

BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The newsletter of Brickhill Parish Council

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Youth activity sessions during the Summer Holidays

If you are aged 7-12 years and live in Brickhill why not come along to one of activity camps?

**£5 PER
SESSION**

Wednesday 31 July	Multi Sports	Scott Lower School
Wednesday 7 August	Archery	Scott Lower School.
Wednesday 14 August	Battlefield Live	Marston Vale Millenium Country Park

Activities will take place from 9am—1pm
Transport will be provided for the Battlefield Live activity



All activities will be run by Sport Support on behalf of the Parish Council (www.sport-support.co.uk).

Spaces are limited—only 20 places per activity so to reserve your space please contact the Clerk on 01234 271708 or email clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk or visit our website to download an application/consent form at www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

**NEW YOUTH CAFÉ
“BIZY” STARTING
WEDNESDAY 29TH
MAY—KEEP READING
TO FIND OUT MORE**



Brickhill Parish Council has been awarded further funding for the Youth Innovation Zone. A group of young people have now set up a Youth Café “BIZY” which will meet on the last Wednesday of each month at Brickhill Community Centre from 6:45-8:45pm. Our first session will be on May 29th. Our group is open to all 13-19 years olds who live in Brickhill (including Woodlands Park).

What do we do? Lots of different activities, we have tried climbing, archery, canoeing, sledging and Battlefield Live in the past few months. All the activities throughout the year are chosen by the group so if you have any ideas of great things to do with your friends then come along to “BIZY”.

How to find us—check our Facebook page “Brickhill Youth Innovation Zone” or contact Anne Reeve r_reeve1@sky.com or telephone 07544 49458

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Saturday 15th June
Meeting at 10am



*Working together
for cleaner,
greener places*

Meeting at end of Westrope Way at far end near to entrance to Woodlands Park Estate.

Please come along and join us. All equipment provided. Please wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear. Call 01234 271708 for more details visit www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 24th June
7:30pm at St Marks Church
Community Centre

Come along to the Annual Parish Meeting for Brickhill on the 24th June. This is your chance to hear about what is happening in Brickhill, not just from the Parish Council, but also from the other groups and organisations based in Brickhill. The meeting takes place at St Mark's Church Community Centre. Teas and coffees will be available before the meeting; we look forward to seeing you there.

News from the Chair

I recently met members of the Boys Brigade at Brickhill Baptist Church. I was impressed by the amount of activity going on and by the dedication of the volunteer leaders. At the recent Brickhill Community Safety Forum we heard of the work of other volunteers who have formed a Community Speed Watch group in Brickhill; they are keen for others to join them and make a difference by making our local roads safer. At the first AGM of the Brickhill Good Neighbours Scheme it was good to hear of the voluntary efforts to provide assistance to residents. What links all these things? The first is that without volunteers our community would be a much poorer place. The second is that if you have some time and are able to offer help, there is bound to be an opportunity for you to make a difference locally. If you are interested in discussing ways of volunteering locally, but are not sure what you really want to do – why not contact me and I might be able to give you some ideas.



Brickhill Parish Council and Bedford Park Rotary Club are jointly funding the £1300 cost of a defibrillator that will be based at St Mark's Church Community Centre. Local resident Lindsey Coldwell of the East of England Ambulance Service spoke at the April meeting, explaining how having defibrillators in the community can help reduce deaths following cardiac arrests. There were 13 cardiac arrests in Brickhill last year. A dozen volunteers will be trained in how to use the device.

Please do come along to the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th June when I hope you will be able to hear about some of these groups and maybe others also.

Mark Fitzpatrick

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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

Councillor Surgeries are held at 7pm before each Parish Council Meeting.

Sue Bottoms – Acting Clerk to the Council

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New Play Area opens on Waveney Green

The play area has been designed for 0-6yr olds to use and part funding was secured by the Parish Council through WREN.



Request for volunteers Gathering on the Green

This year's event will take place on Saturday 10 August. To ensure the event runs smoothly we need sufficient volunteers to assist on the day. Staff will need help getting the site ready, litter picking, decorating the marquee, dealing with enquiries from members of the public and clearing up after the event. The event runs from 11am—3pm even if you could only spare an hour we would welcome your help. Please contact the office on 01234 271708. Thank you.

Brickhill Lower School Football Club

BLSFC run FA approved coaching sessions for boys and girls in Yrs 1-4 providing a fun and safe environment as they grow in confidence, their football skills and playing as part of a team. The club welcomes children from all lower schools and training takes place on Saturday mornings from 8:45 am—10:00am on Waveney Green (term time only).

BLSFC offers excellent value for money at only £10 per term with a firm emphasis on fun and safety first - CRB'd coaches and planned varied sessions every week. We pool our resources to work closely with other lower schools, the FA and other local football teams. If you have any questions about the club or would like your child to attend their 1st taster session for free then please get in touch with us by email at brickhilllowerschoolfc@gmail.com



The Invaders are coming!

At Scott Lower School the pupils in Year 4 got their "Invaders are coming" topic off to a very exciting start by thoroughly enjoying a "Celt Day." As part of the day, the children came to school dressed as Celts and spent the day outside participating in a range of exciting and educational activities including fire lighting, whittling and real life problem solving. Then after a spot of hunting, during which time the children went on a scavenger hunt, they ate their authentic Celtic packed lunches just before the Romans invaded!

The purpose of the day was for the children to experience what life in the Iron Age would have been like in an enjoyable and memorable way.

Mr I Leach, Year 4 Teacher



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to
work
shops
school
and
railway station
as well as for
leisure
giving health and cost benefits

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www.cyclebedford.org.uk

**Scott Lower Summer Fayre
Sunday 30th June 1pm—3:30pm**



Entertainment: Equinox Cheerleaders, Young Musicians "3YEARCOMA", large inflatables, coconut shy, beat the goalie and lots of professional stalls.

Stalls: Tombola, Home made cakes, Jewellery, Nail Painting and lots more! Raffle—1st prize £100 cash! Other prizes include vouchers for free entry to many local attractions.

Entrance fee 50p adults children FREE entry
Scott Lower, Hawk Drive, Bedford MK41 7AF

Bedford & District Gardeners Association

The trading hut adjacent to Brickhill allotments (off Foster's Brow) sells compost, seed potatoes, onion sets, seeds, fertilizers, gardening canes etc

We are open every Saturday 2pm-4pm and Sunday 10-12

HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR 3-4 hours per month during opening times

Please contact the Secretary, Mrs J Sawyer on 01234 349803 or call in to the hut.

Park Wood Local Nature Reserve – forthcoming events

The Nature Reserve is one of the hidden gems in Brickhill. There is a regular series of events taking place which the general public is warmly invited to take part in. The next events are a Wild Flower Survey, 10am, Wednesday 29th May and an Orchid Count at 7pm on Monday 17th June. The Nature Reserve is behind the Brickhill Allotments and can be reached via the footpath next to the allotments by the Scout Hut or from the footpath leading off 'Bumpy Lane' (the continuation of Hawk Drive). If you are interested in joining us, then please email Tony Gill, a.gill51@ntlworld.com



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Community Grant Scheme

The Parish Council gives community grants to help local organisations and groups to improve and enhance the community of Brickhill. This year the budget was £1000 and £650 has already been allocated towards the public access defibrillator leaving £350 for rest of this year.

Some examples of grants previously awarded by Brickhill Parish Council include:

funding for trees in the community orchard and a new Kissing Gate for the Nature Reserve, funding for football kit for a local club, and a contribution to a school walking bus scheme. These are just a few examples and the Parish Council will consider any idea which could have a positive effect on aspects of the Brickhill community such as its health, well-being and environment.

How much can we apply for?

The Parish Council's budget will take into account the level of any past funding by the Council, the nature of the project and the benefit to the wider community. The next round of grants will be considered at our July Full Council Meeting.

Applications are available online from our website www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk or you can contact The Clerk on 01234 271708.

FLAT GREEN BOWLS

Ever thought of trying flat green bowls? This sport can be stimulating, challenging and entertaining whilst providing gentle exercise in a convivial and friendly atmosphere. In Summer there are few things as enjoyable as being outdoors in beautiful surroundings playing bowls amongst friends. Why not "Have A Go" without obligation or cost? Free tuition is available and all equipment provided. Interested visitors can wear flat soled shoes on the green and trainers or plimsolls are acceptable footwear.

Interested? You can just turn up and try either at **Bedford Park** on Tuesdays 2pm and 4pm or from 6pm, or on Fridays between 2pm and 4pm.

Alternatively you can go to **Mowsbury Park** between 2pm and 5pm. Contact details, should you want them, are Ray Seymour (305695) or Gareth Davies (347647) for Bedford Park and Fiona Mowe (771416) for Mowsbury Park. Why not "Have A Go", we are looking forward to seeing you?

Brickhill Borough Councillors Report

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We are delighted that Mayor Dave Hodgson has just set a budget which shows no increase in Borough Council Tax for the third year running. This is no easy task given that we are continuing to invest 38m in school buildings, over 5m a year on roads and nearly 9m in rebuilding the bus station area and All Hallows car park with new toilets.



The trick is to cut costs but invest in frontline services, such as road and pavement repairs. We have asked for attention in resurfacing roads across Brickhill which are showing extreme signs of wear and we are pleased at the finished result for Windrush Avenue, resurfaced at the junction with Severn Way.

Littering and dog fouling are a blight on our community and those of us who do not drop litter and clean up after our dogs are fed up having to pay to clean up after those who don't. The good news is that for the first time in the Borough Mayor Dave Hodgson has ordered enforcement action by Council officers. This month one man from Rushden was fined £70 for littering on Tyne Crescent. You can see the prosecutions which are now taking place across Bedford as part of the Mayors 'Why Would You' campaign by visiting our website.

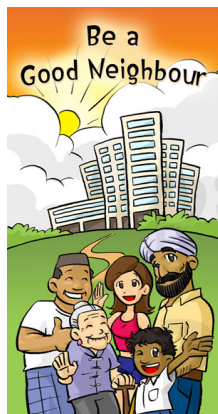
The no verge parking zone is now operational around roads off the top of Brickhill Drive. We have received requests from residents for this to be extended into Waveney Avenue (west), Dove Road, Pipit Rise, Merlin Gardens, Fulmar Road, Larkway and The Buntings. We are prepared to support this extension with our ward funds if the majority of residents are in favour. We are working to get vulnerable verges across Brickhill protected with either posts or no verge parking zones. You can read all about what is involved and also read our April Councillors Report to Brickhill Parish Council on our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com Please do let us know your views.

Brickhill Good Neighbours Scheme

The Brickhill Good Neighbours Scheme recently held their inaugural AGM and can report back on what has been a successful first year. 16 volunteers were recruited, with 10 of those being involved in providing assistance to residents over the past 12 months. 16 residents called the scheme; 11 individuals were helped and 43 separate jobs were completed. These included transport, befriending and assistance with IT skills.

We do need someone to assist us on the committee in the role of Secretary. Meetings are held quarterly. If you are interested and would like to find out more informally, please do call us on 07445 594050.

We know the Government are reviewing individuals benefit payments over the coming months. If you need help with transport to an assessment or would like support at the assessment or help with form-filling, please call the scheme and we will try and arrange one of our volunteers to assist you. Look out for the launch of our new Facebook page!



News from Beauchamp Middle School

At our last OFSTED monitoring visit on 12-13 February 2013 we received GOOD progress in all areas.

Achievement of Pupils - The attainment of pupils has risen since the last inspection and continues to rise.

The Quality of Teaching - The proportion of good or better teaching has improved.

Behaviour and Safety of pupils- Pupils are proud to attend Beauchamp Middle School and approach lessons with enthusiasm. They are keen to point out improvements in behaviour during the past year. Pupils say that they feel safe and bullying is virtually unheard of.

The Quality of Leadership and Management
The actions taken to address the issues from the previous inspection are showing increasing signs of improvement in key areas, including pupils' achievement and the quality of teaching and behaviour. This is because the new arrangements have had time to embed and become part of everyday practice. Full details of the inspection and other information is available on the school website at

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Brickhill Drive— 8 June, 6 July
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