



Gathering on the Green 2011

This year's event took place on Wednesday 3rd August and proved again to be a great success. The weather was more than we could have hoped, if not a little too hot.

We had a good turn out from local residents who came and took part. We hope all those who attended recovered from the humidity and enjoyed taking part in the activities on offer. A huge thank you to all those organisations who took part on the day.

We had a variety of activities on offer including face painting, circus skills, trampolines and bouncy castles. As a council we are also looking to support local groups and would encourage them to have a stand at the event, so if you run a local club/group please do contact the parish council office with your details.

If you attended the event and would like to feed back any comments or are a local resident and have any ideas for future activities please do get in touch with the council on 01234 271708 or email clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Finally a big thank you to the volunteers who helped with the setting up and clearing away on the day.



Brickhill in Bloom

The entries for this year's in Bloom competition for the Urban community category are:

- Waveney Green,
- Scott Lower School nature area
- Community Orchard & Park Wood nature reserve
- BPHA William Harpur House garden
- St. Mark's Church Remembrance garden
- Brickhill allotments
- BTCV community allotment

Judging took place on 11th July and the council will receive the results for the categories at the awards ceremony taking place on 13th September 2011.

The council would like to wish all the entrants the best of luck !

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Could you make a difference?

Brickhill Parish Council has 1 vacancy to be filled by co-optation of any interested persons. Applicants are asked to send a personal statement giving reasons for offering their services to the council, detailing skills and experience and any special areas of interests they may have.

Applications received will be considered by the Parish Council at the 6th October 2011 Parish Council meeting .

If you would like to find out more please send your details to the Clerk at:

Brickhill Parish Council
St Mark's Church & Community Centre
Bedford, MK41 7UY
or email: clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Bedford Foodbank

Bedford Foodbank has become a reality. As part of the Hope Trust, **Brickhill Baptist Church**, in partnership with other groups in the town, is providing emergency food and support to local people in a crisis. The Foodbank works through members of the public donating non-perishable food to the scheme. Then volunteers sort and pack the food into emergency food boxes. Next frontline care professionals such as doctors and social workers give vouchers to those people in crisis. Recipients can exchange vouchers for three day's worth of food at the **Foodbank**. In addition the **Foodbank** will take time to listen to clients and signpost them to further support.

With one in five people below the poverty line in the UK there has never been a better time for Bedford to have its own **Foodbank**.

You could help by donating food, or being a volunteer, to find out more contact:

Brickhill Baptist Church Centre
Tel: **01234 273773**. or Email: fb@bissell.me.uk

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Plans for new store in Brickhill

The parish council have recently been contacted by a number of concerned local residents over plans for Tesco to open a new express store at the Bird in the Hand pub on Brickhill Drive. A letter has been sent to properties in the vicinity by Tesco, detailing the plans for the store.

Cllr Charles Royden (Borough Councillor for Brickhill) gave the following comments:

"I am disappointed that Tesco have sent out letters announcing that they will be coming to Brickhill Drive to open a Tesco Express and that they have said they do not require planning permission to use The Bird in Hand Pub. Residents are right to be angry that Tesco have shown absolutely no consideration for the existing shopkeepers who are already based in this shopping parade. The local Borough Councillors will be working with the parish council to ensure that local residents views are heard about the type of shops which they want"

Brickhill Parish Council are looking into these proposals .



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Brickhill Public Transport Information

As most residents are aware, 21 August 2011 saw Bedford's bus services given a boost with major changes to routes in both urban and rural areas. Buses across Bedford and Kempston are now available on most routes up to 23:00 on Mondays to Saturdays.

What has this meant for Brickhill residents?

Stagecoach Service No 6 now serves Woodlands Park in place of the short lived Service No 10 and operates in both directions on Tyne Crescent between Avon Drive (north) and Ashmead Road. The previous stop near Moriston Road is now no longer used and customers have to use either the one just inside Ashmead Road or in Avon Drive (opposite Torrigrise Rise). Service No 6 still operates via the Rail Station at peak times. Residents on the east side of Brickhill, including those in Larkway and the immediate area who had

previously used Service No 10, are able to use either the new Grant Palmer Service No 28 rural service (up to nine services per day) along Larkway or Cedar Coach Services 151, 152 and 153 (up to ten services per day) along Kimbolton Road.

For residents in the south east area there are Stagecoach Services No 7 to/from Woodside and No 10 to/from Putnoe and Goldington Green which can be accessed from the Putnoe Lane/ Kimbolton Road junction stops.

There is also the Tesco Courtesy Bus Service B which runs through Brickhill to the Riverfield Drive store twice every Friday.

A Brickhill Public Transport Information leaflet is available from Brickhill and St Mark's Community Centres and is also available on the Parish Council website.

For those residents who are able to cycle that short distance a 'Cycle Brickhill' leaflet is also available.

Cllr Peter Blakeman

Brickhill Community Plan - A great opportunity to get involved in your community!

The Brickhill Community Plan has now been finalised and all residents should have received a copy of the summary document. The plan details what local residents would like to see happen in Brickhill over the next 5 years. Full and summary versions of the plan can be viewed on the Parish Council website www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk or hard copies can be obtained from the Parish Office at St Mark's Church Community Centre.

We now need your support and help to ensure that the plan becomes a reality. We are looking for volunteers that may have an interest in any of the following areas to assist the Parish Council with some of the actions identified:

- Environment and Climate Change
- Children and Young people
- Health and Well-being
- Crime and Safety
- Traffic and Transport
- Community Activities

If you are interested in finding out more about how you could get involved please contact Francesca Johnstone, Parish Clerk, on 01234 271708 or clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk



COMMUNITY TIDY UP

Come and join us for our next litter pick on:

**Saturday 17 September
10 am - 12 noon**

Meet outside the Scout Hut adjacent to Brickhill drive allotments. Equipment will be provided.



BULB PLANTING EVENT

Come and join us for our next bulb planting event on:

**Saturday 8th October
10 am - 12 noon**

Meet at the far end of Waveney Green adjacent to Falcon Avenue. Equipment will be provided.



Dates for your Diary

Councillor Surgeries 7pm 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 & Committee meetings are open to the public and take place on the first Thursday of every month (except August & December). 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. **All meetings are held at St Mark's Community Centre** and advertised on our noticeboards and website.

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.

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September – Special services on the Marston Vale Line (Bedford – Bletchley) to the Woodworks! Festival at the Forest Centre and Armed Forces Weekend at Bletchley Park.

Rail passengers receive £1 off the Woodworks entry fee all weekend on production of a valid ticket!

For further information contact Stephen Sleight, Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership Officer on 01234 832645, e-mail stephens@bedsrcc.org.uk or visit www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk

Saturday 17th September– Community Tidy Up. 10am-12 noon (see main article on page 3)

Saturday 8th October– Bulb Planting on Waveney Green. 10am-12noon.

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