team of volunteers, who give their time, on a short-term basis, to assist with a variety of tasks, e.g. befriending, small household jobs/gardening, letter writing, help with filling out forms, shopping\*, collecting prescriptions\*, lifts\*, etc. (\*A mileage charge may apply)

From January to March 2016 we have given 30 lifts to health appointments, shopping & social activities, & assisted with one request for help with DIY. We have 14 volunteers, (but only 6 are free on weekdays) and are always looking for more. If you think you could help in any way, please do call our on-call number **07445594050** to talk to us.



## Brickhill Help and Advice



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**Local surgeries taking place at 10am at:**

**Brickhill Drive Saturday 14th May  
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For details of surgeries and the latest  
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## Brickhill and Sustainable Transport

Many Brickhill residents are probably not aware how easy it is to visit the town centre and other locations using sustainable modes of transport such as walking, cycling or public transport. The 2011 census for Brickhill showed that of those who travelled to work 77% drove (approximately 55% less than 5km) while only 7% walked, 5% cycled and 5% took public transport. Brickhill is very fortunate in being close to most of Bedford's facilities. There is therefore tremendous scope for more residents to travel sustainably. Every additional person means one less vehicle on the road causing congestion and parking problems. Cycling and walking, particularly, not only keeps you fit and healthy but can also reduce pollution which contributes to climate change. The town centre can be walked within 30 minutes via Bedford Park from at least half of Brickhill.

Cycling is quicker and allows easy access to any part of the urban area within 15 to 30 minutes using the town's extensive cycle network. For those who are not able to walk or cycle, Brickhill has an unrivalled bus service to the town centre. Stagecoach's No 6 (via the railway station in the early morning and in the evening) is the main service while the south east part has No 7 and 10. Woodlands Park is served by Grant Palmer's No 21 during the day with three No 20s going to the railway station in the early morning and returning in the evening. One No 22 each weekday goes onto Sainsbury's Clapham Road. Along Kimbolton Road there is Grant Palmer's No 28 making regular journeys each week day. It is not possible economically to have a direct bus service from Brickhill to all locations that residents may wish to visit but it is very easy to make just one change at the bus station. Why not try one of the modes this summer and you will be pleasantly surprised.

More information on Brickhill Public Transport and Cycling in Brickhill can be found on the Brickhill Parish website. Cllr Peter Blakeman

## 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.



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