



BICKENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk - Carole Picken

Parish Council Office, Recreation Ground, Bickenhill Rd, Marston Green B37 7ER

E: bickenhillpc@googlemail.com **W:** www.bickenhillparishcouncil.org.uk **T:** 0121 779 4040

Parish Councillors

Name	Ward	Telephone Number
Chairman Frank Bunce	Blackfirs	0121 779 2606
Vice-Chair Lucille Green	Bickenhill	0121 779 7179
Councillors Tom Hewlett	Merstone	0121 779 2852
Clive Hill	Marston Green	0121 779 3885
Velma Jones	Blackfirs	0121 779 3452
Steven Mills	Bickenhill	01675 443 658
Linda Poulson	Marston Green	0121 779 4787
David Rowe	Merstone	0121 779 6004
Margret Wilden	Marston Green	0121 779 2196
Jim Williams	Marston Green	0121 779 4657
Phillip Wood	Marston Green	0121 779 5747

Local Contacts

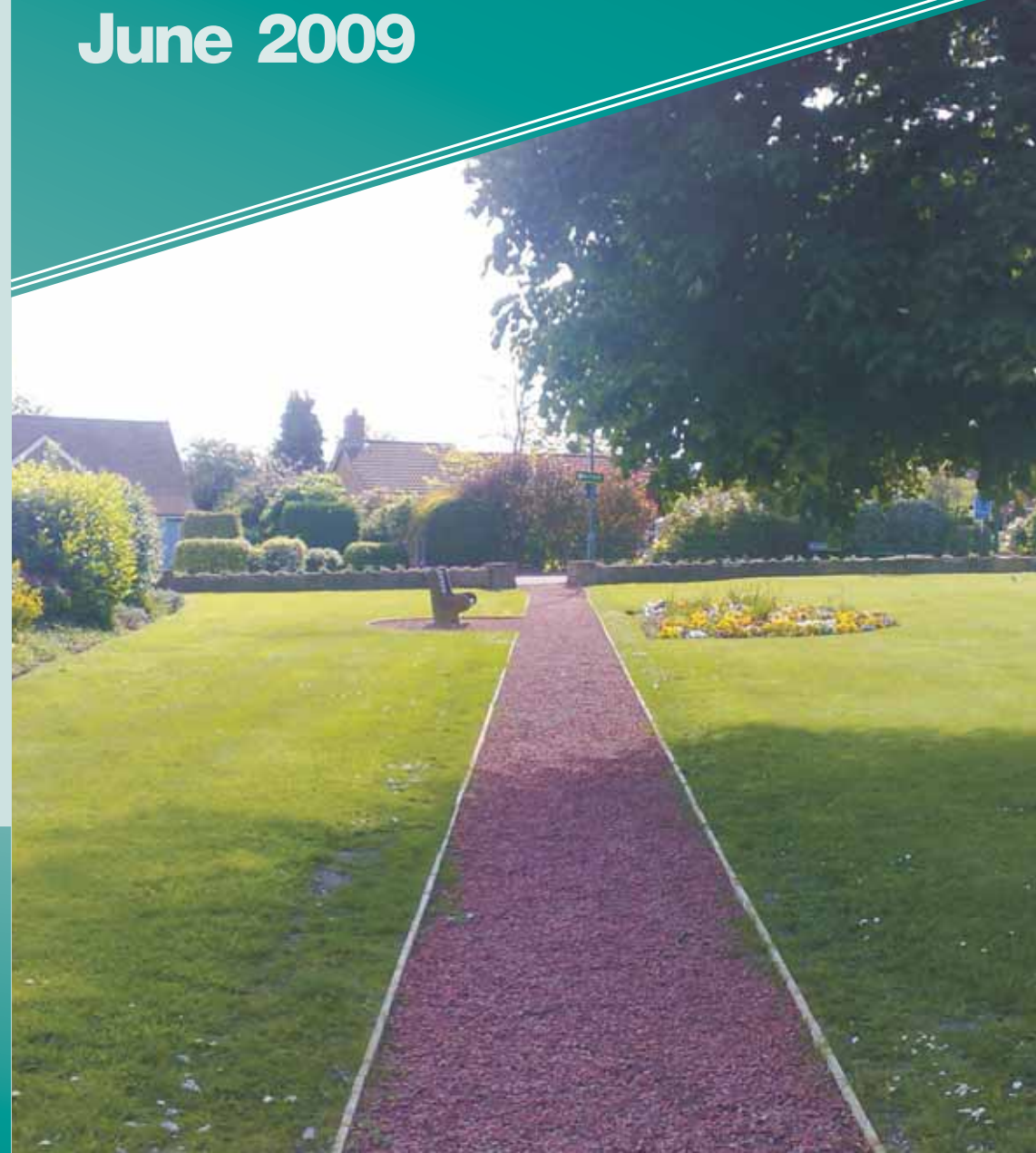
District Councillors:

Alan Martin, 0121 684 3744 Bob Sleigh, 0121 779 4760 Jim Ryan, 07746 785484

Police:

The local police team, comprising Sgt Rachel Davies, PC Steve Turton & PCSO Andy Burton can be contacted on 0845 113 5000, extn 76016148

Bickenhill Parish Council Newsletter June 2009



Welcome to our June Newsletter

From the chairman's notes.....

Over the last few years the size of this Parish has grown from a small to a medium sized Parish Council. I believe we now stand at the cross roads and we have taken steps to move our Parish Council forward over the last year. We now have a clear direction and platform on which to move forward. We have made real efforts to communicate with the people we represent through our newsletters and web site and are committed to continuing our efforts to keep our community involved.

We are applying for grants to enable us to carry out restoration work on the Garden of Memory in Marston Green. We are working with our local schools on projects that benefit the community and have recently refurbished The Pleck. We have plans in place to improve the facilities at the burial ground and have taken expert advice on the future of the Millennium Wood. (See separate article.) Our presence in the village of Bickenhill is stronger now than it has been for a number of years. I feel that the foundations are now in place and we are in a position to build on what we have achieved, and all of this without increasing the Precept (resident's contributions).



Spotlight on..... Velma Jones who says:

Over thirty years ago I moved with my family to Marston Green from Birmingham and enjoyed the friendliness which we immediately received. We took part in the playgroup, the rambling club, the resident's social groups and we were made very welcome by everyone. I taught both at Marston Green Infants School and the Junior School before going into various Chelmsley schools.

Eventually I was asked to apply to join the Parish Council. I have been on the Council now for many years and have been very involved with much that has happened in the village, from the Millennium Wood project, the Live and Local shows, the Jubilee festival and gala celebrations. I have been on various committees including Janet Shaw Clinic Brooklands, police, finance, and day care committees, Warwickshire Association of Local Councils, the Village Hall and becoming vice-chair of the governing body of what I consider to be the outstanding Marston Green Junior School. I have also been Chair of the Recreation Committee whose members do much work for the good of the parish. We have seen many changes over the years with the increase in development, housing and population, and I am still pleased to represent the people of the Parish.

News and events around the Parish

Stop The Drop Campaign

We are concerned about, and aim to raise awareness of, the amount of litter being dropped in Marston Green village. We are delighted and grateful to both the Infants School and the Library for helping us to start our campaign to **Stop The Drop**. All the children in the school have taken part in a poster competition to highlight the litter problem, with the paintings being judged by Rev Roy Allen and Parish Council Chairman Frank Bunce. Cllr Bunce awarded prizes of book tokens to the winners at a special assembly at the school on 1st June. All of the children's posters, and photo's of the prize giving, will be on display in the Library until the end of August, on Mondays and Thursdays from 10.00am until 7.00pm and on Saturday mornings from 10.00am until 1.00pm. Look out for more **Stop The Drop** events throughout the year and if you have any ideas to help keep our village tidy then we would be pleased to hear from you at: bickenhillpc@googlemail.com

Millennium Wood

The success rate of trees within the Millennium Wood plantation has been very high with the vast majority of them surviving. When a new woodland is being created, trees are planted close together to allow for losses, both natural and through vandalism. This means that the trees in our wood are now over-crowded and there is lack of space for individual trees to broaden out and thrive. We have sought expert advice on what is best for the long term future of the woods but a preliminary assessment suggests that some trees will need to be thinned.

Dates of meetings:

1st July at Bickenhill Village Hall

No meeting in August

2nd September in Marston Green Parish Hall

7th October in Marston Green Parish Hall

Meetings commence 7.30pm

get
online

To find location of cover photo
and for the latest Parish news visit:
www.bickenhillparishcouncil.org.uk

