

The newsletter of **Brickhill Parish Council**

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Waveney Green and Play Area and Brickhill **Community Centre**

On 3rd May, Brickhill Parish Council officially signed leases for Brickhill Community Centre and Waveney Green from Bedford Borough Council. Councillor Mark Fitzpatrick, Chair of Brickhill Parish Council said 'We are grateful for the support of Mayor Dave Hodgson in supporting the local community in this way". The leases are for 99 years and are intended to ensure that the Green is preserved as an open space for the benefit of local residents, removing the threat of it being built on. Likewise the aim is to ensure that the Community Centre continues to thrive, providing a service to all local residents.



Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick, Acting Clerk Alison Southern and Cllr Stuart Green - signing the leases

New Parish Council after May elections

All of Brickhill's Parish Councillors were up for election on 5th May. 11 were elected unopposed. Councillors Stuart Green, Ray Seymour, Stuart Buchanan, Pat Marriot and Joanne Laybourn stood down. New councillors elected were Corinne Royden, Linda Darbon and Jane Josephs. Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick has been re-elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year; he thanked the former councillors who had retired for their service to the community, in particular Cllrs Green and Seymour who had been members of the former Brickhill Urban Community Council, the fore-runner to the Parish Council.

Brickhill in Bloom

who would like to join the Brickhill in Bloom group. Whether you're an individual gardener, a business or a group why not talk to us about your green projects and be included in our portfolio? The Parish



the details on the back page. Judging takes place Delia's departure and Francesca starting. on 11th July.

Tree Planting event

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the recent tree planting event in the new North Brickhill Country Park, which was jointly organised by BPHA and Bedford Borough Council. Over 200 people turned Planting trees for the future on up for the event which 13th March was a huge success and



over 500 new trees were planted. Another event is planned for the end of this year so keep an eve out on the notice boards and our website for further information.

New Clerk for Brickhill Parish Council

This year we will be entering the Urban Community Francesca Johnstone started work as Brickhill category and are looking for groups and volunteers Parish Council's new Clerk on 1st June. Francesca previously worked for the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity.

Francesca has taken over from former Clerk, Delia Shephard. Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick, thanked Delia for all her work on behalf of the Parish Council and the local community over the past seven years and wished her every success Council is co-ordinating this year's campaign for the in her new job. He also thanked Assistant Clerk group, if you'd like to be included contact us using Alison Southern for working as Clerk between

SUMMER PLAYSCHEME

AT BRICKHILL LOWER SCHOOL

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-8 YRS

1ST-26TH AUGUST 2011 **MONDAY TO FRIDAY** 10am-12 NOON

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST PAY ON THE DAY £1.00 PER SESSION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL KATIE PERCIVAL ON 01234 227490

Brickhill Diary

Coffee Mornings for parents at Brickhill and Scott Lower Schools

Tuesday 9-10 at Brickhill Lower School,



Friday 9-10 at Scott Lower School,

Extended Serv

PRIDE IN BEDFORD

COMMUNITY TIDY UP

Come and join us for our next litter pick
Saturday 18 June

10 am - 12 noon

Meet at the far end of Westrope Way (off Tyne Crescent) adjacent to Woodlands Park. Equipment will be provided.

Gathering on the Green 3 Wednesday 3rd August 2011



Volunteers Needed

The Parish Council are holding its third Gathering on the Green in August. We need volunteers to help set up the event putting up gazebos, transferring table and chairs to the site and then clearing up after the event. Please call or email the Clerk if you can help (see back page for contact details).

Local organisations

If you belong to a local organisation or group and wish to publicise your group then perhaps you would like to have a stall on the day which are available 🖈 free of charge. For further information again please 🖈 contact the Clerk. Activities booked so far include 🖈 bungee trampolining, a magic show, face painting, * balloon modelling, nail art and henna, circus skills 🖈 workshop, mini strikers and a mini carousel. addition the Fire Brigade will be attending offering * fire safety advice and home safety checks and our * local Police will be offering free property marking and security advice. There will also be various local agencies including BPHA, free health checks, Brickhill Community Association, Pine Cones Children's Centre and the Borough Recycling Team 🍒 to name but a few.



50th Anniversary Pageant A Journey In Time

On Thursday 12th May, Brickhill Lower School held a Pageant in the magnificent setting of The Great Hall at Bedford School. Every child

participated in this event, taking the six hundred strong audience on *A Journey In Time*, through the last five decades. The production, written by a parent, Ms Bernie Crane, directed by Ms Rachel Bennett, a long-serving class teacher at the school, was organized jointly by both the school's 50th Anniversary and PTA committees.

Headteacher, Vyv Francis, said, "We are very grateful to Bedford School for the use of such a wonderful venue. I have no doubt that children and their families will remember this special experience for many years to come. Everyone who played a part in making this long-planned event a reality, should feel very proud of what they have achieved, especially the pupils themselves, all of whom shone tonight!"



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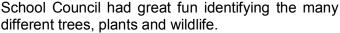
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News from Scott Lower School

Pupils at Scott Lower School have had a

wonderful time enjoying the great outdoors at Maulden Woods in Bedfordshire. The



The visit was organised in conjunction with the Faith Woodlands Communities Trust, who will be working with the School Council at Scott Lower, to further develop their own Nature Area.



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Scott Lower School Hawk Drive, Brickhill, Bedford

Sunday 26 June 1pm-3:30pm

Come and join the fun!

Stalls
Inflatables
Raffle -£100 1st prize
Beer Tent and BBQ
Cake Stall
Tombola
Face Painting
Beat the Goalie

Entrance Fee Adults 50p Children Free For enquiries please ring 01234 352630

Brickhill Community Plan - update

The Brickhill Sustainable Community Plan has now been finalised. It will be presented to the Bedford Borough Partnership board in June and copies of a summary of the plan will be distributed to every household in Brickhill. Full copies of the plan will also be available on the Parish Council website or in paper form from the Parish Council and elsewhere in the community.

Having collated the 1,159 questionnaires completed by local residents, the plan contains a series of actions to address the priorities identified by you. The work is starting now and will be spread over the next five years. The main sections of the plan are:

A Greener Brickhill - environment & climate change

An Aspiring Brickhill - children and young people, A Healthy Brickhill - adult health and well-being A Safer Brickhill - safer communities

A Thriving Brickhill - economic development, regeneration and enterprise

An Inclusive Brickhill - social inclusion, community cohesion and culture.

The Community Plan working group, chaired by local resident Simon Baldrey, will continue its work with the active support of the Parish Council. If you

QUALITY HOUSEKEEPING

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We offer a full 'top to bottom' cleaning service including ovens, fridges (etc), ironing and interior windows, on a regular basis or as a one off spring clean.

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For more information Please telephone: 01234 307322 Mobile 07940 755718



are interested in being part of the ongoing work please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. News on progress of the plan will be reported in further issues of the Parish Council newsletter, on its website and noticeboards.

inclusion, A Healthy Brickhill

There are three main aims:

- To provide assistance to residents who face difficulty accessing services and facilities
- Increasing accessibility of medical facilities for Brickhill residents
- Help to maintain long term health and wellbeing of residents.

Many respondents to the questionnaire said they would be willing to join a 'Good Neighbour Scheme' in Brickhill. A quarter of everyone who replied said that it could be useful to them. The details of the scheme need to be agreed, but If you are interested in volunteering, please tell the Parish Council using the form below or by email.

Good Neighbour Scheme

Name:

Address:

I Tel:

Email:

I would like to be sent details of how I could give help to Brickhill residents.

Return to: Brickhill Parish Council, c/o St Mark's Church Community Centre,Calder Rise, Bedford MK41 7UY or you can email us at clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Public drop-in every Tuesday morning at St Mark's Community Centre between 10 am and 12 noon. The officers are also available by prior appointment at other times.

Councillor surgeries 7 pm to 7.30 pm before every full Parish Council meeting and on Saturday mornings (see noticeboards at Avon and Brickhill Drive Shops for details).

Parish Council meetings and committee meetings are open to the public who are very welcome to observe. A limited time for the public to address the council is also included, but time is very restricted. Please contact the Clerk if you would like information about how to participate in this session. For less formal opportunities to engage in discussion with the council contact the Clerk or attend a surgery.

Full Parish Council meetings 7.30 pm
7 July, 1 September, 6 October
Planning Committee meetings 6pm
9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September
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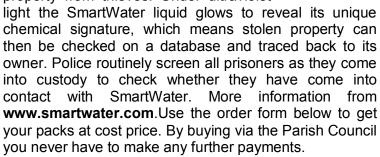
Four steps to help make a safer Brickhill

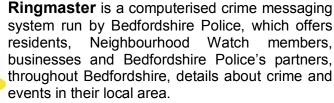
SMARTWATER

One of the priorities of the Brickhill Community Safety Forum is to reduce daytime burglaries. Here are four simple things you can do to help improve your safety.

- 1. Use SmartWater on your possessions
- 2. Support the Community Safety Forum
- 3. Sign up for Ringmaster
- 4. Join Neighbourhood Watch

SmartWater is the innovative crime reduction tool designed to help protect property from thieves. Under ultraviolet





- The service is free to everyone.
- You don't need to be involved in Neighbourhood Watch to join.
- You can receive information via email, view messages online, or receive messages via phone at a time to suit you.
- Receive crime reduction advice and help tackle crime in your local area.

To join ringmaster tel 01234 275288 or apply online at www.safer-beds.org

Neighbourhood Watch is a partnership where people come together to make their communities safer. It involves the Police, Community Safety departments of local authorities, other voluntary organisations and, above all, individuals and families who want to make their neighbourhoods better places to live.

For more information about setting up a scheme in your road, or to make contact with your Co-ordinator, please contact the Neighbourhood Watch central office at bedfordneighbourhoodwatch@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk or telephone 01234 275165. Please include your Name, Address and Telephone number in your message.

Community Safety Forum
Come to the next meeting,
help decide the priorities to
make our area safer. The
Forum has a committee that
helps organise meetings;
new members are needed
on the committee, which
meets once a month. Please
contact the Parish Council
for more information.

SmartWater Order Form		
No. of packs ordered: at £19.20 per pack. Total cost:	£	
Send your cheque payable to 'Brickhill Parish Council' to Brickhill Parish Council, c/o St Mark's Church Community Centre, Calder Rise, Bedford MK41 7UY		
Your contact details: Name: Address: Email:	Telephone Number:	

Help the community - by delivering your Parish Council newsletter

Could you help the local community and Brickhill Parish Council by helping deliver the newsletter in your area? More volunteers would be welcome. It currently appears four or five times a year. If you can help, please get in touch either by returning the form, calling 01234 271708 or emailing us at clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council newsletter

Yes I can help deliver the newsletter in my area. A	Approx time able to give: 10mins / 30 mins/ 1 hour.
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Name: Tel:

Address:

Email:

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