



Brickendon Liberty Newsletter

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An Autumnal Welcome:

Our enthusiastic knitters were hard at work again producing a very autumnal topping for the local postbox – gnomes, toad stalls etc. So much talent and very much appreciated by all who pass by. The Knit n Natter group meet in The Farmer's Boy every Tuesday from 10am until 12 noon. Some knit, some crochet, some sew and some natter. If you want to learn to knit or crochet members can help you, just go along on a Tuesday morning and join in. More information can be obtained from Janet on 01992 511515.

Parish Council information from meeting on 26

September: (full Minutes are on the parish website)

- New defibrillator installations will be at Highfield Farm and WWE but the PC are still waiting for confirmation of exact siting
- Purchase of the Village Green is continuing and updates will be given by the PC as soon as possible
- The PC are hoping to improve parking at the tennis courts and a local parishioner is investigating an online booking system
- Electric car charging points are still planned but as yet there is no progress although the PC has registered our interest with East Herts

A reminder that the old telephone kiosk, also shown in the photo, contains one of the many **defibrillators** in the parish which is available for anyone to use in case of emergency.

**Date of next Litter Pick is Sunday 24
November; meet in the Village Hall Car
Park on Brickendon Green at 10am**

2024 Christmas Celebrations in Brickendon Liberty Parish



Children's' Christmas Party: This will be held on Saturday 7th December at PWP (Hertfordshire Zoo). Children aged under 8 yrs on 25 December 2024, and who live in the parish of Brickendon Liberty, are all invited but **must have registered** with the organisers that they wish to attend. As well as a fun party the children who attend all get to see Father Christmas and receive a present. This event is sponsored by FRC and there is no charge to attend. Please contact Becky (01992 511037) or Amanda (07984 937315) to get your child's name on the list of attendees.

Oh Christmas Tree Oh Christmas Tree: The Parish Council are planning to erect a tree on the Green again this year. There are plans afoot for a celebration when the lights go on so do keep an eye on notice boards and the Parish WhatsApp for more information.



Another Great Fete: As many people said on the day, we really are fortunate with the weather when it comes to Fete Day, and this year was certainly no exception. The sun shone, the band played, there was a good selection of food and drink, plenty of traditional games and some inspiring craft stalls to enjoy. None of this happens without a lot of hard work being put in by our amazing group of organisers and helpers and we thank them all. Below are just a sample of the photos taken on the day, the children with their adorable dogs took part in the always popular Dog Show and appear by kind permission of their mums.



(Permission to include photos of children has been granted by their parents/carers)

The Farmers Boy – Events:

Quiz Night: Every Tuesday from 8pm £2 per person with a prize of a £50 bar tab to be won

Street Food Mondays: Mondays from 4.30pm – a guest Street Food Wagon at the pub to take away or eat in with a drink

The Hertford Shanty Folk Club: 1st Wednesday every month from 7.30pm

Knit & Natter: Every Tuesday morning at 10am

Christmas Market: more details to follow from the Farmers Boy

Open Mic Night: Last Wednesday of every month. All performers welcome, starts at 8pm

Animal & Family Friendly Light Display and Halloween Event: 26th October from 4pm – booking required

Classic Car Show at the Farmer's Boy: one of the all time unmissable summer events was the Classic Car Show staged at the Farmer's Boy by Barnet Classic Car Club. Together with jazz music to suit the era, courtesy of the lovely Bella, it made for a truly memorable afternoon.



Parish People

Local residents, **Beryl and John Matthews**, recently moved into Hertford after living in the parish for almost thirty years. It was Beryl who started the Brickendon Newsletter and continued to edit it for around 10 years. It was also Beryl who was behind the start of several Brickendon institutions and, together with husband John, she organised and ran the Friendly Club until it finally called a halt during the pandemic. Together with others, Beryl was a founder member of Brickendon Petanque Boules Club and, happily, she and John still drive up to play once or twice each week. This parish owes a debt of thanks to Beryl and John for their participation in the life of Brickendon for a great many years and we wish them well in their new home in Hertford.

Ex neighbours and friends of **Kate Hillaby** were delighted recently to hear of her marriage, in Kent, to long time partner Tim. Kate lived in Fanshaws Lane with her son and daughter and was an active member of Fanshaws Room Committee. For several years it was Kate who successfully oversaw the organisation of the Village Fete. Kate has been greatly missed since moving away and we wish her happiness in her marriage and look forward to seeing her whenever she manages to cross the Thames to visit.

An Update from Celtic Harmony Camp

Thank you to the organisers of the **Brickendon Fete**; it was wonderful to join you for such a fantastic September event in the sunshine, and meet so many members of the local community. In addition to our daily school trips, we will be offering a number of events to the public this season:

Samhain Celebrations: Sunday 27th - Thursday 31st October. Spooky fun for the whole family this October half term, featuring a Haunted Forest, Drumming workshops and a daily Fire Procession. Tickets are available here:

<https://celticharmony.org/product/october-days-out/>

Samhain Storytelling - The Night of Open Doors: Thursday 31st October 18:30 - 21:00. A special evening hosted by master storyteller Ben Haggarty. Escape to worlds of seascapes, borderlands and gods as you listen to ancient Celtic tales around the fire. Ages 12+. Get tickets here: <https://celticharmony.org/product/samhain-night-open-doors/>

Family Saturday: Saturday 19th October & Saturday 16th November. This volunteering event designed to get the whole family working together outdoors comes to a close in November, don't miss your chance to give it a go! Tickets are free but pre-booking is essential: <https://celticharmony.org/product/family-saturdays/>

Bat survey: On the 16th June, a bat survey took place on the village green at around 8.30 until 10.30 pm. The survey utilised ultrasonic bat detectors on loan from Hertfordshire County Council. Advice on the survey was given by other specialists who were interested to see the results. Three villagers (Clare, Poppy and Theo), each had a bat detector in hand and walked round the green, switching between different frequencies to try and pick up any bat calls. These detectors capture the echo location calls of various bat species; by capturing the frequency of the different echo locations they each provide data on their presence and behaviours. Two common pipistrelles were observed, (very common in the Hertfordshire area), a soprano pipistrelle, (a little less frequent but still quite common here) and what was thought to be another two bats. It was unclear

whether the participants were observing two separate bats or one bat that was detected more than once. The common pipistrelles were sighted flying above and between the oak trees and the tree line, and the soprano pipistrelles were observed flying low under the oak trees and close to ground level. Overall, participants were pleased to see the bats, which were a reassuring sign that we do indeed have a number of bats in the wonderful biodiversity of our village; however, numbers were low which may prompt the addition of bat boxes to some of the oaks in future.

Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban



A Church Treasurer is urgently needed for Brickendon And Bayford. For details please contact Lorna Fitzjohn on 07582 538996 or Virginia Haryott – 07770 944854

Rector: Revd. Theresa Musiwacho – 01707 875940

Churchwarden: Colin Taylor – 01992 511041

For Chapel enquiries please contact Virginia Haryott 07770 944854 or email wellpondharyott@gmail.com

Services: 1st Sunday each month – Communion
3rd Sunday each month- Family Service

Sunday 3rd November Parish Communion 11.00am

Sunday 17th November Family Service 11.00am

Sunday 1st December Parish Communion Service
11.00am

Sunday 15th December Family Service 11.00am

CHRISTMAS DAY 25th Family Service 11.00am

Sunday 29th December Group Parish Communion 11.00am

Parish Councillors:

Philip COSFORD – 01992 511207

Hannah O'DONNELL – **Vice chair** 01992 535702

Tony ROBERTS – **Chair** 01992 511035

Alastair WHITAKER – 07775 626181

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Alison Blakey – **Secretary** 01992 511045

Robert Williams – **Treasurer** 01992 511605

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PC 926 Ryan Willis Ryan.willis@herts.police.uk

Non Emergency 101

Parish Activities:

Book Club – meet every first Tuesday evening of the month, contact Andrea for details of venue – 01992 511588

Knit N Natter – Farmers Boy, Tuesday mornings 10am – 12noon

Petanque – meet in Farmers Boy car park. Tuesday evenings 5.30 - 7pm, Thursday and Sunday mornings 10am – midday.

Pilates – Every Tuesday morning in Fanshaws Room (the village hall) at 9.15am. For more information contact Harriett on 07944 500504 or

pilateswithharriett@hotmail.com

**Happy Christmas to all
the residents of
Brickendon Liberty
Parish and a very Happy
and Healthy New Year
2025**

**(yes, it is still Autumn 2024 but
there won't be another Newsletter
until after Christmas!!!)**

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