

Brickhill Parish Council News

The newsletter of Brickhill Parish Council

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NEW PARISH COUNCIL ELECTED ON 4 JUNE 2009

Voters in Brickhill Parish went to the polls in June and as a result we have a new council of 13 local residents from different parts of the parish who have been elected to serve Brickhill for the next two years. Parish Councillors are volunteers who want to make a difference by influencing decisions that affect their community. They get no financial reward for being a Councillor but they are held accountable by local people for the things that happen locally. Your Parish Councillors represent you, the whole community (not just those who voted for them!), and they have a duty to keep themselves informed about local issues and opinion. So if you spot them out and about in Brickhill take the opportunity to talk to them and share your views. You can also contact them by phone or email using the details in this newsletter, or come along to one of their meetings when you can listen to business and speak during the public open session. Congratulations to all our newly elected Councillors and many thanks to those who are no longer serving after several years of hard work on the Parish Council. We are fortunate in Brickhill to have so many volunteers working in different ways to make our community a better place.



Your new Brickhill Parish Councillors

Delia Shephard, Clerk to the Council, BPC

ANOTHER GREAT "GATHERING ON THE GREEN"

FREE ACTIVITIES ON WAVENEY GREEN

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2009 11 am - 3 pm



CLIMBING TOWER
5 A-SIDE FOOTBALL
RAVE BUS
BOUNCY CASTLE
DANCE
HAIR & NAIL ART
& LOTS MORE

COME ALONG AND BRING A PICNIC!

See inside for more details

HOW WILL THE SCHOOLS REORGANISATION AFFECT BRICKHILL?

Bedford Borough Council is currently consulting the public about its school reorganisation review and the future of schools in Bedford. The Parish Council has been asked to prepare a response to the consultation and so we are holding a public meeting open to everyone who lives or works in the parish. Please come along and express your views about how the area will be affected by any of the proposed changes. We would like to hear from young people especially. This will help the Parish Council provide an informed response on behalf of the parish. Of course we would still like you to participate in the overall public consultation on an individual basis and you can give your views online at: www.bedford.gov.uk/bsfconsultation.

**PUBLIC OPEN MEETING
MONDAY 6TH JULY 2009 7.30 pm
ST MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTRE
CALDER RISE, BRICKHILL**

VE Day Celebrations at Scott Lower School

The Children in Year 4 have been learning what life would have been like in WW2. We recently held a VE day party attended by residents from William Harpur House sampling the delights of Spam sandwiches and jelly!
Scott Lower School



Two generations enjoy a party



Scott Lower School
Hawk Drive,
Brickhill, Bedford

fun day

Sunday 12th July
2pm 'til 5pm

Come and join the fun!

Stalls
Inflatables
University of Bedfordshire
Band
Barbecue
Beer Tent & more!!

For enquiries please ring
01234 352630



Green Fingers at Brickhill Lower School

Our school garden was established from an area of barren land in 2008 and has gradually grown from strength to strength. We are very lucky to have Andrea Bird, who has the expertise and dedication to lead this project. Everyone in the school is able to visit the garden and pupils work hard to maintain the flowers, vegetables and herbs. The children regularly compost the remains of their fruit snacks and help in the harvest of the vegetables and flowers in the summer months. In the summer of 2008 we won the Times and Citizen with Frosts School Garden of the Year competition. We regularly have a School Garden party when parents and children join in tidying, weeding and maintaining the flowerbeds and courtyard areas around the school – tea, juice and cake is included! We love the wildlife in our grounds; it is a great resource for our science lessons and this year for the first time we have a nest of six Great Tits nesting. Our thanks to Jacky Fraser the Parks Liaison Officer.
Brickhill Lower School

“GATHERING ON THE GREEN” COMMUNITY EVENT - April 16 2009

In the Easter holidays we held a community event aimed at young people and their friends, families and the wider community. We wanted to provide purposeful and enjoyable outdoor activities for young people on the green space at Waveney Green and to make the community aware of the facilities and agencies working with and for young people in the parish. The event was organised by Brickhill Parish Council with bpha, Brickhill Baptist Church, Extended Schools-St Thomas More Cluster, Bedford Borough Council and Bedfordshire Police.

Despite the wet weather over 250 people took part in free activities including a climbing wall, bouncy castle, Rave Bus, face painting, nail art, mehndi, drumming workshop, football, activities for pre-school children and dance demonstrations. Thank you to all those agencies who helped and supported the event. The good news is that we're doing it again on **Thursday 27 August 2009 from 11 am to 3 pm** and we're hoping for better weather this time! Bring a picnic or use the local shops for refreshments and come along to join in. Everyone is welcome.
Delia Shephard, BPC



Indian Drumming Workshop

BRICKHILL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Brickhill Community 5-a-Side Football Tournament kicked off for the first time this year, being played on a Tuesday evening on Waveney Green. Offering a turn-up-and-play weekly competition for young people of both middle and upper school ages, it has been a huge success so far. With attendance well past the hundred mark the competition has been fierce but friendly with an emphasis not just on winning but taking part.

The format of the tournament consists of 4 leagues with the winner of each league going through to a knockout stage. Weekly medals are given out to the winning teams and also to the team of the week; awarded for fair play, teamwork and perseverance.

The benefits of this event have been numerous: Located at the heart of Brickhill, the visibility and profile within our neighbourhood has given this competition a community feel for the youth and supporting adults alike. It has taken young people off the streets and away from their Xbox's and integrated participants from different schools, backgrounds and cultures. Above all however the Tuesdays evenings have been a lot of fun. Older teenagers have got involved in setting up and refereeing some of the games, younger participants have been polite, respectful and appreciative and a desire on everyone's part to enjoy themselves has made this initiative work well.

The tournament has been run by Brickhill Baptist Church in conjunction with BEDS Police, Brickhill Parish Council, BPHA, Bedford Borough Council and Extended Schools- St Thomas More Cluster.

A Friday night youth group is run during term time at Brickhill Baptist Church, Brickhill Drive. 11s-14s: 6.30pm-8pm, 14s-19s: 8pm-9.45pm. All are welcome.

Tim Gannon, Brickhill Baptist Church



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Brickhill Parish Council
Meeting Dates

Meetings will be held at St Mark's Church
Community Centre, Calder Rise, Brickhill.

Full Parish Council Meetings 7.30 pm: 2 July, 3
September, 1 October

**Planning Committee Meetings 6.45 pm if on the
same day as a full Parish Council meeting
otherwise 7.00pm:** 16 July, 13 August, 3 September

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