



Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

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 about what is involved in the role please contact the Clerk for an informal discussion. Further details are also available at [www. http://www.beacouncillor.org.uk](http://www.beacouncillor.org.uk)

Applications received will be considered by the Parish Council at their next meeting on 14 June 2012.

Closing date for applications Monday 4th June 2012.

To apply, send your details along with a personal statement for the attention of the Clerk, Brickhill Parish Council, Brickhill Community Centre, Avon Drive, Bedford MK41 7AF or email us at clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

COME AND CELEBRATE THE DIAMOND JUBILEE ON WAVENEY GREEN

Tuesday 5th June 11am—3pm

Nothing planned for the bank holiday weekend?
All activities are free of charge

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| Face Painting | Magic Show 11am/2pm | Meet KidSize Kev the Mascot |
| Falconry Display | Krazy Kritters | Mini train ride/tea cups ride |
| Bunjee Trampolines | Arts and Crafts | Baby and toddler activities |
| Football shoot out competition (all age groups) | | |

PLUS THIS YEAR IN THE MAIN MARQUEE

Demonstration and join in with Mikes Line Dancing—12:00pm
and Bedford Belly Dancers—12:45pm
Children's Crown competition—prizes for the Best King and Queen 1:45pm

Children's Magic Show 11am and 2pm

BRING A PICNIC AND JOIN IN THE FUN



News from the Parish Council



The Parish Council took over responsibility for Waveney Green in 2011. A three year plan has been drawn up to assist with prioritising the work needed to keep the Green in a good, safe, condition for everyone to enjoy. Repairs have been completed on the worst sections of the footpath running across Waveney Green. A survey of trees on the green has identified some trees that need to be either removed or where some action needs to be taken. The flower bed near the play area has been cleared and will be replanted in the future. The Parish Council has submitted an application

for grant funding for play equipment for very young children; if successful, this will be installed near the existing play area. The Saturday morning football continues to brighten up the area each week, while Brickhill Baptist Church is running a short series of Football events in May and June, as well as 'Sundays on the Green' in July and August (see items elsewhere in this newsletter); if you have ideas for what else could take place on the Green, please contact the Parish Council.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick was re-elected as Chair of the Council, while Cllr Ray Waterhouse was re-elected as Vice-Chair. The Parish Council's Planning Committee will continue to comment on planning applications that affect Brickhill. A Working Party of councillors will continue to advise on the management of the Brickhill Allotments and Waveney Green.

Brickhill is fortunate to have a network of great footpaths leading out into the surrounding countryside. These include the John Bunyan Trail and other paths towards Clapham, Ravensden and Renhold. As part of the Community Plan, the aim is to produce some leaflets showing some of the great routes available. If you would like to help map out some routes, please contact Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick.

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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

Francesca Johnstone- Clerk to the Council

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**Brickhill Wanderers Triumphant!
U21 team win the Adult County Cup
Final**

Brickhill Wanderers U21's beat AF Mato 5-2 in the County Cup Final to become the Sunday Centenary County Cup winner.



This is the first time that Brickhill Wanderers have ever won an adult competition and it is a fantastic achievement that will go down in the club's history!

Want to find out more about our local football team? Then log on to the website- <http://www.brickhillwanderers.co.uk/>



Post Card



Summer Sunday afternoons are meant to be enjoyed!

Come up to Waveney Green this summer and relax, eat & play.

Bring a picnic and a blanket, a bat and ball, frisbee or even a book. Or just turn up and join in the fun.

Weather permitting, we'll be there each Sunday afternoon during the school holidays from 1-5pm.

Starting 22 July til 26 August.

To: You

www.brickhillbaptistchurch.org

brickhillbaptistchurch

Day of action – 12th June

One of the action points arising from our Community Led Plan was to increase promotion of opportunities offered by Beds and Luton Fire and Rescue Service in Brickhill. Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service will be coming to Brickhill to promote their fire and preventative work specifically within the Carron Road estate. Other partners for this work may include the Police, Bedford Borough Council, Anglian Water, the Probation Service, Places for People and BPHA and of course the Parish Council. Further information will be posted on our notice boards and website in the next few weeks.

Community Led Plan—a Greener Brickhill

At its May council meeting the Parish council discussed a desire to identify suitable locations to plant more flowers and trees which was identified as a local need under the "Greener Brickhill" section of the Community Plan. The council would like to hear from residents to identify areas where enhancements can be made. Priority will be given to areas where residents are willing to get involved and help with the planting. If you can identify particular green areas that might be suitable for additional planting please **complete the reply slip** and forward to the Clerk at the parish council offices.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

I would like to suggest the following area for improvements/bulb planting.

Return to: Brickhill Parish Council, c/o
Brickhill Community Centre, Avon Drive,
Bedford MK41 7AF



Brickhill Public Transport Information Update

Stagecoach Service No 6 after finally going into the Woodlands Park development and turning around in the square, within a few weeks had to be withdrawn back to the first roundabout before the development, due to safety concerns by a number of residents. The Borough together with the developer is currently investigating whether a turning circle can be introduced at the end of Ashmead Road just before Westrope Way so it can again serve all the development. The current terminus is not very satisfactory as it is too far away and with no pavement at this point, customers have to cross the road onto mud to board the bus. Stagecoach is against stopping the bus on the pavement side due to sightline concerns for motorists leaving the development.

An updated Brickhill Public Transport Information leaflet is available from the Brickhill and St Marks Community Centres as well as the Parish Council website.

Cllr Peter Blakeman—May 2012

News from your Borough Councillors

Residents contact us most frequently about vehicle issues, such as speeding and inconsiderate parking. Following requests by residents we have asked the Borough's Highways Department to look at Kestrel Road and Tyne Crescent, to try to deal with traffic from Brickhill Drive shops and St Thomas More School. We have received many requests for additional 'no verge parking' signs where vehicles are damaging the verges, for example Brickhill Drive and Plover Way.

Everybody in Brickhill should have received household battery recycling collection bags. Put your old batteries in these and leave them on your bin; you will be left a new bag. If you have any queries please call 01234 267422 or visit www.bedford.gov.uk/recycling.

Following requests we have asked for the cycle path into Bedford Park to be resurfaced this year. To report a Pot Hole on 01234 718 003.

Plans have been drawn up for a roundabout at the bottom of Ashmead Road on the Woodlands Park Estate. This will allow the buses to enter the estate and turn safely and avoid the need for parking on the access road. We have also asked for the bus shelters to be reviewed across Brickhill so that they are in the right place and people do not have to get off the bus onto muddy grass.

We are always pleased to offer help and advice and look forward to hearing from you if you have any matters of concern.

Wendy Rider and Charles Royden



Beauchamp Handball Team through to the England Schools Finals

Beauchamp Sports College Under 13s Boys Handball team have secured a place in the national schools finals after beating mid-land rivals in the regional rounds. The team travelled to Cannock, Staffordshire to compete against another school for a place in the finals.

Mr Thompson, Director of Specialism said "We are very proud of the squads achievement. The boys have shown great commitment to the sport and train with the Bedford hawks handball club on a Saturday morning. Their hard work has paid off"

The National finals that are due to take place in London on June 28th.

The Beauchamp Squad will travel to Gothenburg, Sweden in July to take part in the Junior World Handball Championships. The team are currently looking for sponsors to support the trip. Anyone interested in sponsoring the team can contact Mr Thompson at Beauchamp School on 01234 300900



Join us on Facebook and Twitter



Social networking sites continue to grow in popularity, offering information and communication tools to the modern generation.

Brickhill Parish Council is now on **Facebook** and **Twitter!**

Keep up-to-date about what is happening in Brickhill. Follow us on Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/brickhillparish>. On Facebook search for "Brickhill Parish Council".

We have integrated Twitter and Facebook into our own site to simplify matters, allowing you to view the latest content without leaving our site. For Facebook, you will need to login when it asks you, but Twitter is far more accommodating, allowing you to view content even if you do not have an account with them.

Visit www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk and follow the links.

Update from SCOTT LOWER SCHOOL

Children create masterpiece to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Artist Kristy Adams was invited to facilitate the creation of a mosaic for Scott Lower School.

Children worked on ideas to Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, they made drawings giving the Queen an Olympic Handbag and a Union Jack dress. The mosaic was created using tiles donated by local company Elstow Ceramic Tiles.



Kristy said ' It is so much fun working with the children, they are packed full of creativity and my job is to help them let it out! I really enjoyed being in Scott Lower School, the children have wonderful manners and the staff are enthusiastic and dedicated. Both adults and children are always open to try new skills and Scott Lower is such a creative place.'

BRICKHILL COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT GROUP



Fancy growing your own but not sure how to? Like to give it a go without committing to a whole allotment? If you are resident living in Brickhill then why not join the Brickhill Community Allotment group? Run by national charity The Conservation Volunteers, the Brickhill Community Allotment group meet on alternate Saturdays, 10 – 1, at the community plot on the Brickhill Allotments. The group tend the plot together and share all the produce, so you can learn as you go. There's no need to commit to coming to every session but you might just get bitten by the "grow your own" bug! We supply the tools, seeds, and knowledge – plus tea and biscuits as a standard feature!

If you'd like to come along, or find out more, please contact Katherine at k.miskin@tcv.org.uk or call 07740 899634."

Brickhill Good Neighbours Scheme Launches on 14th May

Brickhill Good Neighbours Scheme (BGNS) has been set up with the support of Brickhill Parish Council and BRCC. The scheme is run by a group of volunteers, living in Brickhill, who give their own time to assist their neighbours with a variety of tasks.

What can we do to help you?

- Befriending
- Small Household Jobs
- Collecting prescriptions*
- Essential shopping*
- Lifts to and from appointments*
- Light DIY/replacing bulbs
- Letter writing/form filling.



How can you help us?

We are always on the look out for new volunteers and any help is appreciated.

**If you need help or want to join us, then
please call us on:
07445 594050**

(* = a travel expense may apply)

Have you considered

Cycling

from

Brickhill

to

Work

Station

School

Shops

Leisure Facilities

• 100s of Brickhill residents already do

Healthy form of exercise
Fastest mode of transport for short journeys
Saves money on parking and fuel
Environmentally friendly
Energy efficient

Cycling Campaign for North Bedfordshire
www.ccnb.org.uk
www.cyclebedford.org.uk

Join our community litter pick



Have you ever thought about volunteering?

Anjulita Court are currently recruiting volunteers for the following:

- Visiting and Befriending
- Entertainment
- Gardening
- Beauty Treatments
- Fundraising
- Shopping Trips / Outings

If you are interested or skilled in any of the above please contact Sarah Redmond, Volunteer Coordinator on: 01234 273642/ or email Home.BDFVolunteerCoord@mha.org.uk

Meeting:
Outside Beauchamp School - Hawk Drive

SATURDAY
16th June
10:00-12:00
NOON

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
 PLEASE WEAR SUITABLE CLOTHING & STURDY FOOTWEAR
 Call 01234 718276 for more details or visit www.bedford.gov.uk



Brickhill Community 5-a-side Football Tournament



A New Tournament Every Week

Bring your own team or come and join a team



Waveney Green

Register your team by:

4.30pm

Starting:

Tuesday 8th May

For 6 weeks

(Event ends at 6.30pm and will not run during half-term)

Want to know more:

Call Tim Gannon on 273773

Or email: youth@brickhillbaptistchurch.org

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Y Chand VI & D Luperello III
Mondays & Wednesdays
Juniors 6:00, Adults 7:30 - 9:00pm



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Borough Cllr Wendy Rider
Borough Cllr Charles Royden



**Local Surgeries taking place on:
Avon Drive— Brickhill Drive—
See our website
www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com
for details of surgeries and the latest
Brickhill news**



Opus 18 Community Choir

Opus 18 is an adult community Choir, established in September 2011.

The choir meets on Monday evenings in term time, currently at Brickhill Lower School, but in September we move to our new rehearsal home at St Marks Church Community Centre (Wren Room/church).

We sing a wide range of styles including classic pop, sacred, folksongs, multi-cultural and musicals – something for everyone!

Come along and have a good sing, even if you think you can't and make new friends and remember to bring your sense of humour as we do like to have lots of laughs too. We also meet socially every term. So far since September we have raised over £800 for The Bedford Day Care Hospice and The East Anglia Air Ambulance at our informal concerts.

We welcome new members

Enquiries please to Evelyn Sutherland at evsutherlandmusic@hotmail.co.uk or contact by telephone on 07974 742552.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Worried about crime in your area? Do you want to do something about it? Well here is your chance—join your local Neighbourhood Watch.

Neighbourhood Watch is a partnership where people come together to make their communities safer. It is one of the most effective crime reduction initiatives ever. A scheme run by communities, it works in partnership with the Police to improve quality of life, it helps to prevent crime and reduce antisocial behaviour. We are keen to generate new groups in Brickhill as part of the Sustainable Community Plan, so if you would like to find out more about how you can get involved then please contact the Neighbourhood Watch Office at 01234 275165.

Brickhill Community Safety Forum

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th July at Brickhill Community Centre, Avon Drive, starting at 7pm.



Please come along. This is your Forum and your opportunity to have your say to all the agencies working in Brickhill. A full report is available on the parish council website by clicking on the Community Safety Forum link.

**Scott Lower School
SUMMER FAYRE**
24th June, 1pm—3:30pm



Entertainment for all the family including:

*Bouncy Castles Wild Water Warriors
Tin Can Alley Coconut Shy
Beat the Goalie
Plus various professional stalls*

Try your luck in our Raffle—1st Prize £100 cash!

*Entrance fee, Adults 50p—children FREE
All money raised will be used to support your local school.*

ARE YOU A LOCAL BUSINESS LOOKING TO ADVERTISE?

Our newsletter is published quarterly and is distributed to over 4000 households within the Parish including Woodlands Park.

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Please contact the Clerk for further details

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PARISH COUNCIL



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