

Bickenhill Parish Council Newsletter November 2009



Welcome to our November Newsletter

Spotlight onMargret Wilden who says:

I came to Marston Green as a baby 64 years ago, so my roots go down deep. Having grown up in the village I have seen many changes; some for the better and some not. When I married we decided to live in the village as it had a lot to offer to a family with children. I have been a part of the Rambling Club, my children were part of the Scouts and Guides, and I am a regular worshipper at St Leonard's Church. As my children left home I found I had more time to give and was asked to join the Parish Council. I felt that this would be a good way to put something back into a community that I had taken out of for most of my life. The Parish Council has a



valuable role to fill and I feel that this role will expand in the future. During my time as a Parish Councillor, I have been its chair and also chair of a number of its sub committees. For a number of years I have been responsible for the organisation of the Remembrance Day road closure programme which enables the uniformed organisations to parade, and I hope to continue to be involved in this annual event.

News and events around the Parish

Bickenhill Red Telephone box

We have completed the purchase and refurbishment of the vintage phone box in St Peter's Lane and, now that it will no longer be used to make calls, we would like your views on whether it could be used for any other purpose. For example, as an information centre, for a notice board etc. We would welcome any suggestions you might have.

Remembrance Day

Over the last few years we have been pleased to see a steady increase in the number of people attending this very important event, held in the Garden of Memory. Having listened to the feedback from last year, we hired a PA system for this year's Remembrance Day, which allowed more people to hear the service. We were delighted that for the first time in a number of years, children from both the Infants and Junior schools attended, and their representatives were among those who laid wreaths at the War Memorial. There were well over two hundred people present, remembering those who lost their lives in the first and second world wars and also paying tribute to those whose lives have been given in recent times.

Marston Green Allotments

The demand for allotments has increased over the last two years and we now have more residents on the waiting list than ever before. When Centro approached us last year regarding the project to refurbish the car park in Elmdon Lane, adjoining the allotments, the Parish Council discussed and identified a cost effective opportunity which would allow the development of three additional plots to meet the demand. Work is now well underway with a view to being able to offer the new plots to residents on the waiting list in the New Year.

Stop the Drop Campaign

After the success of phase one of our anti-litter campaign in Marston Green village, helped by the children of the Infants school, we are continuing with the second phase. This time we are being helped by children from the Junior school who will be taking part in a poster competition. Once again the librarians have kindly offered to show the all the posters in the Library in Land Lane. These will be displayed from Saturday 12th December, over the Christmas period and into the New Year.

Airport maintenance work

Essential maintenance work is being carried out on the main runway during November. The Airport Company say they are aware that night time works have the potential to cause nuisance to their neighbours but every effort will be made to ensure that any impact is reduced to a minimum. For the full proposed schedule please visit our website.

Did you know.....

..... the Borough Councillors hold an advice surgery in the Library in Land Lane, on the second Saturday of each month? Just drop in between 10.30 until 12.00 – no appointment is necessary.

..... the Airparks buses that run through the village to the airport will stop at any point for passengers? The cost is just £1 and the buses run every 30 minutes. For more information please visit our website.

Meeting details

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in Marston Green Parish Hall in Elmdon Road and start at 7.30.pm. This is a public meeting and if you wish to join us you will be most welcome.

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For more
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photographs and the latest
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www.bickenhillparishcouncil.org.uk



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