BRICKHILL NEWS

The newsletter of Brickhill Parish Council

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Welcome to this special extended winter edition of Brickhill News. It has been a busy year will a great deal of good news as you will see as you flick through the pages. We have been very fortunate to have been awarded funding for a new 0-6 play area and also a small grant to run some youth activities for 13 -19 year olds (see page 4). We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and would always welcome feedback about articles to include or any suggestions for improvements.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

The parish council have recently run a drawing competition, open to the local lower schools. We received some fantastic 'winter scene' pictures which our chairman had the difficult task of choosing the winner from. Thank you to all those children that entered, congratulations to the winners who were:

1st place— Kavita (year 3 Scott Lower) **2nd place**— Jasmine (year 4 Scott Lower) **3rd Place**— Isabelle (year 2 Brickhill Lower) Book tokens will be winging there way to you all shortly

A special mention for our runners up- Ellie (year 2 Scott Lower) & Terell (year1 Scott Lower)



Congratulations to Kavita Shari (Year 3– Scott Lower School) who won best picture in our 'Winter Scene' drawing competition



News from the Chair of Brickhill Parish Council

Brickhill and Woodlands Park

In this newsletter you will see the notice from Bedford Borough Council about the launch of the Community Governance Review for Brickhill and Ravensden. Brickhill Parish Council welcomes this review as we believe it will at last give the chance for residents of Woodlands Park, as well the rest of Brickhill and Ravensden parishes, to give their views on how they want their community to be represented at the parish level.

Parish Councils are supposed to reflect 'natural communities'; the view of Brickhill Parish Council is that Woodlands Park is a natural continuation to Brickhill with all road links to the estate through Brickhill, as well as strong links for schools, shops and policing. Brickhill Parish has been involved in many aspects of the Woodlands Park estate, including the creation of the North Brickhill Country Park, Anjulita Court and the Brickhill Sustainable Community Plan.

In our view it makes sense for Woodlands Park to be officially included in Brickhill Parish, so that we can work with residents to help tackle the issues that are affecting them. Please take part in this Review. If you have any comments or queries, do contact me.

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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, Bedford MK41 7UY

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Community Led Plan Update

Are you self-employed? And Live in Brickhill?

If so, we need your details for the new **Brickhill Business Directory**.

We want to promote the use of local business so help us do this.

As part of Brickhill's community plan residents will have access to the names and numbers of Brickhill businesses on a website and directory format.

To include your details in the directory please contact Dean Crofts on 07772120843 or email dean@croftsy.com

More youth activity sessions planned for next year!

The parish council were pleased that this years activity camp sessions

held on Waveney Green were such a success that they have agreed to hold further sessions. The sessions will take place over Easter and Summer school holidays and the Sport Support Group will again run the dates.

If you are interested in finding out more about the planned sessions please contact the Clerk on 01234 271708 or email clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Scott Lower School

Pupils at Scott Lower School are incredibly lucky to have direct access behind the school to the most fantastic wooded nature area. Stood beneath



the branches of the oak, ash, elder and field maple trees, it would be easy to forget that we were in fact in the middle of Brickhill. This is what our children use on a regular basis to enhance their learning.

The benefits of being outdoors have been vastly researched and it has been found that not only does being outdoors improve emotional stability, but it also impacts positively on children's attitudes, beliefs and inter-personal and social skills. Outdoor education is embedded into the routine expectations and experiences of the school so that it becomes a normal part of what we do here at Scott Lower.

Recently, Councillor Royden came to officially



open Scott Lower's nature trail and was impressed with the way in which the nature area was used to achieve a whole range of outcomes for our children. The grounds have been developed in conjunction with the Woodlands Faith

Trust and Bedford Borough Council.

BRICKHILL SCOUT GROUP HEADQUARTERS GETS A NEW ROOF





Brickhill Scout Group is celebrating after receiving a £10,000 grant from the Lottery distributor Awards for All. The group, which operates from the Scout Hut next to the allotments off Brickhill Drive, has used the funds to replace the old leaky roof on the building. Caroline Romans, Secretary of the Group said "We are very grateful to Awards for All for the funding which has enabled us to finally make the building watertight and secure. This will ensure that the building can be used by Scouts and other local groups for many more years to come." The group is now looking to carry out further improvements to the building. If anyone has any building/electrical expertise and would like to help the group, please contact us at info@brickhillscouts.org.uk or phone Caroline Romans, the Group Secretary on 07732 467823.

Did you cycle between Brickhill and Clapham between 1960's- 1990's?

If you used to cycle along 'Bumpy Lane', connecting Hawk Drive in Brickhill to Carriage Drive/Green Lane in Clapham, between the 1960s—1990's or even earlier, please could you contact Brickhill Parish Council? It is officially a public footpath, but many local residents have used it as a cycle path. Of late the landowner has objected

to cyclists using the route. The Cycle Campaign for North Bedfordshire has asked the Borough Council to take the necessary steps to designate the route a bridlepath and a decision is currently awaited. However it seems likely that more evidence is needed of its historic use as for cyclists.

This could be a vital link in the 'Green Wheel' route around Bedford and your evidence could be crucial – so if you used to use it then, do get in touch.



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T: 01234 327380

E: bedfordshireandluton@alzheimers.org.uk

Park Wood Local Nature Reserve – 5 yr management plan



Earlier this year Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC) was asked by Bedford Borough Council to create a Management Plan for the reserve for the next five years. Residents were able to give their views, in particular through a consultation event at Beauchamp Middle School. The Management Plan has now been finalised, with seven aims, each with supporting objectives and tasks. The Plan covers both the Nature Reserve and the Community Orchard.

Brickhill Parish Council has agreed to fund the replacement of a stile in the north-west corner of the site by a kissing gate. BRCC are seeking funding for some of the additional work needed to help increase the site's biodiversity and fulfil its potential as a nature reserve. Maintenance work on the reserve is carried out by Borough Council Park Rangers and by the Friends of Park Wood Local Nature Reserve, who would welcome additional help. If interested please contact Tony Gill on 01234 407374 or via email at a.gill51@ntlworld.com.

Youth Innovation Zone

Brickhill parish council have been awarded funding from Bedford Borough Council for young people aged 13-19 years old . The aim of the funding is to help young people have access to activities, places to go & support services. Expression of interest so far in has been to open a youth cafe and we are currently looking for suitable premises. Other ideas mentioned have been to perhaps organise trips including outdoor activities.

A short survey has been created and will be sent to local middle and upper schools. We welcome ideas and suggestions for this exciting new project, also volunteers both 13-19yr olds and adults are needed.

If you are interested in helping support this project or have any ideas for activities please speak to the Clerk at the parish council on 01234 271708 or email clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

The survey can be completed by visiting: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Brickhill



Transition to middle school

With the start of the new Academic year our efforts are already focussed on Year 4

transition to middle school for Academic year 2013-2014.

We took a group of enthusiastic Year 5 pupils to the lower schools so they could share their experiences and give a little taster into the types of opportunities and experiences they can enjoy when they start Beauchamp Middle School next September. We'd like to thank all Lower schools involved for accommodating us and giving us the time to speak to their Year 4 pupils.

If you would like more information or would like to come and visit our school, please call us on **01234 30090**0.

For more news and events please go towww.beauchampschool.co.uk

Parish Council Office Hours

Parish council staff are happy to help residents with any issues and have held a public open session every Tuesday as a drop in service over the years.

It was agreed at a recent parish council meeting to extend the drop in times in conjunction with office hours to allow more flexibility for residents.

Office hours are Monday- Friday 10am- 2pm

Please note however it would be advisable to call the office before popping along to ensure that a member of staff is available, in case they have other meetings on the day.

Alternatively any issues can be forwarded to staff at clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk



BGNS Brickhill Good Neighbours Update

The Brickhill Good Neighbours scheme has now been up and running for nearly 6 months, and is continuing to grow and develop. Over the past few months we have helped more Brickhill residents with tasks ranging from lifts to shops and hospital appointments, to help setting up computers and phones.

To ensure we can support those who require help, we continue to need volunteers for the scheme. We particularly need volunteers who are available during the day, mornings especially.

If you have time to spare during the week and would like to help local residents please call Brickhill Good Neighbours on: 07445 594050.

There are also volunteer roles available for those unable to offer physical help, such as being part of the rota to hold the phone and receive calls.

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

Brickhill Community Centre, Avon Drive, Bedford

Free admission and Refreshments

Tuesday 4th December 2pm-4pm

To reserve your place contact:
Sue Stewart at the Community Centre
on **01234 312332**





Brickhill Community Directory



Do you run a local group in the Parish?

The parish council have put together the Brickhill Community Directory – see our website (under the Information section).

The directory is a resource for any local resident to use and we hope this will be especially useful to those who are new to the area.

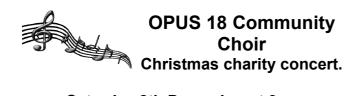
We want to include as many activities and groups that take place in the parish as possible.

So if you run a group and would like to be included please call the parish council office on 01234 271708 or email us at: clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk









Saturday 8th December at 3pm.

In aid of Alzheimers Bedford and the Bedford Daycare Hospice. Tickets are priced £3.50 (adult) and £2 (children) which includes a glass of wine/ juice and mince pies. There will be a raffle.

All profits will be donated to the charities and a representative from the charities will come and say a few words about their work. For tickets please contact Evelyn on 07974 742552 or email evsutherlandmusic@hotmail.co.uk



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DO YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

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Training will be provided to use the Speed indicator device, how to managing conflict and basic first aid.

To find out more or to register please telephone **01234 718276** or e-mail prideinbedford@bedford.gov.uk



Brickhill Public Transport Information Update

Stagecoach after withdrawing this time last year their Woodlands/Brickhill Service No 6 back to the first roundabout before the development due to turning issues have now decided not to serve the estate at all.

From Sunday 4 November 2012 the No 6 reverted to the earlier anti-clockwise route along

Tyne Crescent. The Mondays to Fridays service starts 18 minutes earlier at 0553 (Marlow Way) and the first 10 services (between 0553 and 0741) now go the town centre via the railway station for commuters (an increase of three from the previous timetable).

To partially replace the Stagecoach service the Borough has arranged for the Grant Palmer No 28 between Kimbolton and Bedford to divert half its services into Woodlands Park for residents who are not able to walk to the nearest No 6 bus stop in Tyne Crescent opposite Leven Walk.

From Monday 5 November 2012 four No 28 services Mondays to Fridays (three on Saturdays) to the town centre call at Anjulita Court on a two hourly basis starting at 0832 (Mondays to Fridays) and 1034 (Saturdays). Five services call at Anjulita Court on their return journey from the town centre Mondays to Fridays and three on Saturdays.

The No 28 runs from Anjulita Court to the town centre via Avon Drive (for the shops), Dove Road, Larkway and Kimbolton Road (for Bedford Hospital North Wing).

The Grant Palmer No 22 from Anjulita Court continues to run to the town centre Mondays to Saturdays at 1028 via Avon Drive, Larkway and Brickhill Drive (for the shops). On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays this continues to the Sainsbury's store in Clapham Road.

Residents on the east side of Brickhill are still able to use the seven Cedar Coaches No 152 along Kimbolton Road and those in the south east area Stagecoach 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.

The Tesco Courtesy Bus Service B continues to run through Brickhill to the Riverfield Drive store twice every Friday.

An updated Brickhill Public Transport Information leaflet is available from the Brickhill and St Marks

Community Centres or can be downloaded from the Parish Council website. Cllr Peter Blakeman – Nov 2012

Brickhill Borough Councillors Report



School 20 when lights show



Road Safety Week takes place on 19-25 November and we are working to introduce a range of measures to make Brickhill roads safer. The 20mph speed limit will soon be introduced on Tyne Crescent and in addition the 20mph signs shown opposite will be installed in Avon Drive,



Waveney Avenue and Falcon Avenue. These will advise vehicles of the need to reduce speed at school times to help keep children safe. We know that reducing traffic speeds is vital to make our streets safer. If a child runs out three car lengths ahead and the driver is doing 20mph, they should just be able to stop in time. If they're doing 30mph, they will barely have time to hit the brakes before hitting the child. We all need to slow down our speeds and this is part of achieving a long-term culture change towards creating safer road environments for all users. These zones, accompanied by new parking restrictions which will soon be implemented outside all Brickhill schools, will help keep our children safe

Crime in Brickhill. We have purchased our own Brickhill wireless CCTV camera from our borough councillor ward funds. This is linked to the Bedford Borough Council control room and provides 24hr surveillance and recording. We deploy this in hot spots in Brickhill to nip crime in the bud and it has recently been moved to provide cover following an incidence of arson. For more information on any of these items, please visit our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com. If you have any concerns then please do call us direct using our contact details below, we are always pleased to help.

Wendy Rider, 23 Orwell Close, Brickhill, MK41 7BQ 01234 303254 wendyrider41@gmail.com **Charles Royden**, The Vicarage, Calder Rise, Brickhill, 01234 309175 charlesroyden@gmail.com



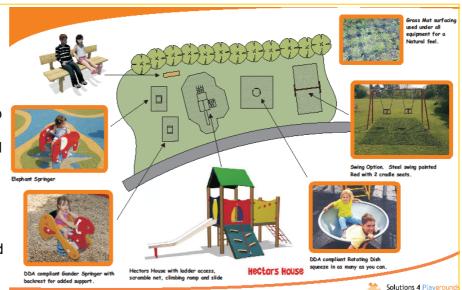
Chat, make and play baby and toddler groups

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Funding success for new 0-6 year old play area

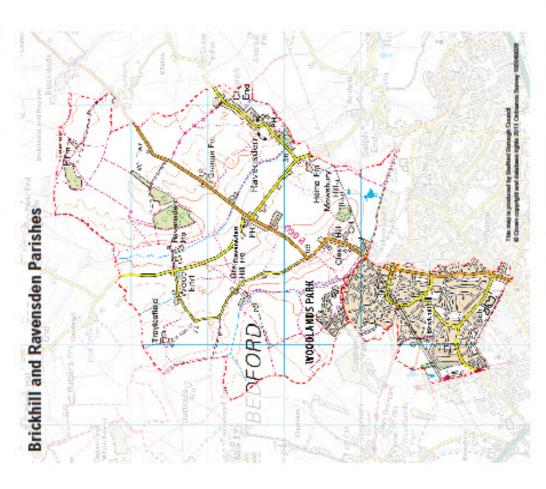
The Parish Council recently applied for a funding grant to help pay for a new 0-6 play area, this resource was identified as a need in the parish following the community led plan and was written into the 3 year plan for Waveney Green. We were very pleased to hear from the **Waste Recycling Group** Ltd (WRG) and **WREN** who decided to award us a total of £12,283.00 towards the



new play area. In addition to this funding the Parish council have agreed to spend allow funds to install a swing set and any other related expenses. We are awaiting permission from the Borough council in order to proceed with the play area, as they are the landowners.

Thank you to those residents who attended the consultation days to give feedback over the plans and who ultimately voted for the winning design, as shown above. Subject to permission from the Borough Council we hope to start the installation in the new year.

Ravensden or Brickhill - including Woodlands Park



The Borough Council is reviewing the parish electoral arrangements Councils of Brickhill and Ravensden to move the boundary between in Ravensden and Brickhill. This follows requests from the Parish them so that Woodlands Park comes within Brickhill Parish

The review will need to consider a number of questions related to community governance including:

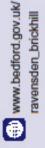
- Should the existing parishes remain?
- Should any boundaries be changed?
- How many Parish Councillors should there be?
- If there should be Parish Wards, what areas should they cover and what should their names be?

Any changes could be introduced in 2015 in time for programmed elections to Parish Councils that year.

the contact details below. The Terms of Reference will be published on 16 November and views can be expressed Let us know your views on this by letter or by e-mail to up to 16 February 2013.

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