

Armistice Day at Scott Lower School

Pupils at Scott Lower School swapped their usual school fare for a traditional 1918 dinner. The children were served up with hearty beef, veg and mashed potatoes followed by wholesome syrup sponge pudding. (There was some evidence of rationing at Scott though!) Kitchen manager Claire Steele, and her assistant Diane Cowley, really entered into the spirit of Armistice Day by dressing up in 1918 style costumes. This was all to enhance the work the whole school had been focusing on related to Armistice Day.



Outstanding Brickhill in Bloom!

This year Brickhill Parish Council co-ordinated an entry into the 2010 Anglia in Bloom "It's your neighbourhood" award scheme. The Brickhill in Bloom group was awarded the highest possible level of commendation: "Outstanding" and Brickhill allotments, community orchard and nature reserve were nominated for a special biodiversity award. Well done and thank you to everyone who participated. The group is planning to enter again in 2011 this time at the more demanding "Urban Community" level so we need more groups and individual gardeners to help with our 2011 campaign. To find out more contact the Clerk (see page 4).



Community bulb planting on Waveney Green, October 2010

Brickhill Women's Institute

We meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Brickhill Community Centre, Avon Drive for talks, activities and friendship.

For further information and a copy of our programme please contact Elizabeth Cochrane by email: cochrane161@btinternet.com or telephone 01234 350019. **All Welcome**



Brickhill Sustainable Community Plan

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent questionnaire about the future of Brickhill. There was a fantastic response from the community. See page 3 for more about the community plan

Quality Status award for Brickhill



Peter Lawrence presented BPC with its Quality Certificate in November

"A commitment to excellence for our community"

In October 2010 Brickhill PC was awarded Quality Status as part of the National Quality Parish Council scheme. The scheme promotes excellence in local council administration and management. To achieve this award the council was required to pass a number of tests of performance involving its electoral mandate, communications and community engagement, annual report, accounts, code of conduct, the qualifications of the clerk and other aspects of its activities. Brickhill joins only 16 other parish or town councils in Bedfordshire to be accredited with Quality Status.

A spokesman for Bedfordshire Association of Town and Parish Councils commented "Brickhill Parish Council newly created in 2004, has started as it means to go on by already being able to demonstrate a commitment to its local community to serve it to the best of its ability as a representative council, in touch with its people, competent and capable of taking on an enhanced role". Mark Fitzpatrick, Chairman said "I am delighted that the council has achieved this goal at an early stage in its development. It is a privilege to serve the community of Brickhill and we will continue to work hard to represent and improve Brickhill."

Brickhill Diary

Senior Citizens are invited to **an afternoon of nostalgic and seasonal songs** performed by a professional entertainer at Brickhill Community Centre, Avon Drive on Monday 6 December 2 to 4 pm. Free admission and refreshments, call Sue Stewart at the Community Centre on 01234 312332 to reserve your place or email brickhillcommunitycentre@gmail.com.



Christmas Fayre at Scott Lower

Sunday 5 December 1-3.30 pm

Entrance: adults 50p children free

Brilliant stalls include Usborne books, Glitterbugz, Face painting, Tombolas, Guess the Teddy and Elf, Lucky Dip, Hoopla, Christmas stall. Have a photo with Father Christmas!

Coffee Mornings for Parents & Carers

Come and join us at one of our coffee mornings to: have a chat, make new friends, gain some information and advice or just simply relax!

Tuesday 9am to 10am

at Brickhill Lower School, Dove Road

Friday 9am to 10am

at Scott Lower School, Hawk Drive



Brickhill Lower School Makeover?

This year is Brickhill Lower's 50th Anniversary. To celebrate this special event, they would like to give the school a make-over. Can you help?

Would you be willing to join one or more of their six Saturday workforces? If you feel that you have a level of expertise in painting, decorating or gardening and are able to spare some time your guidance in planning the makeover days would be valued, but willing workers are also much needed! The school will be running the Saturday makeover sessions between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon on:

- **8 & 15 January**
- **5 & 12 February**
- **5 & 12 March**



To register your interest telephone 01234 354339 or email the school at: brickhill50thmakeover@gmail.com

Don't miss the London Community Gospel Choir

Brickhill Baptist Church

10 December 2010

7.30 pm

Tickets from

www.brickhillbaptistchurch.org

01234 273 773



Christmas Church Service

St Mark's Church, Calder Rise

Saturday 5 December 9.30am

Christingle Service

Saturday 11 December 6.30pm

Carols in the Car Park

Saturday 18 December 6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve

Children's Crib Service 3.00pm

Midnight Mass 11:30pm

Christmas Day 9:30am

Family Morning Worship

Boxing Day 8:30am

Holy Communion



Brickhill Baptist Church

Saturday 18 December 3.30pm

Children's Nativity Service

Sunday 19 December 2.30pm

Carols in Bedford Park

Christmas Eve 11.30pm

Late night carol service

Christmas Day 10.30am

Christmas Day Celebration

All services at Brickhill Church Centre
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Bedford Hawks Handball Club

Did you know that six Bedford Handball Club Players have been selected for the England U17 Youth Handball Squad?

The Chairman of Bedford Handball Club, Peter Moore said "We are delighted that our players have made the squad. None of them had even seen a handball until the sport was introduced to the town a few years ago. It just shows you what you can achieve if you work hard and have the support of those around you. England squad selection is an on-going process and there is a real chance that other Bedford Handball squad members can win a chance to represent their country." This club was started in 2008 in Brickhill by local people and some members train at the Pilgrim Centre, Brickhill Drive on Saturday mornings. The club is particularly looking for more junior players, both boys and girls, school years 6, 7 and 8. For further information telephone 01234 267241 or you can send an email to tricia.kane@virginmedia.com.



Living the Adventure - the Boys' Brigade

One of the best kept secrets of Brickhill, is that the 2nd Bedford Boys' Brigade company based at Brickhill Baptist church is still going strong and later this year celebrates its 55th Anniversary. Over the past 12 months, the Junior Section retained the Battalions Champions Cup for a record breaking 5th successive year. They've visited places such as the



Boys from 2nd Bedford Boys Brigade

Mayor's Parlour splashed around at the Kempston Outdoor Centre and scaled the climbing wall.

Various camps have been held, and the company visited Paris for their 100th Camp, and went to Wales and the Brecon Beacons. The first Duke of Edinburgh awards in over 30 years were presented and more members have signed up to participate in the scheme for this session. Some of the older lads are gaining valuable leadership skills and helping to give back to the Brickhill Community.

They have just launched an online site to record our history from the first 50 years: <https://sites.google.com/site/2ndbedfordbresources/history-book> and would love to hear from anyone with photos of the company from over the years.

There are a limited amount of places available for

new members. All ages of the Company meet on Monday evenings and anyone wanting to join should contact the Captain, Allan Tresidder on 319269 or email via bbgb2ndBedford@gmail.com to find out more. Company Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/2ndbedfordbbgb/>

Brickhill Sustainable Community Plan Progress Report



Following a fantastic response to our community survey (over 29% of households responded) the SCP steering group held a multi-agency workshop at Brickhill Baptist Church on 10 November. This gave members of the community and service providers a good opportunity to explore the priorities identified by the community in the questionnaires and other data gathering exercises. We were encouraged that so many stakeholders from across the Borough were keen to support us in delivering improvements for Brickhill. We also realised how much the people of Brickhill value our community and physical surroundings.

The steering group is now working hard using all the information we have collected to produce a draft community action plan for Brickhill. This is just the beginning, it is delivery of the action plan which will be the real test of success and this will involve continued commitment from members of the community and statutory bodies. Some of the key areas for action include: adult education, accessibility and rights of way, environmental improvements, health & wellbeing, "liveable streets" and local shops & services. We expect that the Brickhill Sustainable Community Plan will be published in early 2011 and then we can get on with the real work of delivering changes to shape a better future for Brickhill.

If you'd like to be more involved then please contact the Parish Clerk for more information (contact details page 4). We welcome new members to the steering group or you can just feed in your views informally. We'd especially like to hear from people in the 18-24 age group. There will be another progress report in the next Parish Council newsletter. **SCP Steering Group.**

www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk



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Public drop-in every Tuesday morning at St Mark's Community Centre between 10 am and 12 noon. The officers are also available by prior appointment at other times.

Councillor surgeries 7.00pm to 7.30pm before every full Parish Council meeting and on Saturday mornings (see noticeboards at Avon and Brickhill Drive Shops for details).

Parish Council meetings all council and committee meetings are open to the public who are very welcome. A limited time for the public to address the council is also included, but time is restricted. Please contact the Clerk if you would like information about how to participate in this session.

Full Parish Council meetings 7.30pm

6 January, 3 February, 3 March

Planning Committee meeting 7.00pm

2 December

All meetings are held at St Mark's Community Centre and are advertised on our noticeboards and website.

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