

Brixworth Bulletin

Including Draughton, Hanging Houghton and Lamport

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PROPOSED WIND FARM AT LODGE FARM



View from Hanging Houghton

A public meeting, supposedly organised by Brixworth and Lamport Parish Councils was held on Wednesday 16th July 2008 in the Brixworth Community Centre attended by approximately 200 people from Spratton, Maidwell, Draughton, Hanging Houghton and a few from Brixworth. The leaflet circulated before the meeting claimed that expert speakers would answer questions about the proposed 7 wind turbines which may be sited between Brixworth and Hanging Houghton.

The expert speakers were David Ward, founder member of opposition action group who chaired the meeting, Professor Michael Jefferson and Chris Heaton-Harris MEP who represented the opposition to the project. No-one represented the proposers. The meeting was asked to support opposition to the project. It lasted one and a half hours, including anecdotes about N.A.G. (Northampton Action Group), planning procedures about aeries in Draughton and inappropriate investments by foreign nationals.

The proposed site is on the old A508 about 850 metres north of the Brixworth All Saints' Church and 1 km from Hanging Houghton. The turbines will be 410 feet high.

In an attempt to summarise Professor Jefferson's opposition to the project, he claimed that he was not opposed to wind farms in the right location i.e. with relatively high and constant wind speeds and efficiencies of over 40%.

The proposed site has low wind speeds and are variable in strength, so that the efficiency will be about 24% and a load factor (% of hours available for generation compared with total hours available) of about 22%. The cost of a turbine will be about £1.75 million and the land owner will receive £10,000 per turbine per year.

The visual impact of the turbines so near a

very ancient church in an area designated as special landscape, should be a major factor in opposing the project, particularly when the efficiency is low and the cost is so great. The output shown on the scoping report is projected to be 2 Megawatts from each turbine i.e. 14 MW, but Professor Jefferson said that the true total output to the grid would be 3.2 MW.

Questions asked by the public included:

How would the electricity generated be transmitted to the grid, underground or above ground? – not mentioned in the scoping report.

Under E.U. regulations, how close is the nearest turbine allowed to be from a residential property? – 1.5km.

Chris Heaton-Harris said that 1 in 2 proposed sites received planning permission.

Life expectancy of current turbines was 25 years. – Denmark life expectancy was 15 years.

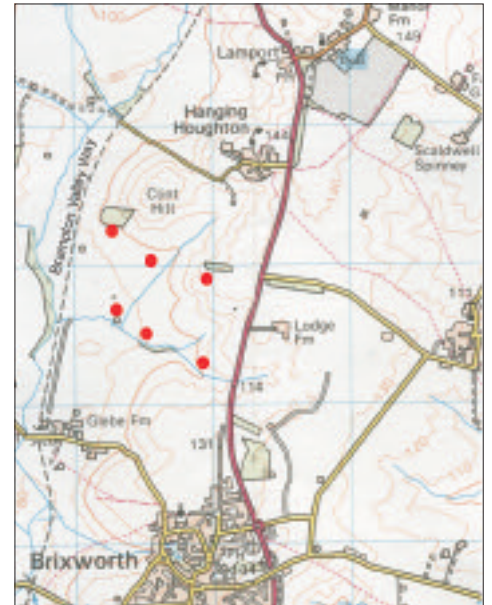
Would the site be returned to its pre-installation condition after the turbines had reached their life expectancy? – D.D.C. would ask for this to be included as a planning condition.

The Chairman closed the meeting by requesting donations to fund the campaign of opposition to the proposal and appealing for voluntary help.

Exhibition in Village Hall by Bolsterstone

Bolsterstone plc held two meetings on the 11th and 12th August between 2.30pm – 6.30pm in the Brixworth Village Hall where questions were answered on a one-to-one basis.

Harvey Fox spoke with Mike Corker Director of Bolsterstone and regarding load factor, he thought Professor Jefferson's figure of 22% was low and the proposed turbines should reach 26%.



The carbon footprint from the manufacture of the six turbines would be paid back in the first six months of generation and as the life of the turbines is predicted to be 25 years, there would be 24.5 years of carbon free generation.

In the scoping report issued in June 2008, 7 turbines were proposed. However the proposal was reduced to 6 which have been sited from the A508 down to the old railway line in order to minimise effects to the landscape. The generation capacity will be 12 MW, enough energy to power between 5,872 and 8,364 homes. A section of the local O/S map shows the anticipated siting of the turbines. Bolsterstone plc claims that if the wind farm is built, the local community will receive £600,000 over the lifetime of the project.

The planning application is expected to be submitted at the end of August. Residents should make D.D.C. aware of their views.

Harvey Fox

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Prince Charles on the 12th August set out his views on the adoption of genetic modification in farming, warning that it has set the world on course for "the biggest disaster, environmentally, of all time".

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CHURCH FETE AND FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' ART EXHIBITION

The All Saints' Church summer fete held on the 8th June was held on a beautiful day and was enjoyed by many visitors. The fete was opened by Radio Northampton's Bernie Keith accompanied by his dog Riley.

There were many activities and the Northampton Silver Band played throughout the afternoon. Just over £3,000 was made from the event.

The Art Exhibition held on 6th until the 8th June was successful in selling £2,200 worth of paintings, which contributed £500 towards the Friends of All Saints' funds. The pictures were of a particularly high standard this year. Thank you to all the visitors to the Fete and Art Exhibition for contributing towards the upkeep of the church.

Harvey Fox



Rev. Watkins with Bernie and Riley



Peter Oliver playing with his ducks

BAGLESS IN BRIXWORTH



On the 26th June 2008, children from Brixworth School joined local traders, residents and scheme supporters at the official launch of the environmental campaign.

Last month, the majority of stores in the village had done away with plastic bags in favour of more environmentally friendly carriers, in the scheme backed by Daventry District Council.

Pupils sang 'Go Green', 'Please Recycle' and 'Don't Put Your Muck In Our Dustbin' – three songs written at the school.

The scheme was the idea of Heather Pool, Customer Service Advisor at D.D.C.'s Brixworth Information Service.

'We have achieved so much in such a short time. It has only been possible because of the support of the council, local residents and local businesses,' she said.

'We still have some way to go. Brixworth is by no means plastic-free. Residents are doing what they can to reuse their bags when they go shopping and many stores will no longer routinely hand out single-use plastic bags.'

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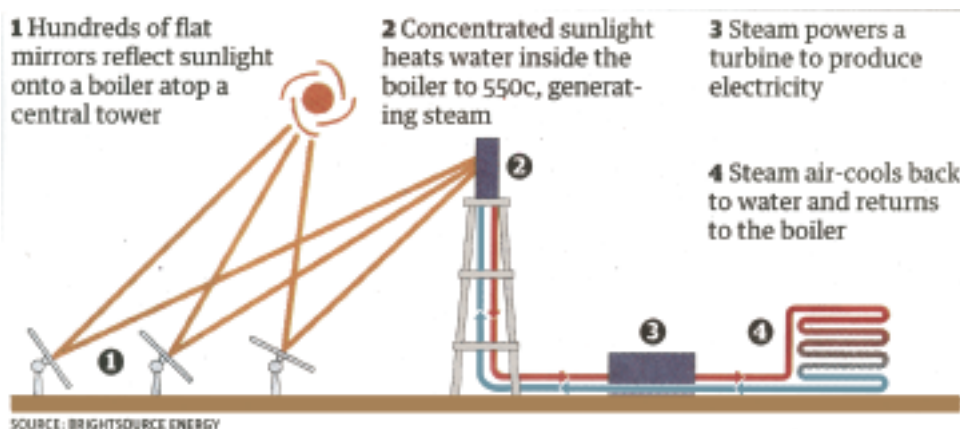
On Wednesday 23 July 2008, the Guardian published this article which has been reproduced on their web-site.

The scientists at the Euroscience Open Forum in Barcelona are calling for the creation of a series of huge solar farms – producing electricity either through photovoltaic cells, or by concentrating the sun's heat to boil water and drive turbines – as part of a plan to share Europe's renewable energy across the continent. Amulf Jaeger-Waldau of the European Commission's Institute for Energy, said it would require the capture of just 0.3% of the light falling on the Sahara and Middle East deserts to meet all of Europe's energy needs.

A new supergrid, transmitting electricity along high voltage direct current cables would allow countries such as the UK and Denmark ultimately to export wind energy at times of surplus supply, as well as import from other green sources such as geothermal power in Iceland

The grid proposal which is backed by French and UK governments answers the perennial criticism that renewable power will never be economic because the weather is not sufficiently predictable. Its supporters argue that even if the wind is not blowing hard enough in the North Sea, it will be blowing somewhere in Europe, or the sun will be shining on a solar farm somewhere.

Southern Mediterranean countries including Portugal and Spain have already invested heavily in solar energy and Algeria has begun work on a vast combined solar and natural gas plant which will begin producing



energy in 2010. Algeria aims to export 6,000 megawatts of solar-generated power to Europe by 2020.

Scientists working on the project admit it would take many years and huge investment to generate enough solar energy from North Africa to power Europe but envisage that by 2050 it could produce 100GW, more than the combined electricity output from all sources in the UK, with an investment of around 450 bn euros.

High voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission lines are seen as the most efficient way to move electricity over long distances without incurring the losses experienced in alternating current (AC) power lines. HVDC cables can carry more power for the same thickness of cable compared with AC lines but are only suited to long distance transmission as they require expensive devices to convert the electricity. Modern HVDC cables can keep energy losses

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

When I first heard about the proposal to site a wind farm between Brixworth and Hanging Houghton, my immediate reaction was to oppose the plan. However, I've given a lot of thought to the matter since then...

I attended the meeting in the Community Centre about the wind farm, expecting to hear presentations from both sides of the debate but was disappointed to find that it was completely biased towards the "Say No" campaign. I was surprised to hear the wind power expert admit that some of the statistics he quoted were 15 years old – technology has moved on in leaps and bounds since then and to my mind it's rather misleading to base a campaign on out-of-date information.

I would rather see six wind turbines sited just beyond an industrial estate, opposite a former landfill site, than I would yet another nuclear power station on our coast. The view of our beautiful Saxon church from the A508 is unlikely to be spoilt by the turbines – they are not big solid structures like warehousing or houses which block a view and there seem to be few objections to these being built all over the countryside.

A great deal of concern is raised about the noise created by wind turbines – I'm aware that some people can be more disturbed by noise than others but my husband often works and sleeps in close proximity to three turbines with no problem whatsoever.

Bearing in mind the green ambitions of the village at the moment, with the plastic bag-free campaign well under way and the Parish Council trying to launch a pro-green group to encourage people to become more environmentally conscious, it would seem somewhat hypocritical now to adopt a nimby attitude towards a wind farm.

If I had children or grandchildren I would be extremely concerned about how they would manage when oil runs out. As it is, I still care enormously about what the next generation will inherit and I'm at a loss to understand how any parent or grandparent could oppose a measure that would go a little way to help the world's energy problems. Isn't it time to take the longer view rather than that of the church?

So, yes, I've changed my mind, and for the sake of the future of our planet I will support this wind farm proposal. *K M Hodgson*

Dear Editor,

Be careful what you wish for...

According to a growing litany of research by the International governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere today is the highest it has been for the past 650,000 years and if it gets much higher then the earth's climate will shift into another unstoppable volatile state, potentially catastrophic for life on Earth. Take for example, the current rise in CO2 emissions into the atmosphere. Science is telling us that a global mean temperature increase of 2C is more than likely to trigger a collapse of the

Greenland ice sheet, the disintegration of which could correspond to a sea-level rise of up to seven metres. At this point the voice of science falls silent because it cannot predict with any confidence what would happen next.

This is why the mainstream climate science community is indicating that we have 100 months to avoid the unimaginable and why the UK government is asking communities up and down the land to accept wind farms (hopefully in the short term) as just part of a complex strategy to restrain our current CO2 output.

A recent graph published by the Central Office of Information entitled '*Who of the following do you think is currently taking action to limit climate change?*' indicates that the 'You personally' line is currently outstripping the efforts of the UK Government, local authorities, Industry and business but interestingly, the 'Your local community' line lags well beneath these others. So is it that we have taken on board personal responsibility for conserving, recycling, reusing etc but failed to recognise that we also have a collective responsibility to embrace the just as important community based conservation efforts?

The anti-wind farm argument is well understood of course – namely the relative inefficiencies of inland turbines, costs of installation and interruption of our scenic views. Surprisingly, what really seems to get us going is what is regarded as capitalist exploitation in the shape of international investors and local landowners. The anti-wind turbine arguments are indeed beguiling....

In an important sense, we've been here before. Britain achieved astonishing things whilst fighting and recovering from World War 11 with dramatic cuts in resource and household consumption. We consumed less of almost everything. The public assented to the imposed measures to curb consumption because it knew what it was fighting for – a safer world for its children. Can we not now assent to do likewise for exactly the same reasons?

If local people object to this small contribution to the common good, would they care to consider the economics of an out of control climate? Reject this wind farm proposal if you must, but please be careful what you wish for..... *Paddy Fox*

Dear Sir

Having attended the recent public meeting regarding the proposed planning application for a Wind Farm to be installed in fields behind the Saxon Church in Brixworth, it was obvious that such a scheme was totally unsuitable for that site. The experts who attended the meeting – Professor Michael Jefferson, an energy and environmental advisor with more than 50 years experience in renewable technology, and East Midlands MEP, Chris Heaton-Harris – both argued convincingly against the building of the wind farm and urged residents to support the campaign to fight the planning application.

There are several reasons for this:

- Visual impact of seven wind turbines, each 410ft tall in such close proximity to the historic Saxon Church of Brixworth and 2 to 3 times larger. It would also be very close to several other villages as well as to the A508 and would be sited in a Special Landscape Area.
- This is the wrong place to site a Wind Farm due to it being "a below average wind speed area". It would likely yield less than 20% capacity.
- The Brixworth Design Statement – a legally adopted document agreed by both the Parish Council and District Council – states categorically that there should be no development in that area, north of the village.

I would hope that the rest of the village will be equally horrified by the prospect of a wind farm right on our doorstep and will write to our Parish and District Councils as well as our MP, Philip Hollobone and will support The Lodge Farm Wind Farm Action Group to oppose the scheme. *Jane Neill*

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Friends of All Saints' Church Barn Dance Postponed

The Barn Dance which was planned to be held on the 13th September 2008 has been postponed until February of next year due to a clash with another barn dance to be held in September. More details will be available in the next issue of the Bulletin.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

At the present moment, renewable energy sources have achieved significance for modern day society. The main reason for this is the need to use alternative sources of energy which are free from CO2 emissions and contamination. Among the renewable energy sources, the growth of wind farms has been spectacular. Wind power uses the kinetic energy of the wind to produce energy without producing emissions. The problem it raises is that of quantifying to what extent it is a totally clean form of energy. In this sense we have to consider not only the emissions produced while they are in operation but also the contamination and environmental impact resulting from their manufacture and the future dismantling of the turbines when they come to the end of their working life. We need to consider the whole life cycle. On balance it is positive in terms of environmental burdens – but not hugely as some would claim.

There are also problems with siting in terms of bird migration and hence kill them and they may have a negative impact on bats, a protected species. More needs to be known on this and the site.

The wind is not always blowing and evidence needs to be given as to the number of days they will be in full operation per annum. It must also be remembered that technology is improving and to wait for the next generation may result in more efficient systems being installed. The public must decide on the basis

of the evidence and not only that from the company wanting to install them.

Paul Phillips, Professor of Environmental & Wastes Management, University of Northampton.

Dear Sir

Concerning your article in June's issue of the Bulletin, re the 'Lollipop position,' I would like to point out that I have a letter dated 25th February, acknowledging receipt of my completed application form and a further letter, 27th March, informing me that an interview could not be arranged due to a serious staffing issue.

This is in complete contrast to the comments made by Shirley Harrison who is the signatory on both letters! I would suggest that there is no real intention to appoint a new patrol person, as one could have been in place as early as March.

The writer has asked that name and address is withheld. However we have forwarded letter to Shirley Harrison.

'Inconsiderate dog owners'

We live in the Northampton Road area of Brixworth. It is seldom that we can sit or work in our garden without dogs yapping and barking in the vicinity. It is very unpleasant to hear this which continues throughout the day and evening. I am sure that many other people would appreciate the owners taking note and taking action to prevent this nuisance.

Resident- Name and address supplied.

Dear Sir

I understand from various newspaper reports that D.D.C. is required by the Home Office to provide in the near future 2000 additional dwellings. Recent planning application for a large development at 'Buckton Fields' has been reduced to 1000. The commitment to satisfy this demand is to accommodate expansion, overspill and our increasing population. The building industry, due to mortgage situation is short of work!

A proposal for the development of an expansion village on the proposed wind farm site would be attractive if it was an eco-friendly village on a south facing gradient with excellent views over the valley. Drainage and sewage disposal from the site would be no problem. It could include a new road connecting the A508 and the A5199 since the present situation provides nothing between the A508 via Haselbeach, Cottesbrooke and Creton and Brixworth and Creton. (Or A14 Kelmash to Welford)

The site would be particularly advantageous to solar heating systems and individual wind turbines, being on a south facing gradient.

At a recent meeting Professor Jefferson failed to compare efficiencies of wind tubines with the annual product of an acre of biofuel.

Whilst I fully appreciate the need for more housing, I feel that the supply of power independent of overseas sources is much greater and urgent requirement.

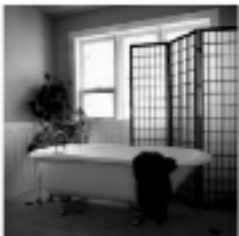
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HAVE YOU THE PASSION TO GOVERN?

The March Bulletin carried an article announcing “a unique initiative undertaken” by the racily-named School Governors’ One-Stop Shop, known to its friends as SGOSS, and Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) with “the aim of encouraging more Northamptonshire volunteers to come forward as governors in local schools”. According to the article, there are 40,000 vacant places on state school governing bodies in England and SGOSS is “recruiting volunteer school governors with a passion for giving children the best possible start in life”. (The overworked and misused word ‘passion’ seems highly inappropriate in the context of schools and children)! Readers who are considering responding to SGOSS might find it interesting to learn something of my own short experience as a governor in Northamptonshire but NOT in Brixworth nor in any of the neighbouring villages.

So, why do schools need governors? The fact is that they are prescribed by law and exist to ‘represent the public in the running of schools’. This does not really answer the question and reminds me of Dylan Thomas’ list of Christmas presents where he describes receiving a book that ‘told me everything about the wasp, except why’!

Chambers dictionary defines the verb ‘to govern’ as ‘to direct, to control, to rule with authority’ and when I volunteered and was appointed, I believed that I would be expected to play a pivotal role, with the other governors, in the running of the school and that my former business experience, with knowledge of general management, finance & marketing would be of some value. Although I was not burning with the passion sought by SGOSS, I did hope, in retirement, to be able to do some useful work in the community.

Some time after my application, I was appointed by the NCC Governor Service (without any form of interview or meeting) as an LEA (Local Education Authority) governor to a primary school at some distance from my home. I was sent a letter of appointment and a couple of glossy brochures, outlining in noble but vague phrases, the ‘roles and responsibilities’ of governors: these include the curriculum, the school development/improvement plan, setting targets for school improvement, staffing numbers & salaries, setting and management of the school budget, admissions policies, etc., etc. No one from the County Governor Service offered to take me into the school and introduce me to the head-teacher and it was left to me to make an appointment for my initial school visit.

On first acquaintance I was most impressed with the school: it is bright and colourful, is in a good state of repair and

almost bulges with computers and interactive whiteboards. The head has a zero-tolerance policy towards bad behaviour and, although many of the pupils have abilities well below the national average, they are being taught with great enthusiasm, their lessons are fun as well as being informative and they are polite and very well behaved. One little incident, however, should have warned me of problems to come: when I told the head that I was planning to attend one of the County’s induction courses for new governors, he was quite discouraging, telling me that it would be a waste of my time and that I could learn all I needed to know from the head & the staff. In my naivety, I accepted his advice.

I arranged to attend and observe some lessons and soon realised that I knew nothing at all about modern education, my own experience of primary school dating back well over sixty years to 1942! I enjoyed sitting in these lessons and realised how fortunate today’s children are to be taught in such a lively and constructive way. Within a very short time, however, I was struggling with the jargon: Key Stages 1 & 2, SATS, Levels & Points, SIP (acronym for both School Improvement Plan & School Improvement Partner!), Book Scrutinies, Teaching Insets, SEN, OFSTED, RAISE Online, etc., etc. Apart from the paperwork that circulates in the school, there is a constant flow from the County and the Government, packed with jargon, spelling out great thoughts about the duties of governors, their leadership roles, their need to undertake succession management and so on.

During my first year, this group of governors operated without a chairperson because none of them, though they had been in place for some years, was willing to take on that role. When it seemed that this pattern would be repeated in my second year, I agreed to become chairman, despite my lack of governing experience. Of course, the flow of papers increased. I decided that this was a good moment to take stock and so I sat back and considered just how effective our small body of governors is and what we are actually doing and achieving. I quickly concluded that we are a group of people with much (nominal) responsibility and almost no power. We are supposed to have responsibility (among many other things) for the school budget, the curriculum and the School Improvement Plan (SIP). OFSTED inspectors have criticised the school’s governors for not being sufficiently ‘involved’ but the head makes it quite clear that he thinks the defined roles of the governors are nonsense. He does the key work with his staff and reports his plans to the governors who play no real part in

making things happen. The governors (including the head) sit in meetings, ask a few questions and sometimes make suggestions which the head is very skilful at sidestepping if the idea doesn’t suit him. One governor, for example, has repeatedly suggested that the children would benefit greatly if they could visit, for a week-end, one of a number of children’s outdoor activity centres. The head never says ‘no’ but he never says ‘yes’ and there the matter rests.

One of my duties (together with one other governor) is to assess the head’s performance against his targets. He sets his own targets together with the SIP (School Improvement Partner) and we meet once a term to review progress. At the end of the year, we will produce a report and the process will start over again for next year. I have yet to discover what I am supposed to do if the head does not meet his target. The head knows if and when he’s doing well, the school test results are all recorded and published, the school is inspected, the money for the school is issued by the County and the expenditure is logged onto their computer so what on earth is a bunch of well-meaning, part-time amateurs, who know nothing about education and have not been trained, doing there at all? It has been said that governors should act ‘as a critical friend’ but if that’s all there is to it, one per school should be quite enough; how many critical friends does one need?

My experience in industry tells me that no commercial organisation would or could be run effectively with an executive board of directors supplemented by five or six non-executives attempting to interfere. So my conclusion is that we exist as a body to satisfy the law but are, in practice, totally ineffective: if we were to evaporate overnight, the head would breathe a sigh of relief, the school would be run in exactly the same way and a department in the County Council could be closed to some advantage for the Council Tax payers.

Of course, I might have missed something and it may be that heads of some other schools would tell me that they really value their governors, that they are a vital component in the running of their schools and that they would miss these passionate people if they were to disappear from the scene.

As for me, I’ve decided to call it a day. I have loved visiting the school and have enjoyed my contact with the head, the staff and the children. I’m told that the fact that I take a lively interest was noted and greatly appreciated by the staff. Well, that’s flattering but it has little to do with what it’s all supposed to be about!

George Hammerschmidt



POLICE QUARTERLY REPORT

The Community Panel covering Brixworth and area met once more in May and local concerns were discussed. These concerns are collated from the responses we receive from you and continue to raise similar issues. The 3 priorities remain unchanged at Parking, Youth Nuisance and Speeding.

Parking – The proposed works for parking restrictions on the Spratton Road/Pytchley Road area, Spratton Road/Northampton Road corner and the junction of Kennel Terrace/Northampton Road and Holcot Road await a go ahead from Highways. In the meantime our no waiting cones appear to be effective and I thank everyone for complying and reducing the congestion around the shops. Unfortunately there are still a few cars parked in the lay by all day; we have asked them not to do so but this behaviour continues and until the restrictions are in place we can do no more.

We continue to monitor irresponsible parking throughout the village and deal with issues as we patrol through. Residents of St David’s close still grumble about indiscriminate parking - one Sunday we found 13 vehicles parked there, most from out of the area. As a result of this we have written to the club secretary and asked that visiting teams are requested to use the dedicated car park off Froxhill Crescent.

Youth Nuisance - Most seem to agree that the levels of youth nuisance have reduced significantly and in particular the village centre rarely encounters the issues of the past. The Community Panel considered that youth nuisance should remain a concern, as there always seems to be potential for inconsiderate behaviour. As a result of this we continue our patrols as part of normal business.

The thorny issue of a BMX track caused some disquiet when it was suggested that the playing field on the Ashway was the preferred location. This proposal is still in very early stages but it seems that a new site is to be sought with discussion ongoing with the Parish Council and Highways. We support any additional youth provision and I know many youngsters have favoured a BMX track for some time.

You may recall that in the last issue I mentioned a gathering of youths in March resulting in an assault and damage. On 23rd July (last day of term) youngsters decided to gather once more to celebrate. We patrolled the village from early evening and seized a large quantity of alcohol. The Ashway playing field seemed to be the focus for the gathering; at 22.40hrs we eventually managed to disperse about 150 youths down to the Country Park. Unfortunately a minority have let down the majority leaving the bird hide at the Country

park damaged, a car badge ripped off on Knightons Way and a fence damaged on Northampton Road – the latter 2 occurring when some returned to the village in the small hours. What a shame such incidents occur resulting in the labelling of all involved. I appeal to the youth of the village to come forward should they know who is responsible.

Speeding - Over the last 3 months the following enforcement has been conducted throughout Brixworth.

Harborough Rd/Northampton Rd – 10 visits, 11 tickets, 2 cautions and a report to court (56mph). Spratton Rd – 3 visits, no offenders. Holcot Rd – 3 visits 5 tickets. Church St – 1 visit, no offences. Froxhill Crescent – 1 visit, no offences. In addition to this 1 fixed penalty had been issued for use of mobile phone on Northampton Rd.

Several complaints have come in about the Ashway, used as a ‘race track’. During June a 24/7 covert survey was conducted. The speeds of all 5126 vehicles passing were recorded, the average speeds fall below 30mph. The results of this survey do not justify an enforcement campaign, however I do appreciate there are the odd ones so cannot rule out the occasional visit with the laser gun.

We will continue to carry out enforcement in the village.

Crime figures, in comparison with Apr – Jun 07 are down 13%. However the warm weather has attracted the opportunistic burglars and we have suffered 4 on the Ashway estate alone. Most have been ‘car key’ burglaries where vehicles have been targeted and keys taken, sometimes hooked through letterboxes, or homes entered through insecurities (5 insecure homes/garages entered over the last 3 months). We have carried out a leaflet drop to 400 homes reminding residents to place keys and other valuables out of sight. Whilst delivering the leaflets we saw car keys sitting on hall tables waiting to be hooked! Please do your best to look after your property and keep your homes secure. We can offer advice and ‘at cost products’ to help – just ask.

The 5 24/7 teams based at Daventry now have an officer assigned to prioritise the area. These officers are fed with intelligence specific to our beat to encourage their presence; hopefully this will have a positive impact.

On 5th July some youths set fire to the matting on St David’s playing field – enquiries continue with some individuals yet to be identified. On 16th June damage was caused to a digger and bales of hay set alight on a farm off Scaldwell Road, 3 local youths have been interviewed and one appropriately processed. 2 trailers were stolen in the village between the 11th and 13th June, 3 adult males have been arrested and interviewed, unfortunately there is insufficient evidence to charge at this time. 2 males have been interviewed in relation to a theft from a motor vehicle in Broad St on 2nd June, one has been referred for youth diversion the other issued an adult caution. A 14yr old youth has been interviewed following his suspected involvement in a burglary in Brampton Way in May, again due to

insufficient evidence there is no further action at this stage. On 2nd April we arrested two males for theft of cabling from Damherst Piece; these two are to appear in court on 11th Sept for trial.

PCSO Jo Hillery has worked hard to rejuvenate Neighbourhood Watch and the last meeting was well attended and very positive. Liz Wiig was voted in as the new chair and all are welcome to come along to the next meeting on 23rd September at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Jo also holds a surgery in the Community centre the next dates are 6th Sept, 27th Sept, 18th Oct and 8th Nov.

As always we are keen to hear your comments and concerns. Please feel free to contact us on 08453 700700, by email SCTDaventryRuralNorth@northants.police.uk by visiting the force website www.northants.police.uk and navigating to the Daventry Rural North pages or speaking to us when you see us. *PS Mike Grady*

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BRIXWORTH YOUTH FOUNDATION



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ASDA Depot based in Lutterworth recently made a financial contribution to Brixworth Youth Foundation. This 'priceless' gesture is part and parcel for ASDA who's store and depots raise money to support local charities through a whole range of events such as in-store fun days, raffles and tombolas.

Youth member Kelly Rose cycled around Pitsford reservoir raising £13 for

the Foundation. She often assists at ASDA fundraisers so the local depot elected to support her fundraising efforts for the Foundation by making a donation of £200.

Also in the picture, third from left, bottom row, is Jack Reed who completed the circuit of Brixworth reservoir raising £11. A third member, Nicola Henson also completed a circuit round the reservoir.

Lapping it up



Brixworth Youth Club volunteer and local business man Phil Reger and BYF chairman John McFadyen took up the challenge of cycling ten times round Pitsford Rervoir to raise funds for the Foundation. 'Ten Laps was very challenging...' commented John '...and anyone who tells me the route round Pitsford is flat should try doing ten laps' Phil, who organised the event and completed the challenge in 2007 as well, raised around £200 and completed the gruelling course in eight hours and twenty-five minutes counting breaks. John raised £125 and finished in seven hours and fifteen minutes.

Anyone interested in getting involved in The Pitsford Cycle 10 Challenge in 2009, or sponsoring the event, should contact John either by e-mail at brixworthyouthclub@fsmail.net or by telephone on 01604 889135 *John*

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COUNTRY EYE



by Brian Webster



Life in Another World

It was early morning on one of those perfect days in May as I set forth on my trusty old bike for a favourite place of mine. Some six miles of leisurely pedaling later, as I neared my destination, I had encountered perhaps half a dozen cars and a United Counties bus laden with workers en route for the noisy dust-laden shoe factories in Northampton. I freewheeled down a narrow twisty lane to brake where three roads converged.

After secreting my bike in a dry ditch, away from prying eyes, I walked the short distance to where a little stone bridge crossed over a small brook. Here it seemed to me I was at the very end of the world, away from it all, at one with nature. The stream faintly gurgled as it passed beneath the arch of the bridge. Generally its passage was calm and slow as it made its winding way along the broad flat valley; but every now and then a gravelly reach of shallow water would stir it into action. Even then the sounds it made were gentle ones, it seemed adding to the overall music of the morning.

The air was awash with bird sounds. The tick tick tick of the blackbird I had upset when I first arrived could still be heard. Crowding in upon me were songs and calls of two dozen other species, which I had honed my hearing to pick up since my earliest years. The insistent calls of the cuckoo bombarded me from several directions, and every now and again I could hear the bubbling call of the female, liquid sounds that I knew were a prelude to mating.

Whitethroats erupted from the low hedge every fifty yards it seemed, drab little bundles of feathers that were the males advertising their presence to any others that looked likely to intrude. A mere twenty or so feet above the hedge seemed sufficient for them as they parachuted back on gracefully arched wings from whence they had come. Close by in the nettle-bed the female would be sitting close on five or six eggs, tiny scraps of grey-white freckled with brown, that were on the point of hatching in the fragile-looking nest. One of the eggs was somewhat larger and rounder than the others. This was destined to produce a young cuckoo, so all the whitethroat chicks faced certain death as one by one they would be ejected from the nest by the upstart hatchling.

Presently I heard the insistent brief utterance

of the lesser whitethroat, short but sweet in the sense that the song was quite melodic, in a small ways like that of the hedge sparrow, which I could also hear. Less common than the whitethroat I was still able to pick up the sounds of three males as they shouted defiance, in bird-talk, at one another. And above all, at every turn, the throbbing calls of turtle doves, not long returned from their migrations, seemed to exemplify that still, shimmering time as spring drifted on into summer.

As I climbed over the gate to follow the brook in its wandering passage downstream I heard a shrill high-pitched piping as a kingfisher shot past, a heart-stopping vision of electric blue, vivid green, and burnt scarlet. A hundred yards on was the nest, tunneled by sharp beaks into the soil where a bend had created a vertical bank. The 'whitewash' below the round entrance showed there were well-grown young in there. Despite their pristine appearance kingfishers are disgusting housekeepers. The young, looking like young dinosaurs when newly hatched, produce copious droppings as they grow, and this together with the accumulation of a pile of discarded fish bones and other remains leads to a foul-smelling liquid of decay running down the gentle slope of the tunnel and eventually down the bank. I have found kingfishers nests from some way off by looking for this tell-tale sign.

The high visibility of the birds did not blind me to the rich canvas of other wildlife. The stiffly beautiful yellow flag irises lined many places along the banks, while in the calmer,

deeper stretches the distinctive yellow brandy-bottles of water lilies emerged from the water's surface alongside the broad waxy pads of the leaves. Damselflies, winged pirates, dashed up and down, airborne needles of blue and red and shining green, either on the lookout for an insect meal, or the males were chasing one another as they sought to defend their territories.

Shortly I came to a flat meadow of 'sour' waterlogged grass, and here for me was the icing on the cake of a memorable walk. The bright emerald of the grass was punctuated by the gloomy green of the rushes as they stood tall, like so many shaving brushes. Snipe rushed away, scything through the air on powerful wings in their alarm, before circling around to keep an eye on me. The female would be sitting on eggs, or perhaps guarding the fluffy beautifully camouflaged youngsters, as they froze into the background. Redshanks, with their long beaks and long red legs were here as well, their yodeling cries of alarm showing that they too had young hidden away. The creaking calls and tumbling flight of the lapwings completed a trio of waders that nested in safety here every year.

So where was I? Where was this idyllic spot? I'll give you a clue. If you were to stand there today, you would drown. For the area I describe was swallowed up by Pitsford reservoir in the 1950's. The little lanes used to be part of the Holcot-Brixworth road, and the third road went off up the hill towards Walgrave. At times of low summer levels you may still see parts of these roads. Together with the bridge which spanned the brook. Many of the birds I have described are nearly extinct in our county, and those few that remain are likely to be in nature reserves. This wild countryside has also all-but gone. We call this progress.

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BRIXWORTH HISTORY**



At around 8.30am on Wednesday 25th June 2008, vehicles with loud speaker equipment were alerting residents to the fact that they must boil their drinking water before use. T.V. and radio programmes began giving out more details in their news broadcasts to the effect that 250,000 homes in the Northampton and Daventry area had potentially contaminated drinking water and that the suspected source was the Pitsford Reservoir owned by Anglian Water. Some schools in the area closed immediately after the alert. Supplies of bottled water became scarce. Anglian Water reported that it was investigating routine samples that had shown evidence of cryptosporidium in the water, which can cause severe diarrhoea.

Anglian Water claimed they were working around the clock to resolve the problem. On Thursday 26th June 2008 all affected households received the above notice which whilst specific, gave no indication how long we would have to boil our drinking water. Schools continued to remain closed.

At the weekend, reports indicated that the search had narrowed to the water treatment plant at Pitsford and mobile ultra- violet screening equipment had been brought to the treatment plant

Finally notices were issued on Saturday 5th July 2008 to the effect that the drinking water was now fit to drink without boiling.

It is surprising that the ultra-violet screen is not a permanent installation as this zaps cryptosporidium. Anglian Water has indicated that affected households will be compensated up to a maximum of £30 per household.

Harvey Fox

**HANGING HOUGHTON
AND LAMPORT NEWS**

The Manor Gardens development is still continuing at a pace, although the site owner who appeared on the local news, said that in view of the current state of the housing market, the outside of the buildings would be completed and that the properties would be mothballed until the market improves.

We wish a warm welcome to Paul, Cheryl and son Ashley, who have moved into Lamport Lodge – second house on the right coming into the village. They moved here from Market Harborough.

A public meeting was held in Brixworth on the 16th July to discuss the proposal to build a wind farm at Lodge Farm. Over 220 people from the surrounding area attended and the vast majority were opposed to the proposal. A committee is being organised to oppose this idea and a number of village contacts will be set up to keep their villagers informed of progress. I am the contact for our two villages.

Bolsterstone, the organisation that plan to carry out this work, held a public presentation at Brixworth Village Hall on the 11th and 12th of August – I hope this was a good opportunity to air your views.

We are informed that the official planning application will be made in late August. Village contacts will be informing you of your deadline for your views to be sent to D.D.C.

Mike Philpott

MOULTON SCHOOL



Year 9 go science crazy!

Recently at Moulton School, Year 9 has had a science day. Normal lessons were put on hold, and a range of visitors, from Moulton College and Northampton University, to Nottingham University, the British Geological Society and the Northants Accident Reduction Team, delivered a series of science based workshops. Topics covered included exotic animals, forensics, waste management, occupational health, robotics, crisis management surrounding a volcanic eruption, and MRI with liquid nitrogen. The day was a huge success and reflects the number of these students who have chosen to do all three science GCSE subjects this year.

Trevor Jones Headteacher

Date for your Diary

Following on from the huge success of our Open Day last year, we are holding another Antiques Roadshow and Open Day on Thursday 16th October 2008 from 2.00pm to 6.00pm at Brixworth Library & Community Centre.

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Adoring Saints -attributed to JACOPO DI CIONE c.1370

FROM THE VICAR

Dear People of Brixworth

Occasionally I'm asked to arrange a short service in which couples are able to renew their wedding vows on a particular anniversary and of course I'm very happy to do this, whether it involves just the couple themselves, and perhaps one or two witnesses, or indeed the whole family. Significant Wedding anniversaries are surely worthy of celebration in church. Maybe the 10th anniversary or the 20th anniversary should be celebrated these days to emphasize the importance and stability of a good marriage. Sadly, even many church members have family parties for these occasions, but do not consider celebrating their anniversaries in church and asking God's blessing on them.

So why not come to your local parish church for a prayer and blessing on an anniversary that is important to you? A 'special' birthday perhaps (even an ordinary one indeed) – the anniversary of your baptism or confirmation – or a wedding anniversary could be considered. There's so much usually to be thankful for on these occasions, so that coming to your church to say a prayer and perhaps light a candle ought to be a natural thing to do, with or without others present. The anniversary of a departed relative or friend is worthy of a church visit too,

You don't need to be a regular churchgoer to avail yourself of this opportunity and there are no fees involved (although a donation to church funds is always welcome!) So please do think seriously about it.

One of the privileges of having been here so long is to see members of this community whom I baptized coming to me to arrange their weddings. It is hard to think now how I managed to pick them up and hold them in my arms once upon a time – but presumably I did do so!

It was suggested to me that I wrote this month about the bishops deliberations at the recent Lambeth Conference but since the media seem to have been banished from most sessions this time and the conference generally held behind locked doors, all I can glean is that the bishops have agreed to be nicer to each other (at least in public) and not be disagreeable about their disagreements. Did they really need to come all that way and at such expense to someone, for three weeks just for that?

Yours sincerely

Anthony J. Watkins

Calendar for Autumn 2008

SEPT.	7 SUNDAY	TRINITY XVI	10.15a.m. only
	14 SUNDAY	HOLY CROSS DAY	7.45a.m., 10.15a.m. and 6.00p.m.
	21 SUNDAY	TRINITY XVIII	10.15a.m. and 6.00p.m.
	28 SUNDAY	TRINITYXIX	10.15a.m. and 6.00p.m.
	29 Monday	St. MICHAEL and ALLANGELS	12.00 noon HOLY EUCHARIST
OCT.	4 Saturday	St. FRANCIS of ASSISI	10.00a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST
	5 SUNDAY	DEDICATION FESTIVAL	7.45a.m., 10.15a.m. and 6.00p.m.
	12 SUNDAY	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	10.15a.m. (6.00p.m. HOLCOT)
	18 Saturday	St. LUKE, EVANGELIST	10.00a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST
	19 SUNDAY	TRINITY XXII	10.15a.m. and 6.00p.m.
	26 SUNDAY	TRINITY XXIII	10.15a.m. and 6.00p.m.
NOV.	1 Saturday	EVE OF ALL SAINTS'	5.00p.m. Twenty Sixth Brixworth Lecture (See below)
	2 SUNDAY	ALL SAINTS' DAY (Patronal Festival)	7.45a.m., 10.15a.m. and 6.00p.m.
	3 Monday	ALL SOULS' DAY	REQUIEM EUCHARIST 10.00a.m.
	9 SUNDAY	TRINITY XXV REMEMBRANCE	7.45a.m., 9.00a.m. and 6.00p.m.
		10.40a.m.SHORT SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE in church and at War Memorial.	
	16 SUNDAY	TRINITY XXVI	10.15a.m. and 6.00p.m.
	23 SUNDAY	BEFORE ADVENT. CHRIST THE KING	10.15a.m. and 6.00p.m.
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FROM THE REGISTERS

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Sunday 29th June.....	Samuel George GRICE	7 Eaglehurst.
Sunday 6th July.....	Isabelle Susan SAWYER	1 Frog Hall
Sunday 10th August.....	Annie Mae HARRIS	38 Shelleycotes Road.
Milly June Nora LINNETTE	29 Windmill Glade
Constance Rose ALLEN	15 Waterlee Furlong.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Saturday 26th July.....Nicholas Ashley HORNE and Mariza Charlotte SMITH

FUNERALS

Monday 9th June.....Mary Christie PLOWMAN (former resident)
Monday 21st July.....Grace Ada EVANS (former resident)

BRIXWORTH ANNUAL LECTURE in church (Saturday November 1st) will be given this year by Dr. David Parsons of the Centre for Name Studies at the University of Nottingham on the subject of “Early English Place Names.” Tickets £5.00 (including tea in the Heritage Centre beforehand) are available from the Vicar and members of the Friends’ Council or at the door on the day.

ALL SOULS’ DAY (Monday, 3rd November) After the Requiem Eucharist at 10.00a.m. there will be an opportunity for anyone in the area to come and light a candle in the church for departed friends and relatives and say a prayer for them (until 5.00p.m.)

BRIXWORTH GEMS AND OTHER TALES



Manager of Brixworth Foods, Jane Elmore

For those who don't know, we in Brixworth have a number of claims to fame. They include the oldest Anglo Saxon Church in the country, being the home of the engine manufacturer for the successful Mercedes-Benz Formula One racing team featuring Lewis Hamilton, and being the home village of Commonwealth Games gold medal winning swimmer, Caitlin McClatchy. One hidden treasure that some residents will not have experienced perhaps is a food delicacy often served as the ideal appetiser with pre-dinner drinks or as a starter. This aromatic foodstuff made here in Brixworth has been found to have travelled not only to eateries across Northamptonshire but as far a field as Cornwall and Ireland. This wonderful tasty treat made from chicken livers, pork fat, pork rind, bacon, onions, sherry, brandy, salt, garlic, mixed herbs, nutmeg, black pepper and a small amount of preservative is of course Brixworth Pate.

Brixworth Foods has been making pate in the village for over 25 years. 300 kilogram's of Brixworth Pate is made every week under the careful supervision of Manager of Brixworth Foods, Jane Elmore. This small business located in Ironstone Close is owned by Stuart Bates who together with Jane runs the operation.

Pâté is French for "pie." As it was traditionally served baked in a crust (en croûte) or molded as a terrine. Originally the crust was intended to hold this soft spreadable delicacy together and was not meant to be eaten. Pate is simply a form of paste, usually made from meat and often served with toast as a starter.

Brixworth Pate is made on a Monday and a Thursday by cooking bacon and pork fat overnight in a ham boiler, adding chilled chicken livers and dried ambient products, sherry and brandy and mincing through a 3/16 sieve before mincing again then pouring into foil trays. It is then oven cooked at 80°C for two hours before being removed from the oven and placed in a blast chiller at -10°C for two hours. It is then vacuum packed and stored in chilled conditions awaiting transportation.

Pate can be made from a variety of base ingredients such as seasoned ground beef, pork, liver, ham, seafood, wild game, poultry, and vegetables and is often a combination of

several different ingredients. The texture can be smooth and creamy or it can be coarse and chunky. It may be served hot or cold, molded or unmolded. Pate variants can be found across the globe. French and Belgian pate is generally spreadable but others are eaten in chunks or used as sandwich fillers such as the American variant of the German Leberwurst, liverwurst. Leberwurst also made in Austria and Holland where it is generally made as a cooked sausage. In Scandinavia pate is the most popular cold cut and is commonly eaten on bread.

Pate can also be found in Russia and The Ukraine where it is mostly prepared with liver; however other meats also can be used. Unlike the Western European method the liver is first boiled and made into a paste with butter and seasoning, such as herbs and fresh or fried onion.

On Okinawa, an island off the coast of Japan, residents are renowned for their longevity and health. Here a dish known as 'immortal pate' is a favourite.

Swedish Arctic Reindeer meat, cognac and spices is said to be delicious served on hot buttered toast with a glass of brandy! Even Scotland has its variations with such specialties as chicken liver pate with Scottish heather honey and Scottish pheasant and venison pate. Other variations of pate include crab pate with melba toast, duck pate, wine and smoked salmon pate and spicy bean pâté. Venison pate is a traditional Christmas dish. The most famous pâté is probably pâté de foie

gras, which is made from the fattened livers of geese. French chef Jean-Joseph Clause is recorded as being the creator of this dish in 1779 for which he is reported to have been rewarded with a gift of twenty pistols by King Louis XVI. Apparently he even patented his dish in 1784. French law dictates that at least eighty percent of pâté de foie gras must be liver, but this law is often ignored. It is an expensive version of this simple dish and controversial as it involves 'force-feeding' the geese. Brixworth Foods produces a lovely local version of pate which is versatile as a breakfast, picnic/lunch snack or a starter to a sophisticated three course meal. A little known fact is that at Christmas Brixworth Foods also make 12 tons of stuffing!

John McFadyen

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LOCAL SURGERIES TO MERGE

For the common good

Kathryn Baines, Practice manager at Guilsborough Surgery has informed the Bulletin that Brixworth and Guilsborough surgeries plan to merge later this year. As yet, no definite start date has been agreed.

John Brooks, Chairman of Guilsborough Surgery Patient Participation Group tells The Bulletin: 'Following the recent announcement by Northamptonshire Primary Care Trust that Guilsborough and Brixworth Surgeries are to merge and the Public Consultation Document issued to each household, there has been considerable anxiety amongst local patients, uncertain about the impact this will have on care provision and their access to GPs.

On Monday 7th July and Thursday 10th July, the Guilsborough Surgery Patient Participation Group responded to patients concerns and hosted public meetings at Guilsborough and Brixworth Community Centre, attended by the Guilsborough Surgery partners, to allow questioning of the GPs and Practice Manager, and to allow the partners to give a full explanation of the reasons behind the proposed merger.

Dr. Catti Moss (Guilsborough Surgery) stated that the merger was essentially a return to a previous situation of some 20 years ago where Guilsborough and Brixworth were both part of the same Practice Group. She emphasised that having a larger population of patients would allow both surgeries to provide a wider range of improved services for patients and she stressed that there would be absolutely

no need for any patient to have to travel from their current surgery to see their GP of choice.

In addition Dr. Twigg (also from Guilsborough Surgery) commented that Brixworth patients would benefit from an improved appointments system and gain access to additional services held at Guilsborough and that Guilsborough patients would not be disadvantaged in any way by the merger. Resources would be carefully managed to ensure a smooth transition and additional clinics and GP sessions would absorb additional patient numbers.

After both meetings a show of hands confirmed that the majority of patients were now in favour of the merger'. *Paddy Fox*

A FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE A508

Positive news as last.

Ever since the opening of the Brixworth by-pass in 1989, the parish council has lobbied for the installation of a footbridge across the A508. The regular infringement of the 60mph traffic speed limit is commonplace and becoming increasingly dangerous for pedestrians. So far that plea has fallen on deaf ears for a raft of differing reasons – mostly financial.

This year, however, County Council Rights of Way Manager, Richard Hall has accepted the challenge, being in an excellent position to recognise the increasing popularity of Brixworth Country Park and the now vast numbers of walkers and cyclists and their children and dogs who struggle to cross the A508 on a minute by minute basis; at peak traffic times, having to wait several minutes.

On our behalf, Mr. Hall is trying to access some of the funding allocated into the Local Transport Plan from the Dept. of Transport's work programme. Towards that end, he recently called for a head count of pedestrians and cyclists crossing the road. Surveys were carried out recently on a Sunday and a Wednesday. The results were encouraging and factored up could amount to over one hundred and twenty five thousand crossings a year.

Armed with these figures, Richard Hall is currently putting a bid together for a footbridge which he guesses will cost upwards of £250,000. Whilst he has no real idea of the likelihood of success, he expects to receive an answer later this autumn. If successful, the construction would take place as soon as 2010. *Paddy Fox*

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PLANNING STATUS REPORT

REFERENCE NO. & DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	P.C. RECOMMENDATION & DDC DECISION
DA/2007/1130. Pytchley Cottage, Harborough Road. Extension at first floor.	PC 5/11 No objection. D.D.C. Refused
DA/2007/1360/1360 Land to the west of Mercedes Avenue. Installation of 60 metre high anemometry mast.	PC 18/12. No objections providing site is considered suitable and has been designated for commercial use. D.D.C. Approved
DA/2007/1316 & 1317. 1 & 2 Hunters Way. Two one bedroom flats at first floor above No 1 and one bedroom flat at first floor above No. 2.	PC 18/12 PC strongly objects.
DA/2007/1419. 25 Knights Way. Single storey rear extension.	PC 29/1. No objections. D.D.C. Approved.
DA/2007/1400 Buckton Fields, Boughton. Residential development consisting of approx. 1250 dwellings.	PC 29/1 Traffic increase objections.
DA/2008/0166 Beech Hill, 25 Church St. Demolition of conservatory and outhouse, construction of extensions to house and new detached garage.	PC 25/3 No objection. D.D.C. Approved.
DA/2008/0136. 85 Spratton Road. Two storey extension to side of dwelling.	PC 18/2 No objection. D.D.C. Approved.
DA/2008/0224. Wood Close, 8 High St. Detached chalet dwelling with attached single garage.	PC 10/3 No objection. D.D.C. Approved.
DA/2008/0383. 5 Iron Pikes. Two storey extension to front of dwelling.	PC 29/4 No objection. D.D.C. Approved.
DA/2008/0347. 43 Froxhill Crescent. Detached double garage at front of dwelling.	PC 29/4. No objection. D.D.C. Refused.
DA/2008/0356. 87 The Ashway. Retention of wind turbine on a permanent basis.	PC 29/4 No objection. D.D.C. Approved.
DA/2008/0267 & 0268LB. The George Inn, Northampton Road. Extension to conservatory lobby and reposition lobby door. Add pair of doors from conservatory to patio, form opening between bars and add new fireplace.	PC 21/3 No objections. D.D.C. Approved.
DA/2008/0403. Mercedes Benz Technology Centre, Morgan Drive. Single storey building to provide facilities for trackside race technicians.	PC 29/4 No objection. D.D.C. Approved
DA/2008/0393. Haywards Barn, Northampton Road. Erection of bowls club.	PC 29/4. Strong objection. D.D.C. Approved.
DA/2008/0435. Horton House, Silver St. Demolition of existing garage and replacement with new garage with access onto Hall Farm Close.	PC 20/5. Objections. D.D.C. Refused.
DA/2008/0552. 11 Windmill Glade. Conservatory to side of dwelling.	PC 30/6 No objection. D.D.C. Approved

Zebra Crossing on Northampton Road near Ex- Rigiflex Site.

Still in the dark!

Keith Thursfield D.D.C. planning officer was very helpful when we approached him concerning the hold-up in starting the construction of the zebra crossing near the ex-Rigiflex site on the Northampton Road which has planning permission and funding available. Very little work has been done on the site since the last issue of the Bulletin, but Samuel Accufuah of Genesis Housing Association confirmed that the contract between Genesis and Amberley Homes had been finalised and the two organisations are now partners in the development of social housing.

Whilst some foundation work has continued, we understand that the brickwork cannot start until the type of brick to be used has been agreed with D.D.C. The original agreed brick is now no longer in production and replacement bricks offered by the builder were not satisfactory.

Mr Thursfield told us that the sub-station has been positioned on the site and that D.D.C. is allowing access from Froxhill Crescent. However he did not know whether Amberley needed to work on the footpath near the zebra crossing which is the alleged reason for the delay in the installation of the crossing.

When The Bulletin telephoned Amberley's M.D. Paul West, he wanted to know what our problem was and that he was very busy. When he was asked about the work on the footpaths for the utilities supply, and when it might be completed, he replied that he would meet the obligations of his contract. He then put the phone down.

Shirley Harrison of the School Crossing Dept. said that her department would only advertise the vacancy for a 'lollipop' person when the crossing is complete. Rudeness from Mr West does not help the village to get an idea when this crossing can be started.

Harvey Fox

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An evening with Fiona Castle



Brixworth Christian Fellowship will be paying host to Fiona Castle as she addresses a ladies' meeting on Wednesday 18 September at the Library & Community Centre. For many years she stood in the shadow of her husband Roy, who died in 1994, but is a gifted speaker in her own right. As a committed Christian, Fiona will be speaking about her life and the strength she has gained through knowing Jesus Christ.

The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. with refreshments in The Olive Branch, and Fiona will speak from 8:00. We anticipate that there will be much interest in her visit, so you will need to book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets cost £5 and are available from The Olive Branch coffee shop in the Community Centre.

BRIXWORTH BULLETIN ONLINE

The Bulletin will shortly join the world-wide web at www.brixworthbulletin.com. The website should be available by the 1st September 2008 and the intention is that, at first, it will display the latest issue of the Bulletin and, gradually, back numbers will be added.

This will provide a reference site for those who want to look up matters that arose some time previously and it will make the Bulletin available to people who have moved away from the village but who would still like to keep in touch. Furthermore, through search engines and links, it will provide access to village news to a wider readership and it will give our advertisers, without whom the Bulletin could not exist, a greater exposure for their businesses.

In time, we hope that the site might provide an opportunity to post their views and comments.

BRIXWORTH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7.30pm IN BRIXWORTH VILLAGE HALL.

TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2008

A talk on yoga history/philosophy and benefits by Mrs D. Ferraro

TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2008

Annual General Meeting

TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2008

A talk on Living with a Tribe in Tanzania by Kevin McGrath (Back by popular demand)

TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2008

Christmas Party

Next year 2009, we have a full interesting programme again. Anyone wishing to join, or come as a visitor is most welcome.

Secretary 01604 880317

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

11th – 17th MAY 2008

The amount raised in Brixworth was £1,608.42. Thank you to all who contributed and to those who delivered and collected the envelopes, and helped with the count.

Unfortunately, we were unable to collect from the whole village. I really need somebody to help me with the organisation of next year's Christian Aid Week, so that we can extend the coverage. If you feel able to help with this, please contact me on 01604 882058

Vanessa Crooks

Christian Aid Week Organiser

BRIXWORTH SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

This bowls club has been in existence for two and a half years and meet every Friday afternoon at 2.30pm and in the evening at 7.30pm in the Brixworth Centre, Church Street.

Do not be put off if you have not bowled before as many of our members had no previous experience. You will find after a few games and some tuition, you will soon pick up the rudiments of the game.

Why not pop along one Friday and meet our members and try short mat bowls. We are sure you will enjoy yourself. *Bill Wise*

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United Kingdom Youth Parliament

In February, I stood for election for the United Kingdom Youth Parliament in the Kettering constituency. I stood in Kettering because I attend school there. I was successful and became a Deputy Member of the Youth Parliament.

The UK Youth Parliament is composed of about 600 members and deputy members all of whom are elected by the young people in their area. There are 8 of us in Northamptonshire. We attend meetings at county and regional level and are also involved with local youth forums and the Northamptonshire Children and Young People's Partnership, the body that allocates funding for children's services in Northamptonshire. Some of us, including me this year, attended the annual sitting of the Youth Parliament, where national priorities are set and issues discussed. 300 members attend the annual sitting with deputies going as replacements for absent members. We rarely met as a whole group and were mostly in smaller (15-30) discussion groups which were chaired by a Procedure Group representative. (PG representatives are a kind of super member of which, two are elected for each region, every year at a regional meeting).

However, our main work is in campaigning, both on the three national campaigns: a public transport concession

card for under 18's, the abolition of tuition fees and improving recycling, and on local issues.

Members of the Youth Parliament can have local influence, whether in Brixworth, Kettering or Northamptonshire, through influencing how resources for young people are allocated by the local authorities and national influence by raising the profile of issues that are important to young people and showing people and society that young people can make as much of a positive contribution as anyone else.

Another of our functions is to represent the views of young people at the highest possible level. If any young person has a suggestion or idea for me, I would be delighted if they e-mailed me. My address is 03SMONK.christopher@bishopstopford.com.
Christopher Monk

DRAUGHTON NEWS

Our annual Church Fete was held on a lovely day in June and raised £850 for St Catherine's. It was very good for such a small village. Thank you to everyone involved.

The Maidwell & Draughton Parish Council sent out forms for a straw poll to gauge the reaction to the proposed wind farms in the area. The uptake in Draughton was very disappointing.

At long last it looks as if the problems in connection with The Club Room have been solved and building of the extension should re-commence later this autumn.

May I assure anyone who read the A to Z in the 'Daventry Calling' that Draughton is still here a mile east of Maidwell, not west of the River Wharfe near Skipton in Yorkshire!!
Anne Block

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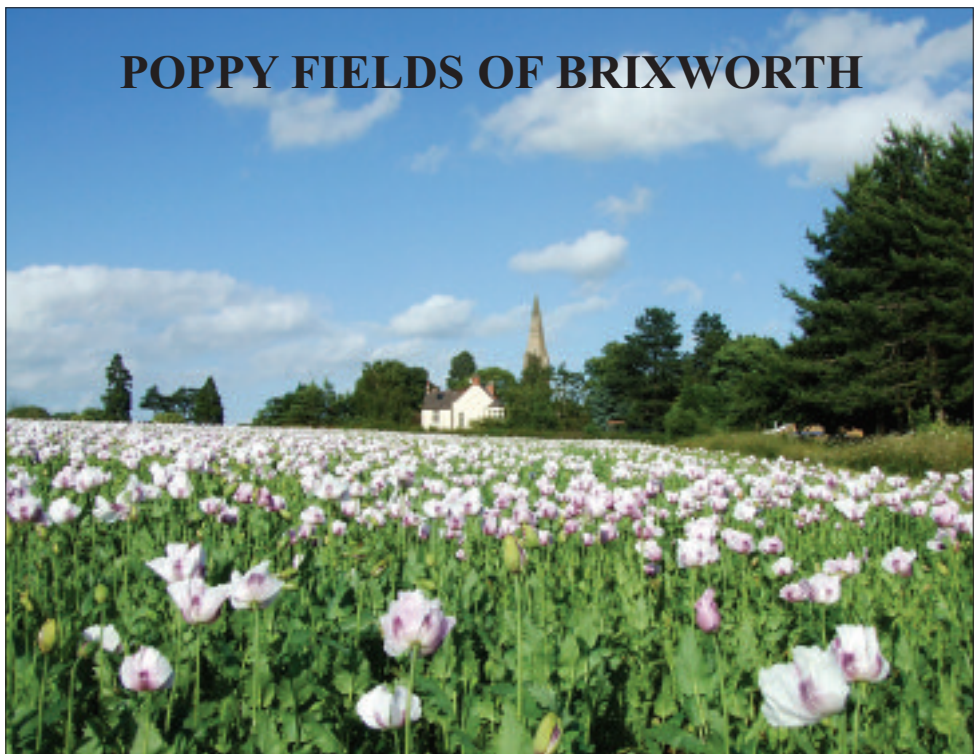



BRIXWORTH DRAMA GROUP

The Brixworth Drama Group autumn productions will be performed on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th September at 7.45p.m.

“Deadline Dawn” by Anthony Booth is a gripping and atmospheric hostage crisis. Two Palestinians kidnap the Israeli ambassador’s daughter. As the kidnappers come under more pressure, a priest enters the arena, attempting to negotiate and defuse the tense situation. But one man’s terrorist is another man’s freedom fighter, and the kidnappers have something to prove...

“Footprints in the Sand” by Colin Crowther is a poignant portrayal of a stroke victim facing the futility of losing his identity as his condition deteriorates. When he meets an enigmatic woman on a deserted beach, she tells him of the suffering of a local girl. The man realises that the girl and he are linked by their suffering, and begins to ask the questions to face up to his future.



POPPY FIELDS OF BRIXWORTH

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Are you a Brixworth voluntary organisation looking for funding. If so contact the Parish Council Clerk for an application form on 01604 881243 or email pc_brixworth@daventrydc.gov.uk. The closing date is 31st October 2008.

Last September 2007, we pictured the first sighting of a white poppy field near Froxhill Terrace. It was a stunning sight and as the poppy plants contain morphine, the seed pods are processed in Scotland to extract the pain killing drug.

This year many fields around the church down towards the Brampton Valley Way

and fields near the southern side of the A508 have been sown with this crop and again the countryside is a picture. As a hay-fever sufferer, I much prefer this crop to the yellow rape crops which used to be a feature of this part of Northampton.

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LIAM DOLMAN COBBLER'S FOOTBALLER



September will be a special month for Brixworth born footballer Liam Dolman, who is embarking on his second full season in Northampton Town's first team during 2008/09.

For while there will be several 'stand out' dates for Cobblers' followers this season, with such giants as Leicester City and Leeds United in the fixture mix, a home match with Brighton & Hove on September 27th falls just a day after Liam's 21st birthday. Liam, whose father Keith is a former President of Brixworth FC and whose elder brother Neil now plays for Brixworth, after spending five years in youth teams at the Sixfields Stadium, made a remarkable impact with the Cobblers last season. After clocking his first team debut at Doncaster on the final day of the 2006/07 campaign, Liam made 34 appearances last season in league and cup, the powerfully built defender scoring his first goal in the 1-1 home draw with Hartlepool in January. Unfortunately that moment also temporarily unsettled his run in the Cobblers side as he explained 'A Hartlepool defender kned me on purpose after I turned away having scored the goal and I suffered a bad dead leg. I could hardly walk for the following two days and lost my place in the side at Gillingham as a result.' Liam battled his way back into the first team. He has signed another 18months contract last November.

A Brixworth lad through and through, Liam played cricket for the village last year and has recently trained with his old football mates.

Liam's parents Keith and Linda support him all over the country and it is not unusual for younger sisters Megan and Olivia to be watching in the crowd.

Apart from his own personal landmark date in September, the two matches with Leicester City are of especial interest, with the Foxes forced to play in the third tier of the English football for the first time in their history. Northampton are at the Walkers Stadium on October 25th with the match at

Sixfields on January 31st. Liam says; 'My girlfriend Holly Pierce is from Leicester and her family and friends are Leicester supporters. There has already been quite a bit of banter flying around suggesting they will put a bet on Leicester to win 8-0.'

'We all know it doesn't work like that and I would dearly love us to beat them. There is a good mood in the camp, thanks to the manager Stuart Gray and I'm sure we can have a good season.' *Mike Beesley*

DAVE COLEMAN



Dave Coleman has stepped down as Chairman of Brixworth Juniors Football Club in July. He has been involved in the football club for 39 years and we presented him with a decanter to commemorate his achievement.

It is hoped that a tribute to Dave Coleman can be included in the next issue of the Bulletin.

BRIXWORTH A.S.F.C.

Pre season is going very well with many new players, many of who have a good pedigree of non league football, have joined the club.

The 1st XI are currently unbeaten after 4 friendlies, drawing with Northampton Spencer and Cranfield United and beating Cogenhoe Reserves and Buckingham Athletic, all of which are of a higher level. So it has been a very promising start.

The Reserves have had two friendlies which they lost to higher opposition. 20 players were at both games, so changes were made to find the best team for the future. It is good to have a large squad.

Pete Baker and Pete Anscombe are running the Reserve team, with Dave Franklin continuing as coach. The above mentioned and the committee including myself, hope to make Brixworth the best club in the area no matter if it takes five years to achieve it.

The season starts on September 6th with an away derby at Moulton. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible watching the games. Hopefully we will be celebrating success in May.

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