



## Queen's Diamond Jubilee Event –a Great Day Out for Everyone

The Parish Council organised a Family event on Waveney Green on Tuesday 5th June. The event was well attended with over 1000 people joining in the fun. The children were kept occupied with a variety of rides and activities including Bungee Trampolines, Inflatable Obstacle Course and Arts and Crafts run by Messy Church. The crowd were entertained with a Magic Show and a Bird of Prey flying display from the Raptor



Foundation. In our marquee visitors were encouraged to join in with the Line Dancing and Belly Dancing demonstrations. The rain held off and a good time was had by all as you can see from our photographs. If you are a local organisation and can provide a dance demonstration or activity at our event which will be held on **Saturday 10 August 2013** then please do get in touch with the Clerk—contact details on page 2.

Many Thanks to all our volunteers including the WI who served the refreshments and Mikes Line Dancing who looked after our music requirements in the Marquee.

## News from the Parish Council

Following the Diamond Jubilee event on Waveney Green, several residents sent in their comments to the Parish Council office saying how much they liked the event. It is always good to get feedback, so we would encourage residents to do so in future, we want to know what you think!

The Parish Council tries to support the community by making small grants to local groups. This year's grants totalling £1,000 were given to Brickhill Wanderers (£250), bpha (£500) as a contribution to their work with young people in Brickhill, Open House (£200) and £50 to the Bobby scheme run by the Police, which aims to make the homes of elderly and vulnerable residents more secure. To apply for funding next year contact the Clerk or see <http://brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk/services/grants.html>.

The Parish Council looks after Waveney Green and wants it to be a great place for walking and recreation. We employ a litter picker and for the summer months have increased the number of hours worked. In July further repairs were carried out on a large stretch of the footpath on the Green at a cost of just over £4000 as part of our 3 year plan for Waveney Green.

At the Parish Council's meeting in June a new councillor was co-opted, Ann Reeve. Ann lives in Orwell Close and has lived in Brickhill for over 36 years. She has 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and a father who all live locally. Anne is employed as a Health Care Assistant working for the District Nursing Team.

Finally, could you be a Junior Street Champion? These are young people who want to help look after their street or local area. You can help can clean up litter, clean up graffiti and report environmental issues in your street. All Junior Street Champions get a free high visibility vest, cap and bag as part of their starter pack. Champions can earn pin badges to attach to your cap, your vest or even your bag. For further information see [www.prideinbedford.gov.uk](http://www.prideinbedford.gov.uk) and follow the link to Junior Street Champions.



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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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## Bedford Community Safety Partnership Multi Agency Day of Action

Residents on the Carron Road Estate, Brickhill, benefited from a successful multi-agency Day of Action on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of June. Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, Bedfordshire Police, Places for People, BPHA, Neighbourhood Watch, Bedford Borough Council, Brickhill Parish Council and Anglian Water all worked together to actively engage with residents on community safety matters.

A mobile Police Station in the Carron Road car park provided a hub for the day, and local residents called in for advice from all the agencies involved. Teams from the agencies also visited the homes of local residents to seek their views on the local area and to identify ways that the agencies can work together to improve Brickhill. Lots of local services were promoted, such as property marking and Home Fire Safety Checks. Community Speed Watch also deployed a Speed Indication Device (SID) in Brickhill during the day where details of speeding vehicles travelling over 35mph in the 30mph speed limit areas were passed to police for further action.

## SCOTT LOWER SCHOOL RECEIVES INCLUSION QUALITY MARK AWARD



In May 2012 Scott Lower School was inspected as part of the selection process for the Inclusion Mark Award. The assessor spent the day speaking with pupils, staff, parents and governors. His report states that: "One of the aims of Scott Lower School is to create an atmosphere in which all children feel secure, wanted and appreciated and the school exudes this in abundance through its ethos of being an inclusive school. The achievements of all children and adults are celebrated and recognised as well as the excellent focus on ensuring that all children achieve academically the school works hard to ensure the well being of each and every child. Their personal, social and emotional needs are given the same high priority as their academic achievement."

The school are delighted to receive the Inclusion Quality Mark Award which recognises the commitment and hard work taking place at Scott Lower School by everyone including pupils, staff, governors, and volunteers.

Well Done to everyone, a fantastic achievement!

A Barker, Headteacher

## Open House

Run from St Marks Church Community Centre, Open House is a weekly drop in facility for people with people with learning disabilities friends, family, carers and supporters. A wide range of activities take place during the weekly sessions which are held on a Wednesday between 10 and 2pm. No two weeks are the same, in the last few months the group have had a visit from Georgia the Guide Dog, Cake Decorating, & Pizza making, Music and laughter sessions, created Easter cards as well as board games and doing jigsaws.



Everyone at Open House was in celebration mode for the Queens Diamond Jubilee. The group made jubilee paper chains, created a collage of Royal photo's, sent a card to the Queen and then held a Jubilee Party where Parish Councillors, members of the Community Centre Management Committee and other visitors joined in the celebrations. The party ended with everyone singing the National Anthem. But our celebrations haven't ended there, Open House was really lucky and had the opportunity, thanks to Anne Goodwin, to hear what it was like to be chosen to be a torch bearer and everyone had their photo taken with the torch. This was a really special memorable moment for everyone. For more information on Open House please contact **St Marks Church on 01234 342613.**

### ARE YOU A LOCAL BUSINESS LOOKING TO ADVERTISE?

Our newsletter is published quarterly and is distributed to over 4000 households within the Parish as well as Woodlands Park. For further details please contact the Clerk on 01234 271708.



## Are you a young person (aged 13-19) interested in joining a youth working group?

Could you help the Parish Council to bid successfully to ensure Brickhill becomes one of the pilot projects in Bedford Borough.

The Bedford borough project will award 9 areas across Bedford funds a total of £3,000 for groups of young people and adults to find out what goes on in their area, see what is missing for young people then use the money to try out different things. It might be that they want to use the money for trips to MK, or to run a youth project every month, or to put on a week of holiday activities..... the choice is up to the young people in the community. The Borough will help out with training, support and ideas. We need at least 6 young people aged 13-19 to take part in the project between now and March 2013. You should be willing to come to a project meeting every month where you will get training, meet the other projects, share ideas and let everyone know what is happening in your area. If you would like more information please contact the Clerk on 01234 271708 or email at [clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk). Further information can be found at [www.bedford.gov.uk/youthinnovation](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/youthinnovation)



### Activity Camps

One of the action points from the community plan was "to provide more facilities for young people."

During the summer holidays the Parish Council organised 3 Activity Camps on Waveney Green for young people aged 7-12. The camps were very successful and up to 60 young people benefitted from these activities. The sessions were

subsidised by the Parish Council and run by the Sport Support group.

**If you would like the Parish Council to organise more activities like this then please do let us know.**

(contact details can be found on page 2)



### Park Wood Local Nature Reserve

Over 20 species of butterfly have been recorded on the reserve. Ones seen so far this year include Brimstone, Orange Tip, Speckled Wood, Comma, Meadow Brown, Marbled White and Red Admiral. In the summer of 2009 the reserve was awash with migratory Painted Ladies, as was much of the UK. I wonder if any will appear this summer!

Around the reserve there are a range of bird and bat boxes. Those designed for Blue and Great Tits are the most popular. The biggest broods this year were nine for Blue Tit and seven for Great Tit. No luck yet in attracting Tawny Owls to either of their nest boxes. They are around, so perhaps 2013 will be the year.

Many wildflowers can be enjoyed around the reserve. Of particular interest are the orchids. Over 2000 flower spikes of 'Common Spotted' were counted this June, but also present are a few Pyramidal and Bee Orchids. The number of orchids were well down this year (previous high was just under 6000). Perhaps the long dry spell has had an impact!

A small group of volunteers assist the council in the management of the reserve. Each year we carry out litter picks, grass cutting and raking, scrub clearance, path and pond maintenance etc. The next planned session is grass raking of the wildflower area in September provisional dates are Saturday 15th and the 22nd. If you are interested in joining the group, you would be most welcome please contact Tony Gill by email: [a.gill51@ntlworld.com](mailto:a.gill51@ntlworld.com)



## Beauchamp Middle School

Beauchamp School Handball team recently played in the English National School Finals. Beauchamp won every game, conceding just 1 goal—Director of Specialism Mr Thompson said “This was excellent preparation for our trip to Sweden, to get to the National Finals in our first year of entering was a superb achievement for the boys.”

The squad then travelled to Gothenburg, Sweden to participate in the Junior Handball World Championships. 20,200 players took part, spanning 41 different nations. Beauchamp were also selected to represent England in the opening ceremony in front of 17,000 people. Director of Specialism Mr Thompson said “The opening ceremony was amazing, the crowd were electric and the boys were very proud to represent England. We were the only school team participating—it is a regional and international tournament, so a huge step up for the boys. The level of handball on display was the best in the world and the squad have learnt a great deal from this. The team will continue to train and will hope to compete again. The other nations were surprised to see a team from England participating in Handball and we were warmly welcomed by all.”

Beauchamp School are working closely with England Handball to continue the community handball club for children in Bedford and its surrounding area.



## Brickhill Good Neighbours Are Go!

Since the official launch in May, the Brickhill Good Neighbours Scheme has got off to a steady start. With a willing band of a dozen CRB checked volunteers we have offered a variety of services such as befriending, lifts to appointments and even changing light bulbs!

Several Brickhill residents have benefited from the company of regular befriending visits, and others have taken up the Scheme's offer of help with other tasks.

Do you need a little extra help? A phone call is all it takes—we can help with specific one-off tasks, such as lifts to appointments, collecting a prescription, essential shopping, letter writing/form filling and small household jobs. Need something else give us a call on **07445 594050** and we'll advise you if we can help and if not try to point you in the right direction.

Do you have an hour or two to spare? Would you like to join our team of volunteers? Call the BGNS on 07455 594050 for more information.

Be a good neighbour, not just today or tomorrow but everyday!



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**Come & join the fun!**

## Bpha Youth Participation Project



Karen Nicholson is employed by bpha as its Youth Participation Co-ordinator. She works with young people to address local high-priority, anti-social behaviour and is currently working successfully with young people from Brickhill—new members welcome.

The group benefit from their monthly interactions with Karen where they receive support, advice, guidance and development opportunities.

Some of the success of this project is due to the activities which take place at Kempston Outdoor Centre. These activities are planned by the young people with Karen's support and involve the young people developing new skills such as basic healthy cookery, arts and crafts and even DJing. All the activities are really valued by the young people and help them to interact with each other and develop as individuals and allow them to work together as a team.

The group is funded by bpha and recently received a grant of £500 from Brickhill Parish Council. For further information or if you would like to join the group then please contact Karen at [Karen.Nicholson@bpha.org.uk](mailto:Karen.Nicholson@bpha.org.uk) or 01234 791155.

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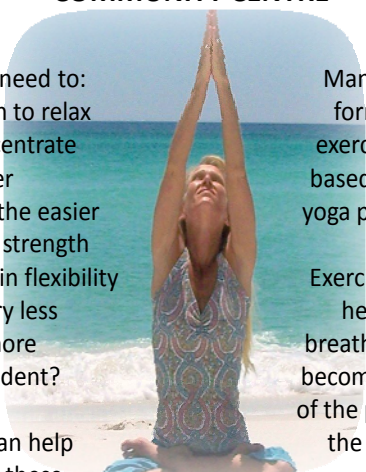
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**for details of surgeries and the latest**  
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## New PcSO working in Brickhill

I would like to introduce myself as the new community police officer for Brickhill. My name is Emma Muggridge and I have been a PcSO for 3 and a half years previously working in the Town Centre/Castle Road area. The town centre has been a great start for me in building my confidence and finding my feet with the community but as it is mainly retail based I feel as if I would like to get involved with a community like Brickhill to get to know everyone and to assist in any way I can, hopefully resolving any on-going issues members of the community may have.

Please feel free to contact me on email: [emma-jo.muggridge@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:emma-jo.muggridge@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk) or telephone 01234-275362. I look forward to meeting you and working alongside the community of Brickhill.

### Mobile Police Surgery Saturday 1 September 4pm—6pm on Waveney Green

Non emergency issues ring 101 and always call 999 for crimes in progress.

## Community Speedwatch

A regular problem highlighted by our Community Safety Forum is excessive speed along our roads. In response, local people have been trained in the use of traffic speed monitoring equipment and will shortly be using this on the roads in Brickhill.

Community Speed Watch is manned by volunteers who are trying to keep our roads safe for us all. Its use is signposted and the operators wear high visibility jackets in order to be seen. The objective is to reduce traffic speed not prosecute offenders. Anyone caught speeding is recorded and details sent to the police, and then receive a warning letter from them. Persistent offenders face prosecution.

The more the equipment is seen and used around Brickhill the more effective this measure will be. More volunteers are needed for training. If you wish to help contact with this community project please telephone 01234 718276 or 01234 718277 or you can email us at [prideinbedford@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:prideinbedford@bedford.gov.uk).

## Allotments Open Day 8th September 2 - 4pm

We currently have a few plots available to rent at Brickhill Allotments, Fosters Brow, off Brickhill Drive. Priority is given to Parish residents.

Interested? Why not come along to our open day to view the site and meet the allotment officer and other plot holders. Refreshments will be provided.

For further details please contact the Allotments Officer on 01234 272708. If you are not able to attend the open day you can visit us during the public open session held every Tuesday (10-12pm) at our offices or call to arrange an appointment.



### Update from Borough Councillors

Many of the requests which we receive from residents involve speeding and parking issues. We are currently working to introduce parking restrictions around Kestrel Road, Hawk Drive and Tyne Crescent which will also have a 20mph speed restriction. An extension of the no verge parking scheme currently in operation in Linnet Way has also been requested by residents at the Community Safety Forum meetings and is supported by Brickhill Parish Council. **If the majority of residents are in favour then we will support the proposal.**

The areas affected would include Falcon Avenue (both sides), Kestrel Road, Curlew Crescent, Plover Way, Brickhill Drive, Starling Way, Swift Close, Linnet Way (already covered). For more information about this and other local issues please visit our website [www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com](http://www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com) (see page 7 for further contact details)



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