



GATHERING ON THE GREEN

**Saturday 10th August 11am—3pm
Waveney Green**

This year's event promises to be lots of fun for the children with all activities provided free of charge
Activities booked include:

- Face Painting
- Inflatables—separate one for under 5's
- Bird of Prey Falconry Display
- 2 x Magic Shows by Matthew Garratt
- Football skills workshop
(Brickhill Lower School Football Club)
- Mini carousel ride (funded by Brickhill Community Centre Association)
- Circus skills workshop
- Bunjee trampolines
- Messy Crafts
- Goal shoot-out
- Meet Kev the Mascot

Plus in our marquee demonstrations /join in sessions from:

Mikes Line Dancing

CITKD—Tai-Kwon Do

Zumba by Utopia Mas

This event is organised and funded by Brickhill Parish Council



Brickhill Lower School Football Club Fun Day

Brickhill Lower School Football Club held their annual Fun Day on Saturday 20th July on Waveney Green with a record attendance of players and spectators which gave the event a fantastic community feel. All the players took part in a variety of football skill based games and there was a presentation ceremony where medals and end of season trophies were given out.

One of the highlights of the Fun Day was a guest appearance from Football Freestyler Mark Harlow who wowed the children and their families with his amazing skills (pictured). Brickhill Lower School FC will be returning to training on Waveney Green meeting at **9am Saturday 14th September** - if anyone is interested in their children (Yr R - Yr 4) attending a free taster session please contact us on brickhilllowerschoolfc@gmail.com



News from the Chair: Councillor Mark Fitzpatrick

Thank you to the residents who came to the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th June. There was some really useful information given by Jo Maule of Goldington Family Centre about their work; they provide Children's Centre services and activities across the north of Bedford, including Brickhill Parish and the Woodlands Park estate. Ed Burnett of the Borough talked about plans for Parkwood Nature Reserve and the Community Orchard; it was good news to hear of their successful bid for lottery funding to enable more improvements to be made. Simon Fisher, also from Bedford Borough, gave an update on the North Brickhill Country Park; parts of the park are to be taken over from the developer shortly. Also the new football pitches are due to be used for the forthcoming season whilst some of the Woodlands Park estate infrastructure has been adopted by the council.

With this newsletter you should receive an additional leaflet from Bedford Borough Council as part of the Community Governance Review. The initial consultation period is extended until 15th September. Of the responses received so far there is overwhelming support (91%) for Woodlands Park to be moved out of Ravensden Parish. There is little support (2%) for Woodlands Park to be deparished. The choice is therefore between Woodlands Park becoming officially part of Brickhill Parish or having a new Parish Council covering just Woodlands Park. In Brickhill Parish there is strong support for Woodlands Park to become part of Brickhill, with 82% of Brickhill residents who replied supporting this. In Woodlands Park itself views are currently fairly evenly divided. Most residents have not yet stated their views. Please take time to do so – it will only take a minute and it is important for your views to be counted. Go to www.forms.bedford.gov.uk/brickhill/ to send in your views.

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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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Public Access Defibrillator Installed at St Mark's Church Community Centre

Thanks to joint funding by Brickhill Parish Council and Bedford Park Rotary Club the new defibrillator has been purchased and installed at St Mark's Church Community Centre. Over 20 volunteers have received training from the various groups who use the facility plus the office staff at St Marks Church.



Lindsay Coldwell of the Ambulance Services holds the new defibrillator at St Mark's.

Donate your old foreign coins support Brickhill Lower School

If you have any coins from any country, even those no longer in circulation we can turn it into cash for our school to be spent on resources & equipment. If you would like to donate any foreign coins or notes please contact Lucy Whitney at brickhillpta@hotmail.co.uk who will organise a collection from you. Alternatively please take your coins into the school after the Summer holidays. Thank you on behalf of Brickhill Lower School PTA.



BIZY YOUTH CAFÉ 6:45pm—8:45pm Wednesday 28 August Brickhill Community Centre

Are you aged 13-19 living in Brickhill or Woodlands Park. Why not come along to the BIZY Youth Café? The group meet on the last Wednesday of the month. We are open to new ideas for the group/activities that we can take part in—so far we have tried canoeing, indoor climbing, tobogganning and a Day trip to London.

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



Good News from Beauchamp Middle School

On the 5th and 6th of June 2013, Beauchamp Middle School received an inspection visit from OFSTED. We are delighted that the OFSTED judgements recognised our achievements over the last two academic years. The overall effectiveness of the school is now 'good'.

The inspection team judged the school in four areas; achievement of pupils, quality of teaching, leadership and management and the behaviour and safety of pupils. We were judged 'good' in all aspects.

Here are some comments from the Ofsted Inspection team:

Achievement of pupils

The attainment of pupils has risen since the last inspection and continues to rise. All students are set challenging targets in each subject they study and their progress against such targets is regularly and carefully assessed.

The quality of teaching and learning

The school uses a good range of strategies to improve and develop teaching, based firmly on sharing good practice. This has resulted in consistently good practice across the school. Learning tasks are active, interesting and relevant to the pupils. Marking is regular and commonly provides clear advice on the next steps in learning, which encourages students to respond and improve their own work.

The behaviour and safety of pupils

Pupils are typically considerate, polite and cooperative. Expectations for good behaviour are high. Pupils say they feel very safe in school. Incidents of bullying are now rare and pupils have faith in their teachers to help them when problems arise.

The quality of leadership and management

The Head Teacher provides strong leadership. He is ambitious for the school and wants it to develop even further. The senior leadership team supports the Head Teacher well and works closely with him to drive improvement. Monitoring and evaluation are highly effective in the early identification of strengths and weaknesses which lead to clearly defined actions for further improvement.

Full details available at:
www.beauchampschool.co.uk

I Evason, Headteacher
Beauchamp Middle School



ARE YOU A KEEN PHOTOGRAPHER?

Do you have any photos taken in Brickhill? The photos might be a scenery shot or something unique found in the parish. We would welcome any new electronic copies to add to our collection. These photos could be used to update our website or even the strap line photo on the front page of our newsletter! Please email your photos to us at the parish council offices clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk.

This photograph was taken at Brickhill Allotments in July and is an example of a Common Spotted Orchid. These can also be found in Parkwood Nature Reserve.

Photo taken by Dr J Shipman, Brickhill resident and most recently allotment gardener.



Community Litter Pick—15th June

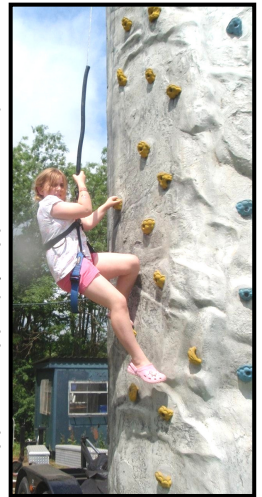
18 enthusiastic volunteers gathered in Westrope Way at the barrier with Woodlands Park on a sunny if blustery Saturday morning. They were provided with hi-vis jackets, bags and tools and sent on their way. We had bags of the usual litter, but also larger items including kitchen drawers, an extractor flue, barge boards, and fence posts. Those taking part were given a voucher as a small thank you by the Parish Council for refreshments at Anjulita Court, who provided some excellent home-made cakes. A big thank you to everyone who took part, it was especially brilliant to see all the children involved.

Our next litter pick will be advertised on our notice boards and parish website.



News from Scott Lower

Our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a wonderful camping experience at Cuffley Scout Camp in July. The children all arrived brimming with excitement at the thought of spending a night under canvas. For many of our children it was their first night away from home. Once the children had unpacked and made themselves at home in their tents, the real challenges began!



The children took part in a plethora of activities ranging from archery, rock climbing, water wars, an inflatable assault course and orienteering; all of these activities helped to develop team building skills, perseverance, independence and a real sense of achievement.

Following a roaring camp fire with toasted marshmallows, it was no wonder that the children slept like logs!!!! Great fun was had by all. Our Year 3 children are now looking forward to their turn next year!

A Barker, Headteacher

OPEN HOUSE

Open House (a drop in facility for adults with learning difficulties, their carers, family and friends) which is run on a Wednesday 10am -2pm at St Marks Church, Calder Rise, Brickhill continues to enjoy a range of activities. We have been delighted to welcome new friends enjoying a cuppa and a chat with them.

Over the past few months we have held a coffee morning for Comic Relief where we raised £103.00, had a visit from Georgia a Guide Dog for the Blind, great fun with parachuting games, enjoyed making music and cooking, participated in Laughter Yoga, made jewellery with beads. We also had a magic show from Bel which was very entertaining.

Open House have a “vegetable box” in the grounds of St Marks and in the Spring seeds were sown and now we have lettuce, radish, onions and beans growing and been eaten! If you want to know more please call St Mark’s Church office on 01234 342613.

Brickhill Borough Councillors Report

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First the good news with continued progress for growth and regeneration across Bedford Borough. Mayor Dave Hodgson has just opened a £6 million refurbishment of the Higgins, town centre cinema is coming back as part of a major town centre redevelopment and major retailers such as Morrisons, Waitrose and B & Q are investing here with new stores. After years of waiting Bedford will get a bus station it deserves as we are investing over 8 million pounds in a completely new bus station, public toilets and major refurbishment of All Hallows car park. A brand new surface car park is already being built in Greyfriars. Thousands of new jobs have been created as a result of the growth in Bedford over the past three years and Bedford has a bright future. There is success also for our schools and congratulations are due to Beauchamp Middle, another of our Borough Schools showing great improvement. No wonder Ofsted says Bedford Borough is the best place in the region to send your child to primary or lower school. We will continue to work to support the Mayor in making Bedford a great place to live and work. We should all be proud of Bedford.

Sadly there is worrying news as Bedford Borough Conservatives have called for more gypsy sites to be opened by the Council, they include locations at Hawk Drive and Manton Lane in Brickhill. Most worrying was the claim made at Borough Executive by the conservatives that 3.4 acres of land at Little Park Farm, off Hawk Drive was an 'ideal' location for a gypsy site. Mayor Dave Hodgson has joined with us in fighting off development proposals at locations such as Mowsbury Golf Course and Jackman's Farm. In addition he has enabled Waveney Green to be transferred to Brickhill Parish Council so that local people can protect this valuable green space for future generations. Our position on the land at Little Park Farm, Hawk Drive is clear, we believe that the Borough Council should sell the land with a legally enforceable restrictive covenant which prevents it from ever being used as a gypsy and traveller site. As your local councillors we believe that the most pressing need now is not more gypsy sites but rather to continue our progress with preventative measures at parks and open spaces across the borough to prevent unlawful encampments as part of a comprehensive approach.

For more information on what is happening in and around Brickhill and to keep in touch please visit our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com.

Could you make a difference?

Brickhill Parish Council has 1 casual vacancy to be filled by co-option 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. If you are unsure what is involved in the role please contact the Clerk for an informal discussion. Alternatively further details are also available at:

<http://www.beacouncillor.org.uk>

Applications received will be considered by the Parish Council at the next meeting on 5 September 2013.

Closing date for applications Monday 26 August

To apply, send your details along with a personal statement to the Clerk at the address below or contact via email.

Brickhill Community Centre
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Tel: 01234 271708



Secretary and Treasurer wanted for Brickhill Community Safety Forum

Can you spare 2 hours per week? Both roles are on a voluntary basis and would suit someone who is interested in promoting safety in Brickhill and helping local residents.

If you are interested please contact the Chairman Dean Crofts via email at dean@crofts.com or telephone 07805 349119.

YOUTH ACTIVITY SESSIONS

Following last year's successful holiday activity sessions the Parish Council agreed to part-fund sessions in the Easter and Summer holidays in 2013. All the sessions sold out and represent excellent value for money at only £5.00 per session per child. This year the children have taken part in Wild survival challenge (den building and camp fires), multi sports, archery and also Battlefield Live. These activity camps are run by the Sport Support Group on behalf of Brickhill Parish Council. Our thanks to Scott Lower School who have kindly opened up the school during the holidays to allow the activities to take place within their grounds.

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