

Brickhill Parish Council News

The newsletter of Brickhill Parish Council

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Proposed Play Facilities for Waveney Green

Thank you to all residents who wrote to us or attended the consultation events in Brickhill about the proposed new play facilities on Waveney Green. Thanks to all the local feedback, amendments have been made to the proposed location and design. It is anticipated that the new facilities will be situated at the end of the Green near to Brickhill Lower School and we hope that work will start early in the New Year.



Community Website

Don't forget to check out the Parish Council website: www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk which gives information about our activities and about Brickhill. If you have events to advertise or would like to be included free in a new Community Directory of Brickhill businesses and local services planned for 2010, contact the Clerk with your details (see back page).

Parish Councillor Surgeries

Do you have any issues you would like to discuss with your Parish Councillors? If so come along to one of the regular surgeries which are held before full Parish Council meetings at St Mark's Church & Community Centre. The next one is at 7pm on 7 January 2010.

Local Consultations

Your Parish Council has taken part in several local and regional consultations during 2009. The Council has commented in detail on issues including: proposed changes to the East of England Plan >2031, the Borough's Sustainable Community Strategy, the Boundary Committee's Bedford Electoral Review, NHS consultations on the proposed Health Village/Enhanced Services Clinic at Kimbolton Road and the Borough's proposed reorganisation of Schools and Special Schools in Bedford. The Parish Council takes its role as a consultee very seriously and tries to reflect and represent the views of all sections of the Brickhill community.

Budget and Precept

The Parish Council will be setting its budget and precept for 2010-11 at a meeting on Thursday 7 January 2010 starting at 7.30pm at St Mark's Church. This new budget will determine the scope of the Parish Council's activities during the forthcoming year. Members of the public are invited to attend this meeting and to contact their councillors before that date with any comments and views.

Busy Times at Scott Lower

Children at Scott Lower have been learning all about the importance of "giving" at Christmas-time. They have been involved in collecting gifts for children, who otherwise might not receive anything at all on Christmas day, as part of the "Operation Christmas Child" Appeal. The number of boxes received at the school was absolutely amazing. To know that the children and their families have made a difference to someone else's life is fantastic.



Last week a group of our YR 3 children were invited to Bedford Modern School to take part in a Science Investigation Day. Our YR 3 children are also having "Samba" lessons every week. As a result of these lessons, the children are developing their sense of rhythm and listening skills, as well as having great fun!

On Thursday 17th December you are all welcome to come and listen to our Scott Choir, who will be singing in the Market Square in town, after lunch.
Anita Barker, Headteacher



Registering to vote

Next year there will be a General Election. If you are not on the electoral register you will not be entitled to vote. If you need information about how to register to vote details can be found at: www.aboutmyvote.co.uk or contact Bedford Borough Council on 01234 267422.

Allotment Success in Brickhill

In October this year Mr and Mrs S Gschmeissner were awarded a trophy for 'Best Allotment' by Gerry Cooper and Helen Pegg of the Bedford and District Gardeners Association. Each year the Association chooses one of the allotment sites in Bedford and then awards a cup to the best kept allotment. The judges said that the best of the Brickhill allotments were the equal of the best allotments in the Borough. The Gschmeissner's plot was considered to be "neat, very productive and with great diversity of produce". In general the judges were pleasantly surprised at the standards being maintained on such difficult soil.



Judges award Best Allotment Cup

This summer the allotments were also visited by the Britain in Bloom judges who came to look at the plot run by Taste Real Food, Bedford. The judges must have been impressed as Bedford in Bloom did well in the annual awards especially in the community gardening categories.

The Parish Council recently created a further nine allotments from a previously fallow area and in November a group of conversation volunteers took part in a tree planting event at the site. A hedgerow has been planted with native species and we hope that once mature it will encourage more wildlife and provide a prickly deterrent to thieves. Although there is still a short waiting list we are always especially pleased to hear from residents of the parish who are interested in taking up allotment gardening. Please contact the Allotments Officer for further information (contact details on back page). Congratulations to all our tenants on their achievements this year and good luck to those embarking on a new plot!



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Beauchamp Middle School
10 December 2009 from 7-9pm
Tel: 01234 300900
Booking forms to be returned by 4 December

Other venues hosting same event are:
Pine Cones Children's Centre
2 December 2009 from 1-3pm (for
lower school parents)

Are you a local business wishing to advertise in the Brickhill area?

Our newsletter is distributed four times per year to 4000 households in the Parish. Adverts cost £25.00 for A6 and £50.00 for A5. Please contact the Clerk for further information (details on back page) and copy dates.

SALVATION ARMY CAROL CONCERT

There will be a Carol Concert at Sir William Harpur House, Clyde Crescent, on Wednesday 16th December at 2:30pm to 4pm. All welcome. Do come along and join us.





CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Scott Lower School Hawk Drive
6 December 2-5pm

CHRISTMAS CARD LOCAL DELIVERY SERVICE

If you need to send cards to an address in Bedford, Kempston, Clapham, Oakley, Bromham, Wootton or Ravensden why not choose the Scouts local delivery service? Posting boxes will be at St Mark's Church Community Centre in Calder Rise, McColl's in Chiltern Avenue, the Tourist Information Office in Bedford town centre and hopefully somewhere in Brickhill Drive shopping parade – look out for posters with more details. The posting boxes will be open from 1st to 17th December. Proceeds to Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Sea Cadets.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Brickhill Church Centre,
Brickhill Drive, Bedford**
except 'Carols in Bedford Park'

Sunday 13th 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 19th December 3:30pm
Children's Nativity Service

Sunday 20th December 10:30am
Carol Service

Christmas Eve 11.30pm
Late Night Carol Service, Midnight
Celebration

Christmas Day 10.30am

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St Mark's Church, Calder Rise
Saturday 12th December 6:30pm
Carols in the Car Park

Saturday 19th December 6:30pm
Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 24th December 3pm
Crib Service

Christmas Eve 11:30pm
Midnight Service

Christmas Day 9:30am
Family Service

Brickhill Fish & Chips

Avon Drive

Lunchtimes: Mon-Sat 12noon - 2pm

Evenings: Mon-Wed 4:30pm-10pm

Thursday - Saturday 4pm - 10pm

Your friendly local fish and chip shop!

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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 7.30pm

7 January, 4 February and 4 March 2010

Planning Committee Meetings 6.45 pm if on the same day as full meeting of Parish Council otherwise 7.00pm

10 December, 7 January, 4 February

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Public drop in session every Tuesday
10am - 12 noon

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