

# Brickhill Parish Council News

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## Scott Lower School

Anybody visiting Scott Lower School in Brickhill will quickly realise that this is a warm friendly school where the children clearly enjoy learning. The Headteacher, Anita Barker has been at the school for just over a year and her enthusiasm and professionalism have really made an impact, with many positive comments being made about the school. There are now 130 children on roll and visitors comment on how polite and well mannered the children are. The school works really hard to develop its links with the local community. Recently folks from Sir William Harpur House were invited to join the school in celebrating harvest, and they thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon. The school has links with the Park Rangers who run 'Football Fun' club every Tuesday and Thursday. A keen parent helper runs a 'Lego Lunchtime Club.' Local Police Officer PC Hawkey plays an active role in school life and he often joins the 'Walking Bus' on a Wednesday morning. The children at Scott Lower are in a stimulating learning environment and parents and teachers alike were proud when recently the Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in a general knowledge quiz and Scott Lower took first place.

Lunchtimes and playtimes at Scott Lower School are becoming more exciting with the introduction of the 'Playground Pals Scheme.' Year 4 children go through an application and interview process to be selected. There are 10 Playground Pals trained by Miss Burgess to lead games and activities at lunchtimes and playtimes and look out and care for other children.

There is an effective partnership between parents, children teachers and governors. Scott Lower is a school which Brickhill can be proud of and a place where children can feel secure, wanted, appreciated and ready to learn.



## BIG TIDY UP

Thank you to all the residents who took part in the 'Big Tidy Up' event on 27<sup>th</sup> September. 19 residents collected 44 bags of litter in the Hawk Drive area, plus a child's bike, shopping trolley, clothes, radio, carpet, various car parts and much more besides. If you would like to take part in future litter picks please contact the Clerk. Where else should litter picks take place in Brickhill? Again give the Clerk your suggestions.

If you are interested in becoming a Task Force Volunteer the Borough's Pride in Bedford team would supply you with equipment and you can litter pick whenever you want to in your local area. Call Bedford 227328 or email [prideinbedford@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:prideinbedford@bedford.gov.uk).



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## Anjulita Court Care Home

A ceremony took place on Friday 17th October to mark the laying of the foundation stone of Anjulita Court residential care home at North Brickhill, Bedford. The home will include 62 en suite bedrooms, residents' lounge/restaurant, café, activity room and hydrotherapy room. A healthy living centre will be available as a drop in facility for local older people. This project is a partnership between The Ibbett Trust and Methodist Homes for the Aged. The facility will provide residential and nursing care – including care for those living with dementia. The completed care home will be named 'Anjulita Court' in tribute to Mr Ibbett's two daughters, Anita and Julia and in Mr Ibbett's own words represents the “tangible results of a dream that will benefit future generations for many years to come”. Construction is expected to be complete mid 2009 and the first residents will move in during Autumn 2009. For further information about Anjulita Court contact: MHA's Customer Services 01332 296 200, or email: [enquiries@mha.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@mha.org.uk).



## Community Football in Brickhill

Are you aged 9-13 years old and interested in improving your football skills? The Parish Council has allocated funding from the Confident Communities Scheme for football sessions on Monday evenings. These sessions are free of charge and run from 6-7:30pm at Gordon Field (entrance via Bedford Park, Kimbolton Road end). Contact Jason Foster, Sports Development Officer, Bedford Borough Council 01234 227413 for more information.

## Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

Watch out for the new 30 mph signs on Kimbolton Road and Brickhill Drive. The Parish Council allocated Confident Communities funding for these following complaints from residents about speeding and a traffic survey.

## Parish Council Elections June 2009

Interested in representing your local community?

Do you understand the role and powers of Brickhill Parish Council?

In June 2009 elections will be held for all 13 places on the Parish Council. We are holding an **Open Morning on Saturday 17 January from 10 am to 12 noon** at St Mark's Church, Calder Rise, Brickhill. This is an opportunity to meet the current Councillors and Officers and to find out more about the work of the Council in a relaxed setting over a cup of coffee. If you are interested in standing for the Council information packs will be available on the day alternatively contact the Clerk for an informal chat.

## CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Brickhill Parish Council is holding a Christmas Decoration Competition. There are 5 categories to choose from and the winners will receive a prize:

Best House ★ Best Window Display ★ Best “Green” Decoration (no mains electricity) ★ Young Person's category (under 16s) ★ Best Group Display (eg school, shop, church)

To enter the competition simply complete the reply slip and send to Brickhill Parish Council, Christmas Competition, St Mark's Church Community Centre, Calder Rise, Bedford MK41 7UY or email [clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk). Judging will take place by Friday 12 December 2008.



NAME.....

ADDRESS .....

TELEPHONE NUMBER .....

CATEGORY ENTERED .....



## CHRISTMAS FAYRES

Scott Lower School      7 December 2-5pm  
Hawk Drive

Brickhill Lower School    29 November 2pm &  
Dove Road                    5 December 3-4pm

## CHRISTMAS CARD LOCAL DELIVERY SERVICE

If you want to send cards to any address in Bedford, Kempston, Clapham or Bromham, why not use the Scouts local delivery service?

Posting boxes will be at St Mark's Church Community Centre in Calder Rise, McColl's in Chiltern Avenue and hopefully somewhere in Brickhill Drive shopping parade – look out for posters with more details. The posting boxes will be open from 1<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December. Proceeds to Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Sea Cadets. **It still only costs 15p per card.**

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Brickhill Church Centre,  
Brickhill Drive, Bedford**

**except 'Carols in Bedford Park'**  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm  
'Carols in Bedford Park'

The Stepping Stone Café will be open from 1pm  
selling hot and cold drinks  
and home-made cakes

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10.30am  
Family Carol Service

Christmas Eve 11.30pm  
Late Night Carol Service, Midnight Celebration

Christmas Day 10.30am  
Christmas Morning Service



**St Mark's Church, Calder Rise**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm  
Carols in the Car Park

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm  
Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 3pm  
Crib Service

Christmas Eve 11:30pm  
Midnight Service

Christmas Day 9:30am  
Family Service

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**Brickhill Parish Council**  
**Meeting Dates**

Meetings will be held at St Mark's Church  
Community Centre, Calder Rise, Brickhill.

**Full Parish Council Meetings 7.30 pm: 5 January,  
5 February 2009, 5 March 2009**

**Planning Committee Meetings 6.45 pm if on the  
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otherwise 7.00pm: 5 January, 5 February 2009**

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Alison Southern

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