

Brickhill Parish Council News

The newsletter of Brickhill Parish Council

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Gathering on the Green 2010

Residents of Brickhill turned out despite the rain to participate in Brickhill Parish Council's Gathering on the Green event on 4 August 2010 at Waveney Green.



Circus skills workshop at the Gathering, August 2010

The Parish Council has organised this free community event four times over the past three years to encourage residents to enjoy themselves in the open space on the green and to find out about the activities of community groups, services and agencies who work in the Brickhill area. This year Brickhill Community Centre funded a fairground ride which was hugely popular with young and old.



Teacup Fairground Ride at the Gathering, August 2010

Additional activities included face-painting, a music workshop, circus skills workshop, face-painting, body and nail art, magic show, bouncy castles and climbing tower to name just some. The event was supported by all the emergency services and free health advice and testing was available in the Change 4 Life bus. Bedford Borough Council also supported the event and the Recycling Bus with its artificial compost heap fascinated lots of residents.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who participated and made this such an enjoyable day. In particular special thanks go to Bedfordshire

Police, Bpha, Extended Schools Services St Thomas More Cluster, Brickhill Baptist Church and Brickhill Community Centre who all supported the Parish Council in preparing the event and/or contributing to the funding which made it possible. We'd also like to thank the Mayor for coming along with his umbrella and encouraging us. But most importantly this was an event for the people of Brickhill which allowed us to celebrate our community together.

Your Community - Your Action Plan

Since May 2010 a group of Brickhill residents has been working to prepare a Community Action Plan for Brickhill. This project is supported by Bedford Borough Partnership Board and Brickhill Parish Council. The steering group has already organised several "Planning for Real" events to help identify what people value about living in Brickhill and what they would like to see changed or improved.



Planning for Real at the Gathering, August 2010

The next stage of the process is to carry out a survey and collect more detailed information about what the plan should contain. Please help the steering group by completing the questionnaire delivered with this newsletter or by looking on-line at <http://www.brickhillcommunityplan.org.uk/> where you can complete an electronic version. Its your community so make sure you have your say!

COMMUNITY BULB PLANTING EVENT SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2010 10 AM TO 12 NOON



Everyone is invited to come along to the play area on Waveney Green to help plant flower bulbs to enhance our green space ready for spring
Children especially welcome!

Brickhill In Bloom

Brickhill Parish Council has co-ordinated a successful neighbourhood entry in the Anglia In Bloom campaign 2010.



The entry included environmental and gardening projects at Brickhill Allotments, Scott Lower School, Brickhill Lower School, St Mark's Church Garden of Remembrance, St Mark's Clubhouse as well as litter picks and community clean ups all over the parish. The judges encouraged the Brickhill in Bloom group to prepare a more ambitious urban community entry in 2011. We also participated in the Bedford Borough In Bloom entry and the judges visited Brickhill Allotments. We are looking for keen gardeners to join our group as well as community groups or organisations which do any work to make Brickhill cleaner, greener and more beautiful. Contact the Parish Council (details on back page) to register your interest for our 2011 campaign.

Brickhill Allotments 2009

MANTON TRAVEL SERVICES (BEDFORD)

Tel: 01234 343238 (24hrs)

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Friday 12 Nov Thursford Xmas Show & 2 course Xmas Dinner Superb 3 hour show at 2pm, free hot drinks en route, luxury coach travel, choice of menu at hotel after show. Cost £78 Book by 16 September.

Sat 11 Dec Day Trip to Norwich Xmas Shopping or visit other places: Cathedral, Museums, Coleman's Mustard Shop & much more. £24 Adults, £23 Seniors, £20 child (6-16.) Book now & pay by 1 November.

Sun 9 Jan Dick Whittington Pantomime at MK theatre 5.30pm show with all star cast, best stall seats & coach travel Adults/Seniors £30, child £25. Book now & pay by 20 September.

Sat 5 Feb Holiday on Ice at Peterborough at 4-30pm. Seen by millions of people world wide, best Ice show in the World, only 5 venues in UK. Best seats/coach Adults/Seniors £40, child £25. A deposit required. Book now.

In addition we offer theatre trips to Derngate, Milton Keynes and the West End and also Day Trips all with local pick up points in Bedford the only local company to provide this service. Ring now for more information



The circus is coming to Brickhill!

To celebrate Brickhill Lower School's Golden Anniversary in 2010 we have invited the Big Top along to entertain young and old

Saturday 25th September 2010
1 pm or 4 pm show

Tickets are available NOW
(£7 each or £25 for 4) at:

The Flower Gallery, Avon Drive
St. Marks Church Office
Brickhill and Scott Lower Schools

NEW SURGERY TIMES FOR BRICKHILL DOCTORS' SURGERY

NHS Bedfordshire and Linden Road Surgery have been working together to provide a more convenient service for Brickhill patients and are pleased to announce additional opening hours at the Brickhill branch surgery (106 Tyne Crescent).

Opening times are now Monday to Friday
2pm to 4pm.

For further information about Brickhill Surgery please telephone **01234 273272.**

Come and join us for Sunday Afternoon Tea and help us support*



Sunday 19th September 2010

3:00pm to 5:30pm

At Brickhill Community Centre, Avon Drive

Coffee/tea and a piece of cake: £1.50

Cold drinks available

There will also be a raffle. Tickets £1 per strip
(*All proceeds from the day will go directly to the charity)

Bedford Women's Institute

meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Brickhill Community Centre, Avon Drive for talks, activities and friendship.



For further information and a copy of our programme contact Elizabeth Cochrane

Tel: 01234 35001 email:cochrane161@btinternet.com

**Brickhill Community Centre
Avon Drive, Bedford**



Senior Citizens are invited to an
afternoon of nostalgic and seasonal
songs performed by
a professional entertainer

Monday 6th December 2 - 4 pm

Free admission and refreshments



Contact Sue Stewart at the Community
Centre or phone 01234 312332 or email
brickhillcommunitycentre@googlemail.com
to reserve your place

EVERY MUG COUNTS IN BRICKHILL

The residents of Brickhill are invited to get
together on Friday 24 September for Macmillan
Cancer to support the World's Biggest Coffee Morning!



Last year coffee mornings across Bedfordshire raised
almost £81,000 to improve the lives of people affected by
cancer. Taking part is easy— just invite your neighbours
in for a coffee, encourage colleagues to bake cakes in the
office or take donations in return for refreshments at a
meeting. Or find out where public Macmillan coffee
mornings are taking place locally. To raise some money,
and a smile, for people affected by cancer register now
by calling **0845 602 1246** or visit macmillan.org.uk/coffee.

SEED TIME AND HARVEST

Autumn is nature's planting time and to make the
most of this there are two local seed events:

**September 26th
10 am to 12 noon**

Seed Sharing Event
at Brickhill Allotments
bring and share!

**October 10th
10 am**

Community Seed Saving
In Clapham Park Wood
meet outside Beauchamp
School, Hawk Drive and help
collect seeds in the wood

Contact the Parish Council for more information

**YOUR PARISH COUNCIL
NEEDS YOU!**



Brickhill Parish Council works with
Bedford Borough Council and other
agencies in the community to
represent and promote the interests of everyone
who lives and works in Brickhill. We want to hear
your views about how we're doing. Maybe you'd
like to get more involved in shaping your community
or just find out what's going on?

You could learn about Brickhill by reading our
annual report, coming to a parish council meeting or
councillor surgery, volunteering for one of our
community events, checking our website and
signing up for our regular news updates or
completing the community survey mentioned on
page 1. Watch out for our information sessions
which will run alongside the Borough Councillor
surgeries on Saturday mornings in October and
November at Avon Drive/Brickhill Drive shops. Full
contact details are on the back page of this
newsletter. Most of all—talk to your councillors and
tell us what you think!

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Brickhill Parish Council Meeting Dates

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

Councillor Surgeries

To be held at 7pm before every Parish Council meeting—do please come along

Full Parish Council Meetings 7.30pm

2 September, 7 October, 4 November

Planning Committee Meetings 6:45 pm if on the same day as full meeting of Parish Council otherwise 7.00pm

16 September, 7 October and 4 November

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Public drop in session every Tuesday
10am - 12 noon

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