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## A BRILLIANT CARNIVAL - CONGRATULATIONS ON A REAL VILLAGE EVENT



Judges Mr & Mrs Fränk Wiig with carnival organiser, Mike Nice



Best Overall - Brixworth Landscaping

### More photographs of the Carnival taken by Ian Topham, Catherine Hole and Roger Verall on pages 2 to 4

An amazing day – wonderful floats, glorious costumes, huge crowds all over the village and perfect weather, the 2010 Carnival was held on Saturday 3rd July with the procession of floats and organisations assembling at the north end of Northampton Road where Councillors Frank and Liz Wiig made their choice of the Best Overall entry – Brixworth Landscapes, ‘Best on Wheels’ – Drama Group and ‘Best Walking’ – Brixworth Primary School.

The procession started at 2.00p.m. with the 37 organisations wending their way down Harborough Road, Northampton Road, Spratton Road and then up Brampton Way to the Playing Fields. The route was lined with cheering spectators and stewards collected donations as they walked by. It is estimated that over 2,000 people attended the Carnival procession and the Party in the Park. After the official opening by Bernie Keith, Radio Northampton, there were performances by the ATC Band, Wryngwyrn Viking Group, Gymnastic Displays, Jessica Meadows, De ja vu 60’s Band, Morris Men, Youth Club Drama Group and the ‘Friday at Five Band’.

The amount raised from sale of over 1,000 programmes and donations from sponsors and bucket collections was over £2,000. This money will be shared between ‘Save the Children Fund’ and Village Groups. Groups wishing to apply

for funding should contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@brixworthpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brixworthpc.org.uk) before the 17th September.

The Carnival Committee would like to thank their principal sponsors: Mercedes-Benz HPE, PC Howard Ltd, Raybell & Sons, Novacraft, CPL Aromas, Paladon, Mawsley Machinery, Direct Printing and May Gurney Services. The project was supported by Brixworth Parish Council, Daventry District Council and Northamptonshire Community Foundations (Grassroots Funding).

Mike Nice and his committee are to be warmly congratulated for arranging such a wonderful event. *Harvey Fox*

### FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW 18th SEPTEMBER 2010



### Editorship of Brixworth Bulletin

In response to a notice in the last issue of the Bulletin for a reader to take over the editorship of the Brixworth Bulletin at the beginning of 2011, Claudia Flavell-While, who lives in Station Road has agreed to become editor for the 28th issue onwards. She is editor of a monthly journal ‘The Chemical Engineer’ and has lived in the village for 9 years. In the next issue, which will be my final one, I will publish more details about Claudia, but in the meantime, I am delighted that she has agreed to take up the reins. *Harvey Fox*

Entry forms available at K.F. Troop & Son, Hunters Way, Brixworth. It is hoped that the weather and turnout will equal that of last year. Tickets for the Harvest Supper sold out very quickly last year, so secure your tickets as soon as possible. They are available at Troop’s shop.



Coach & Horses float



Stilt walker leading  
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Youth Club float  
Drama section



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Brixworth Landscaping



Harborough Road



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BASFC float



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Matthew Cox does a  
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Viking display

# BRIXWORTH YOUTH CLUB

March 9th 2010 marked the youth club's fifth year of operation at Ironstone Way. We thought we should celebrate such an auspicious occasion with a couple of parties – the prime one being, of course, for the young people. Everyone felt that we couldn't go wrong with pizzas and we were really grateful to the George for supplying these free of charge. The second party was a little get together at the club for all helpers and beneficiaries, past and present. We tried really hard to contact everyone who had ever been involved with the club, since its current success is based on their past effort. If you were one of the few we were unable to contact, please receive our heartfelt thanks for your contribution. We are grateful to the Parish Council who awarded us a grant for the coming year.

We continue to offer something each week night for the youth of the village, due largely to our small band of volunteers.

Monday continues to be our most popular night, especially since we lowered the starting age to year 6s. Young people from all our club nights enjoyed a BBQ at the country park in June and £45 was raised by two members who were sponsored for eating chocolate with a plastic knife and fork and the number of marshmallows they could get in their mouth at one time. Thank you to Callum and Cory for their efforts. Mondays have closed for the summer holidays but will re-open on 6th September. On Tuesdays, the army cadets use the building.

Due to funding from N.C.C. we have been able to finance an experienced youth leader, James Kitchener who has been working on a Wednesday night with structured sessions alongside usual club activities. The young people have achieved accreditation for various training and are working towards their youth achievement awards.

In May we were successful in winning an award of £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund. On the Wednesday night we are running an environmental project looking at the controversial issue of the disposal of

dog poo and its impact on the local area. We are planning to have a public presentation of our findings.

You will have seen our calendar of sessions that we will run over the school holidays.

On Thursdays Katie Marriott, first year music student at Northampton University, has been working with the young people on music and dance. While she is back at home for the summer break we have been running karaoke nights. These will be back from 9th September and then we hope to welcome Katie back sometime in October.

Laura Clark has been running our drama club which meets on Fridays. The drama students put on a sketch show at Brixworth School on March 19th with over 50 people in the audience. Again, the Friday is not open through the holidays. However, Laura organised two 2-day summer workshops on media/TV skills and comedy and stage fighting workshops. The drama club also put on a public performance at the carnival.

We were one of the many organisations who entered a float in the village carnival and we really enjoyed this event. We were lucky with the weather but the organisation had nothing to do with chance! It was a lovely day.

We welcome all young people from year 6 up to 17 years of age. We would love to hear from older teenagers who would like accreditation for voluntary work in

conjunction with NVYA. We are always looking for more volunteer helpers, so if anyone can spare any time, however little, our Chairperson, Jane Ames (889150) would love to hear from you. Jane can also give more details of the above activities.



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# Gardening Notes by Catherine Hole



The summer season now draws to a close and signs of autumn creep across the garden.

Herbaceous borders have taken on the warm glowing shades of deep crimson, golden yellow, and rich orange of dahlias, mysterious mauves of asters (Michaelmas daisies), and dusky pink of the sedum flower beloved of butterflies, (retain the sedum stems as the flowers deepen during the winter months to a rich maroon hue). Japanese anemones create a pleasing effect at this time especially en masse in a border, creating a vision of bobbing heads of shell pink, the variety 'Queen Charlotte' above bold foliage. The white form 'Honorine Jobert' which for me is the more attractive, for it stands out so well during the low - level evening light as with all white flowers. The pink forms may become invasive but only need to be kept under control by reducing the size of the clumps, whilst the white form increases its size at a much slower pace. A site in sun or shade suits these undemanding plants.

Autumn flowering bulbs such as 'schizostylus coccinea', a late - flowering relative of the gladiolus with grassy leaves, has pink or vivid red flowers preferring a sunny site. Cyclamen hederifolium prefer a shady site beneath deciduous trees planted only just below the soil surface. The delicate flowers from cerise through to pale pink and white, just 10cm tall miraculously appear solitarily after their attractive marbled ivy-leaved foliage has totally died down, drifts of these are such an attractive sight. The autumn crocus in shades of pink or pure white, properly referred to as 'Colchicum' known also as 'naked ladies' as the leaves do not appear until springtime resemble a large version of spring crocus, known to all. Low afternoon sunshine below branches of mature trees or shrubs encourages the large globe shaped flowers to open widely.

'Ceratostigma willmottianum' is a very

attractive small deciduous shrub (1m x 1m), clusters of rich blue flowers appear at the ends of the wiry stems in late summer through to autumn when some of the leaves then turn red. It requires a sheltered position in moisture retentive, well drained soil in either a sunny or slightly shady position.

After just a few weeks this scene is transformed into a different landscape, - bleak and austere, once the decaying foliage and flower stems have been removed in the autumn tidy - up. To provide interest for the bleak winter months evergreen shrubs and plants can be considered, for now is a most favourable time to plant as the soil should be warm and moist. Topiary shapes are very effective creating form and greenery. They are trouble-free and easily clipped to shape. A low edging of box (*Buxus sempervirens*) interspersed with 'box-balls' or 'pyramids' produces an attractive winter picture, especially if a hoar frost or light sprinkling of snow is present as this highlights the lines. 'Helleborous foetidus' has striking serrated foliage followed by stems full of pale green flowers in late winter, preferring a shady area. Mahonia 'Charity' is another evergreen winter flowering shrub with scented sulphur - yellow blooms and attractive large holly shaped leaves enjoying drier soil in a sunny position.

Penstemon, pelargonium and lavender can be successfully propagated this month, the rooted cuttings should remain in their pots of rooting media, kept frost free and then individually potted in early spring to provide new plants for use next May.

This summer we have experienced high temperatures and dry conditions for long periods, these extremes have led to problems in both the flower borders and vegetable plots. It has been difficult to compensate the lack of rain sufficiently to enable the plants to produce the expected blooms and crops. It has been interesting to observe which crops coped more

successfully than others. Spinach continued to crop well as did lettuce, raspberries, and redcurrants. Beetroot have been good, growing steadily and ageing slowly. The root vegetables, - carrots and parsnips, have struggled as they need moisture over a long growing season to achieve a good size. Early potatoes have cropped well as they produced their tubers before the extreme dry weather set in. Whilst digging these we found the potatoes were noticeably warm emphasising the fact that the temperature of the soil had risen. Early potatoes freshly dug have always been easy to scrape but I felt this time the warm soil appeared to prevent this. Courgettes are quite abundant as they are eaten small, but marrows will require watering to reach the desired size. To enter vegetables for our second 'Flower and Produce show' it would be wise to water all relevant plants. Peas and broad bean plants withered quickly producing a very short picking season before the pods and their contents dried and became old. Recent showers have been welcome and runner beans are deliciously plentiful.

I should like to wish good luck to all entrants of this years 'Flower and Produce Show' and thank you for participating in this village event as without your support it would not continue. The atmosphere of a village competition is unique and fun for all, whether as an observer or an entrant. We look forward to seeing you.

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# COUNTRY EYE



by Brian Webster

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the water in search of a mate. They do not feed as adults, indeed they have no mouth parts. Only a small number of those countless numbers survive to perpetuate the species. In just a few hours it is all over. The females have shed their eggs into the water, and their spent corpses litter the water's surface. The cycle begins again, away from prying eyes. Question: how do all these millions 'know' which is the right evening to emerge?

So what is the purpose of these little beasts in the great scheme of things? Well, in feeding they are part of nature's great clean-up brigade, eating dead plant material that has accumulated on the bottom, and recycling it through their bodies. Many are eaten by underwater predators such as damselfly nymphs, and by fish fry. They may even have

contributed to the growth of that delicious reservoir-caught trout which is the highlight of your special occasion dinner! So, you see, even unconsidered trifles are important.

There now follows a short commercial break... You may be interested to know that we are about to publish an updated and expanded version of 'Lamb's Tails for Breakfast' a story of village life in the nineteen twenties and thirties, which first appeared in 1979. The personal tale of my dear old friend George Wood's life, it is a fascinating look back at an age that seems lost in the mists of time. The book will retail at a special offer price of £4.99 for Bulletin readers (usual price £5.99) and will be available in our e-bay shop, link via our web site. Be sure to mention the Bulletin to get the special price!

Go down to the reservoir on a warm still summer's evening at this time of year, and just sit quietly near the water. If you have chosen the right evening, you may witness one of the most remarkable spectacles anywhere on this earth. If you have binoculars and a magnifying glass all the better. You can enjoy this event in close-up.

The emergence of Caenis, a tiny cousin of the Mayfly with a wingspan of about a centimetre, takes place as the evening light begins to fade, amid a crescendo of activity on the part of the trout. Often the dimpled rings made by the fish as they suck in the insects, are the first sign that a Caenis hatch is taking place. So far as the trout are concerned these minute beasts make up one of their great food bonanzas of the year, an unmissable feast. So great is their appetite for these diminutive morsels it is a wonder that any of them survive to make it out of the water. Yet they hatch not just in millions, but in billions.

So what is all the fuss about? The Caenis nymph, having hatched from the egg, spends the entire year feeding and hibernating out of sight amongst the detritus at the bottom of the water. It moults, or sheds its skin, a couple of times until it is full-grown and ready for the great transformation into adulthood to take place. This final aquatic stage drifts up to the surface, breaks through the surface film, and begins its penultimate moult. The skin breaks open across the thorax (its back) and out struggles a pale ghostly-looking creature with wings just sufficient to carry it ashore.

There it settles on the first solid object it encounters. It may be a fence post, waterside vegetation, your car, or even on you, in which case you are especially favoured! For you will be privileged to see one of nature's great miracles at first hand. The skin splits yet again, and out comes the full adult, with two milky-coloured gauzy wings, yellow body, dark brown thorax, and twin long 'tail' filaments. It rests for a few moments before flying out over



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# POLICE QUARTERLY REPORT



On 22nd July representatives from the village attended the Community Panel meeting held in the community centre Brixworth. There was a good attendance this time and I extend my thanks to David Hymas for assisting in encouraging parishioners to attend. The panel received an update on the previous priority that centred on anti-social behaviour. The village has seen a general decrease in the type of behaviour previously reported and indeed the number of reports has decreased year on year. Over the last 4 months the team has conducted over 100 directed patrols in and around the village and generally most individuals encountered have been well behaved. Misuse of vehicles is the top reported anti social behaviour category and we have dealt with a number of drivers, enforcing speeding (8), mobile telephone use (2) and no seat belt (4) and on top of this over 15 tickets have now been issued for the continual issue of parking on the double yellow lines in Brixworth. Several drivers have been dealt with for vehicle defects too. Speeding and parking remain the number one concerns reported to us in Brixworth. For this reason Parking was chosen by the panel as the priority for the next quarter – this has been backed too by your parish council.

An adult male has been dealt with for shoplifting and is now on a suspended sentence meaning any further convictions will result in a custodial sentence. Another adult male has been charged with damaging windows in the village and a third has

received a caution for cultivating cannabis. We have a number of ongoing cases and are developing intelligence that may lead to further action and arrest and I hope to be able to update you in the next Bulletin.

On 27th June there was a large straw stack fire in the fields south of Brixworth. Thanks to some local residents 4 youths were stopped climbing onto the A508 near to Sandy Hill; we arrested all 4 on suspicion of causing the fire and all 4 are on delayed charge bail pending advice from the Crown Prosecution Service.

Overall crime (this crime year) is down in comparison to last with Brixworth showing a 25% reduction and Hanging Houghton and Lamport reporting no crime and just one offence of theft from vehicle at the Draughton crossing Brampton Valley Way.

Your local policing team welcomes PC Ben Fathers (replacing PC James Reid) and come September PC Robb Walker will swap with PC Jason Brotherton. PC Sandy Holland will move on to the prisoner investigation unit as part of her initial training.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is looking for new members and we would be keen to

introduce Community Link to Brixworth which runs alongside NHW but allows individuals to work more closely with us and exchange information. We are looking for people that are out and about, dog walkers, cyclists, joggers, walkers so if anyone is interested please get in touch with PCSO Jo Hillery or John Haywood. We would also be interested to hear from anyone who feels they would like to assist us as an unpaid volunteer; I believe the minimum contribution would be 8hrs a month and the work can be tailored to suit needs from admin to delivering leaflets, staffing surgeries to community liaison...

The next community panel meeting is on 14th October at the Community Centre at 7pm. Please come along; you can also let us know your concerns by visiting the force website and following the link for local policing.

If anyone has any information on crime please speak to one of us, email us on [SCTDaventuryRuralNorth@northants.police.uk](mailto:SCTDaventuryRuralNorth@northants.police.uk) follow the link on the force website [www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk) or should you wish to remain anonymous call 0800 555 111.

*Mike Grady Sgt.*



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# 'ARKWRIGHT' (BILL LOVELL) CALLS IT A DAY



"If we ain't got it, you don't need it"

One of the village fixtures, Bill Lovell has now decided to retire after 40 years retailing as Lovells Hardware, Hunters Way, Brixworth.

Bill began his working life in his father's hardware shop in Norbury, South London at the age of 16 and when his family decided to move to Brixworth in 1969, he continued to work in the shop in Hunters Way until his father retired in 1979. The family came to Brixworth because they loved the area and its potential for new housing development at that time.

The first few years were difficult but when the village expanded dramatically, at the end of

the seventies, business improved and local village residents found the hardware shop to be a very valuable resource.

Lovells Hardware was the first shop to open on Hunters Way followed by the fish and chip shop run by Franco Antonelli and Spar some months later. Eventually all the shops were let. After about 10 years, the developer looked to sell the shops to another organisation, but the shop-keepers opted to buy their individual shops rather than continue to rent. This was possibly one of the best business decisions that Bill's father made.

Bill and his wife Sheila have two sons, Robb and Tony. Robb did a 3 year motor mechanics apprenticeship and after a period with W.

Grose's garage is now at the AA MOT Centre. Tony, a musician, is about to attend Trinity College in Greenwich and has a particular interest in jazz and orchestral music. He has played 3 times at the Royal Albert Hall. Neither of their sons wish to take over the business and hence Bill's decision to sell.

Sheila had a mobile hairdressing business and she met Bill when she came to cut his hair. They announced their engagement with a poster on the front door of the shop. She has helped in the shop on Saturdays and occasionally during the week. Bill has a long standing and loyal staff in Carol – 28 years, Mary – 28 years, Marilyn – 7 years and Jackie – 5 years. In a separate letter published in this issue of the Bulletin, he pays tribute to them and his customers.

The hardware shop is like Aladdin's Cave with over 20,000 different lines. Bill, known as 'Arkwright' to his staff, knows where every thing is, without the aid of a computer. As he says 'Comes with being a genius'.

Whilst the 'four candles/fork handles' are often asked for, the joke is wearing a bit thin now. However, he has been asked to wrap up a wheelbarrow in Christmas paper and deliver it to a customer on Christmas Eve. Recently he sold 2 snow clearing shovels in the middle of a heat wave.

Another 'Arkwright' moment – some years ago, the Drama Group asked Bill if he knew where they could get hold of some cheap doors for a set that they were building. The 'Arkwright' bells started ringing in his head – as he was thinking about changing the doors at his home at some point. He phoned Sheila and said "Do you think we could do without 3 doors upstairs until I get round to fitting new ones." She said O.K., so long as one was left on the bathroom. So the Drama Group got their cheap doors.

When the family had a 'closing down sale' in their old shop in London in 1969, Bill found a load of old 1/2d coins – he put them in a pot on the counter and sold the lot at a shilling each. Arkwright would have been proud of him.

Bill, now 63, hopes to spend more time caravanning and cycling. He is considering taking up golf and he is already a referee for school football games on a Sunday at Walgrave where he has lived since 1986. He will now be able to buy a season ticket to watch Tranmere Rovers football team – (he was born in Birkenhead), having only been able to get away to a few games each season.

The photograph shows Bill outside his shop many years ago. It can be seen from his hair style that it was taken in the Beatles era. We publish a poem written by Bill at the time. A man of many talents, he will be much missed by village residents when he hands over to Lee Horton in August.

"If passing this way, please find time to stop, you'll find what you need in our hardware shop.

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Harvey Fox



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## SELF DEFENCE AND THE LAW

The law around self-defence is fraught with controversy and confusion. The Tony Martin case of 1999 brought discussion on self-defence to the fore when he was convicted of murder having shot an intruder as he fled from his home. Recently the government has indicated that it is to review the rights of householders to defend their families and homes but as yet we wait for any changes to be announced in support of those willing to apprehend offenders. In the meantime the Crown Prosecution Service and Chief Officers of Police have published guidance to clarify the situation. What I write here cannot be taken as gospel and should be read in conjunction with the guidance available on line at <http://www.cps.gov.uk/Publications/prosecution/householders.html>

Wherever possible you should call the police and allow them to deal with the situation. If possible provide a commentary to Police call operators, and follow from a safe distance if appropriate. If you can identify offenders then they can always be apprehended by Police after the event. However, in general anyone can use reasonable force to protect themselves or others, or to carry out an arrest or to prevent crime. What is reasonable always depends on the circumstances of the incident you are faced with; clearly a fleeing offender is different to one who is about to attack you (it cannot be self defence when someone is running away). Generally using sufficient force to turn an offender away will be lawful, using excessive force or continuing attack or inflicting punishment once the assailant is turned away would not. Chasing after someone to make a citizens arrest would be lawful as would doing so in order to recover property but again attacking in these circumstances is likely to be considered unlawful. As I said above, every case is different and the event described in the last Bulletin was an unfortunate incident to befall a respected member of our community. We present all our case files to the Crown Prosecution Service and they weigh up the evidence against case law and consider whether to continue, is in the public interest. *Mike Grady Police Sergeant Northants Police*

Reference my letter in the June 2010 Bulletin and in the Police Report in this issue, we had a very encouraging residents' attendance at the July 22nd Community Panel meeting. The current agreed police priority at this meeting, as highlighted in the recent residents' survey by being number 2

problem in Brixworth, is parking, particularly on yellow lines and footpaths. Some residents have told me that they are not happy with this priority, but if they attend the next Community Panel meeting on October 14th at 7pm, they can participate in deciding the next police priority.

*David Hymas*

Brixworth History Society would like to thank those villagers who have given us their memories of life in Brixworth's past. We had hoped to mount an exhibition to transcribe the recordings gathered, so we hope to have something before too long.

The Village Voices Project, under the auspices of the Northants ACRE, based at Hunsbury Hill and with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund has now come to an end. Those who took part in the project will be pleased to know that most of their memories are now at the Northants Records Office in Mere Way, where the recordings can be listened to and the transcriptions read by anyone interested in the village or life in rural areas in the past. We hope to have copies of these for use in the village and also to carry on with finding out about our past.

The History Society has been given permission to continue to use the equipment in an on-going village project.

Many thanks to everyone involved. It has been and will be a very worthwhile project.

*Pauline Kirton*

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As you are probably now aware, I have decided to call it a day after nearly 41 years at Lovells Hardware. I have sold the business to Lee Horton, who, by the time you read this, should have taken over.

When I realised last Christmas was my 40th year here, it suddenly focused the mind on retiring, especially as neither of my two sons, Robb and Tony, were not interested in following Dad into the business, as I did about 50 years ago with my father, even though they've both helped out on Saturdays.

Dad had been running a caravan site at Crystal Palace in London for a few years, after moving down from Merseyside, when he decided to buy a hardware shop and I just fell into the business, coming home from school to do deliveries – 'Granville style'.

I stayed in the business when I left school until a compulsory purchase order for a 'road improvement' scheme forced us to move on, eventually deciding to move to Brixworth in 1969.

We never regretted the move, even though the first few years were a bit of a struggle, waiting for Brixworth's planned development to finally happen.

I've enjoyed every minute, and in many ways I'm going to miss it all very much, the banter with the customers, most of whom seem more like friends. We always tried to have a laugh and a joke with everyone, as well as hopefully providing a good service to the village, helped in no small way by my loyal staff, Marilyn, and Jackie, and especially Carol and Mary who seem to have been with me forever. I must have done something right for them to have stuck it out for so long and being mistaken so often for 'Mrs Lovell'! As Carol so often says – 'I can work for him, but I could never live with him'. I still don't know what she means by that. A tidier, more organised bloke, it would surely be hard to find.

Everybody asks me what I'm going to do with myself. Well, the first thing will be to get myself a season ticket at my beloved Trannmere Rovers, after all these years of getting to the odd few games each season. Football on a Saturday will be a real treat. I'll be able to do a lot more caravanning than I've been able to do over the years and go for long bike rides. I might even take up golf, and I'll probably get a job as Tony's roadie as well, going to all his jazz gigs. But my main plan though is to get under Sheila's feet, since that is what everyone tells her I'll be doing when I'm home all day!

Thanks for all your support and custom over the years and I hope you will give that same support to Lee as he learns the trade.

Thanks again.

*Bill Lovell*

# PLANNING STATUS REPORT

REFERENCE NO. & DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	P.C. RECOMMENDATION & DDC DECISION
DA/2007/1400 Buckton Fields, Boughton Residential development consisting of approx. 1250 dwellings.	P.C. 29/1 Traffic increase objections. Now amended but still PC concerns
DA/2010/0235 2 Tansree Way. Part conversion & extension of garage.	P.C. 29/3 No objection. D.D.C. approved
DA/2010/0220 & 0221 The Manor, Harborough Road. Alteration and extension to existing single storey rear kitchen wing to increase height to create accommodation above pitched roof with rooflights.	P.C. 29/3 No objection. D.D.C. refused
DA/2010/0276 Rumwood, Hall Park. Demolition of existing dwelling & erection of 2 new dwellings	P.C. 28/4 objection. D.D.C. Refused
DA/2010/0304 7 Iron Pikes. Two storey extension to front of building	P.C. 11/5 No objection
DA/2010/0301 10 The Pickerings. Single storey extension to rear of dwelling	P.C. 11/5 No objection
N.C.C. application for alterations to former Adult Learning Centre.	D.D.C. Refused. N.C.C. to resubmit altered application.
Yelvercote Wind Farm	Approved
Mabbits Wood Yard	To be resubmitted.

## BRIXWORTH VILLAGE ORGANISATION SHEET

In the next issue, I intend to update the village organisation sheet, last issued a year ago. In the past, even over a period as short as one year, there have been many changes in officials, telephone numbers and even additions and closures of various organisations. I will endeavour to contact as many of the known organisations as possible, but it would be helpful if the officials of new organisations would contact me on 01604 880337 so that the list is as accurate as possible. *Harvey Fox*



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## Saxon Spires Practice positive regarding planned NHS changes

The Patient Participation Group at Saxon Spires Practice (SSPPG) has been keen to get a response from the Surgery on the impact of the proposed NHS changes announced this month, giving control of funding back to GPs. Changes like this could have a major influence on patient care with more of a GP's time being spent on administrative and financial activities, and the transition from PCTs to GPs taking up much needed resources.

Within our Practice though, the situation looks more positive. Practice Manager Kathryn Baines told the SSPPG: "Although we had originally been part of the Daventry and South Northants commissioning group, the group felt that joining the larger commissioning group, Nene Commissioning, would give us a greater voice. Within the last eighteen months, a group of practices in the Daventry and South Northants area have set up a Provider group in readiness to provide services so we feel quite well placed to go forward with GP led commissioning."

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Nene Commissioning - a multi-award winning not-for-profit community interest company set up by GPs across Northamptonshire in order to commission new and improved local health services. They cover 76 practices in the county and over 350 GPs. When asked by the SSPPG about the proposed funding changes they responded: "our GPs are quite enthusiastic that it builds on the good parts of practice-based commissioning and, as you probably know, Nene Commissioning is generally recognised as the lead organisation in that field."

There will now be a three month consultation period reviewing GP commissioning and more detail will be issued in various government papers over the coming weeks and months. The SSPPG will strive to keep the patient community updated with these important announcements, and continue to work with the Practice GPs and staff to ensure that patients are not disadvantaged in any way by this new funding strategy.

**John Brooks** Chairman, SSPPG  
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## Ex- Rigiflex Building Development

The latest information regarding the proposed occupancy of the 34 units is as follows:

19 units for rental have already been taken up and it is anticipated that tenants will move into their housing units in September. The 15 shared units are not yet available for sale at the moment, but it is anticipated that they will be complete and ready for sale in mid autumn.

## Brixworth Household Waste Recycling Centre

The household waste recycling centre is open every day between 8am and 8pm during April and September with the exception of Wednesdays and Thursdays when the centre will be closed. In the winter months from October to March the opening hours will be 8am until 6pm, with Wednesdays and Thursdays remaining closed.

## COPY DATE FOR BULLETIN 27

The next edition of the Brixworth Bulletin will be on the 1st December 2010. Copy date will be the 1st November 2010, but contributors and advertisers are asked to advise the editor of their requirements as soon as possible.



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Anyone passing through the village will have seen the work taking place to repair and refurbish the Church gates and pillars and renew the steps. These were in a dangerous state and the completed work has made a tremendous difference.

Work continues to raise funds for the Village Hall to enable the committee to replace the lighting and decorate and replace existing blinds with curtains. Plans are going well and we hope the work will commence in the near future.

On Saturday 5th June, the Anniversary of the Village Club was celebrated and it was great to see some of the original members and their friends as well as our local community enjoying the occasion. A special celebration cake marked the event and all drinks were at 1980's prices!!

Scaldwell Summer Event took place on the 10th July on the playing fields. It was a scorching day and it was good to see groups of local people joining in with the activities. There was live music from The Commodores and burgers provided by Creaton Cuisine as well as a bar provided by Scaldwell Club. Groups of people put up their gazebos and partied until late. Unfortunately the wind got up in the night and there were not quite so many gazebos on the field the following morning! Those who couldn't be bothered to peg out the guy ropes only have themselves to blame! Fortunately, the marquee provided by TJ Marquees and the toilets from P & P toilets were still standing.  
*Sue Dodds Smith*

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## Friends of All Saints' Church Brixworth



Photograph by Jane Neill

The new glass porch which was funded by the Friends of All Saints' Church was blessed by the Assistant Bishop of Peterborough, John Flack at the Friends' Day held on Saturday 5th June 2010.

The Art Exhibition held over that weekend raised £850 towards the Friends Charity.

## Maidwell Primary School



Pupils in Year 6 at Maidwell School presented a cheque for £454.04 to Group Scout Leader, Georgina Mills. The money will enable a child to attend the Outspan School in Bwaise in Uganda – a project supported by Northamptonshire Scout Association.

The children at Maidwell decided that as part of their 'Christianity in Action' studies they would like to sponsor a child through school. The School Council have committed themselves to raising an annual amount and have already taken part in a sponsored swim and organised a stall at the school on Saturday 10th July. *Judith Elliot*

## Christian Aid Week – May 2010

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# PROFILE ON LOCAL ARTIST TERESA WELLS by Jane Neill

It always seems amazing to me just how many interesting and talented people choose to live in our village. Brixworth is very lucky to be the home of contemporary artist, Teresa Wells who has been resident here for just 4 years.

In her latest exhibition in Derby Museum and Art Gallery, Teresa creates installations combining sculpture and drawing but she has tried her hand at a huge variety of different art forms using wood, metal, rubber and plastic as well as fabric (she prefers to use hand-starched muslin as she feels that this material best represents the fragile complexity of human life). Her thought-provoking work is based on morality and the behaviour of the human psyche. She has researched anthropology, sociology and anatomy to create work using mainly wood as a metaphor for moral frameworks. She incorporates text from 'The Ten Commandments' and 'The Universal Declaration of Human Rights' using laser etch techniques and then connects the frames to delicate hand-stitched drawings on muslin. The two opposing materials represent Teresa's fascination with the incredulous dichotomy between thoughts and deeds, as she applies in print, news stories to the muslin, which contradict the moral messages.

Teresa obtained a BA Fine Art, 1st class honours at Nottingham Trent University and an MA Art and Design at Loughborough University. She worked as an Interior Designer for two established medium sized



companies both in Birmingham and Stoke for seven years. With a daughter and young son, pressures of family life meant that the job was becoming too demanding and so with the support of her partner, John, she decided to follow her own initiative. She began putting together a portfolio of work, exhibiting first in group shows or open exhibitions in Leicester, Birmingham, Derby, Kettering and Rugby. Within two years she had enough work to begin showing in solo exhibitions and was awarded membership of The Royal British Society of Sculptors, London, in 2009. She also began teaching drawing and painting for beginners, locally, both as an adult and community tutor for Northamptonshire County Council and privately.



From a studio in Harborough Magna near Rugby, Teresa now produces some impressive installations, some over 4 metres long. Considering that Teresa herself is of slight build, I am amazed that she is physically able to work on them never mind move them to exhibitions. She has sold many of her works and says that she never gets attached to any of them nor is she tempted to keep them for herself. Every installation is different and her work is constantly changing. In the future, she is hoping to do more outside exhibits but any commissions would need to reflect her interests and not become designer pieces. Her ambition is to exhibit in the country's capital city and I have no doubt with the passion and focus that Teresa shows in her work that she will be successful in this. *Jane Neill*

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# Increasing Brixworth's International Standing

## A Visit to Mercedes-Benz High Performance Engines

by Jennifer Fitzgerald

We live in a village of contrasts. Within sight of the Church, the largest surviving Anglo-Saxon building and one of the oldest places of worship in the country, we have seen another magnificent building rise in Brixworth in recent years. It is the home of Mercedes-Benz High Performance Engines, a company which pioneers some of the latest technologies in Formula 1, the highest class of auto racing.



There's no mistaking where you are the moment you enter Mercedes-Benz' premises at the northern A508 roundabout. Two exposed car engines are mounted under a racing car suspended in the atrium overhead. They look as pristine as the day they were made, despite one of them having powered Lewis Hamilton to the Formula 1 World Championship in 2008. However, they are smaller than I imagined, belying their massive capacity.

Numerous trophies and cups in glass cabinets also trumpet the company's credentials. In 2009, Mercedes-Benz chalked up ten wins in seventeen races, ten pole positions, and 21 podium finishes. Large flatscreens rerun race footage and interviews with Formula 1 drivers. The receptionist's chair looks as if it belongs to one of their vehicles.



I was greeted by name and a pre-printed visitor's badge. Security is tight with Mercedes-Benz riding high in the Constructor's Championships, providing engines to three leading teams (MERCEDES GP PETRONAS, Vodafone McLaren Mercedes and Force India), in an industry worth hundreds of millions of pounds in sponsorship revenues alone.

Thomas Fuhr, the Managing Director, came down the stairs to take me on a tour of the buildings, which are all gleaming chrome and steel. A calm and orderliness prevail throughout, in contrast to the roar and excitement of the races we watch on TV.

The enormous hangar which stretches alongside the A508 houses the manufacturing unit. Mercedes-Benz produces most of the engine components it needs. Its operations are the

definition of precision engineering itself – they work within tolerances of 1000ths of a millimetre. The area was so spotless – a far cry from the oil and dirt I normally associate with working with car parts – that I remarked that the floor was clean enough to eat off. "There's always room for improvement", said Thomas, which seemed to sum up the company's whole philosophy.



I was taken to a room looking into one of three testbeds through a window of three sheets of bullet-proof glass. I assumed the protection was needed in case an engine explodes while being tested to its lifetime's duration. The exact conditions and variable parameters of every different Formula 1 circuit are simulated here. Coloured graphs light up a bank of wide-screened computer monitors, identical to those seen trackside on TV.

This intense testing leaves no traces. The engines produce a surplus of electricity which is either consumed by Mercedes-Benz' premises or fed back directly into the electricity grid. The exhaust fumes are filtered until the residue that is released into the Brixworth air is completely clean.

We walked through glass corridors behind which pairs of engineers were assembling an engine apiece. Mercedes-Benz' reputation for high standards of craftsmanship is legendary but the rigours of Formula 1 far exceed those of even the most demanding personal customer. Eight engines are supplied per driver and the company is responsible for ensuring their faultless performance in front of a regular worldwide audience of over 150 million people. In 2009, there were zero engine failures. One engine won three consecutive races.

Capable of 18,000 rpm and with maximum power of up to 750 PS (continental horsepower), these engines bear little resemblance to their cousins which propel passenger vehicles.



In time, we shall all benefit from the investment that is made here. Thomas emphasised that this whole operation, where the experiences of every race are analysed down to the last detail, was

about learning. Innovations which have resulted from Formula 1 include more efficient fuel technologies – weight restrictions oblige the racing cars to carry as little fuel as possible. They have also created new solutions for energy management – Mercedes-Benz has developed an award-winning technology for recycling the energy generated from braking back into the engine (the KERS system).

Approximately 400 people work here, most of them highly skilled engineers, many of whom have been with the company for several years. At race weekends, the whole team gets together for a briefing on Fridays and Mondays. They enjoy plenty of interaction with the drivers who provide them with feedback on engine performance.



It is clear that the Brixworth connection is important to the company, not only on account of our location within the UK's "Motorsport Valley" which has grown up around the circuits at Silverstone and Rockingham. Most of Mercedes-Benz' employees live in and around the village so the company supports many local events and sources from local suppliers as much as possible. Thomas has been working in Brixworth for the past 18 months, overseeing a very eventful period. During this time, Mercedes-Benz has won contracts to supply engines to two additional teams and has met this challenge successfully. The company completed its removal from its former premises in Quarry Road at the end of 2009, which involved the lifting and transporting of major pieces of plant, without incurring any interruption to operations. In June 2010, they were awarded the prestigious Dewar Trophy for Technical Excellence for the development of the KERS energy management system.

For centuries, visitors from all over the world have been drawn to Brixworth, first because the Church was an ecclesiastical centre and then an important historical monument. Now, Mercedes-Benz' continuing success in the high profile sport of Formula 1 provides another reason for Brixworth becoming increasingly well-known worldwide.

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the garden of Martin & Barbara Millard, two of our members here in the village. About 15 of us looked round their wonderful garden with so many colourful flowers, and they gave us refreshments. We were all amazed at what they have achieved in the two years they have lived here. Thank you both very much. The next Coffee Morning will be on 4th September, 10.15 to 12 noon in The Club Room. There is to be a Jumble Sale in the Club Room on 18th September. If you have any clean and saleable items to donate, please contact Kate Calnan 686100 *Anne Block*

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It will also mark the formal end for Brixworth Carnival Committee 2010.

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# BRIXWORTH and DISTRICT U3A REPORT



The August meeting was held again this year at the Northampton Sailing Club at Pitsford Reservoir and it once again proved to be a popular venue with over fifty members attending. Liz Wilson, who is a Regional Trustee of the East Midlands Group of U3A branches, also joined us. Members had the opportunity to be taken out on the Sailability (sailing for the disabled) sailing boat and this was followed by an excellent buffet lunch, taken on the veranda as the sun had finally decided to shine. The proceeds of the raffle together with individual donations from members were contributed to the



Sailability project. After lunch members enjoyed a presentation on the history of the country park and the role of the County Council in providing this and similar facilities around the county before, the day was finished off by afternoon tea. This event is proving so popular that it could become an annual fixture in the diary.

Previously, at our meetings held in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m., we have had presentations on Humour Therapy and The Story of a Country House (Althorp). Presentations over the next three months will include The Effects of Alcohol, a Very Interesting Grandmother, and Northants History in Stained Glass. The established interest groups continue to flourish and the new Gardening Group is proving very popular having arranged several visits to local gardens. The newly formed Poetry Group is now meeting on a regular basis and we hope to form a Table Tennis Group in the near future as a sufficient level of interest has been shown. Members are also looking into the possibility of forming a Dance Group and a Debating Group but these ideas are still in the early stages.

We supported the Brixworth Carnival this year by entering a float decorated by the members, mainly the Art Group, and also provided a cake stall, which was very successful in raising a contribution to the supported charities. The event proved very popular and we shall no doubt support this next time it is held.

The Travel Group went to Italy and although this was a small group they all enjoyed the trip immensely and are looking forward to planning next year's trip. As usual in July, the Lunch Group had an evening meeting held at The Red Lion, East Haddon to include spouses who may not be members of the group and the September meeting is to be at The Spencer Arms. The Rambling Group has held successful walks at Little Brington, Great Addington, and Great Oxendon, as usual meeting at the local pub for coffee and returning for lunch. Future walks are planned for Yardley Hastings and Gumley.

Membership of the group seems to have stabilised at just over a hundred but new members are more than welcome. The Membership Secretary, Peter Davies can be contacted on 880401. *Gerry Dobson*



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# HANGING HOUGHTON AND LAMPORT NEWS

There is a parking problem at the western end of Hanging Houghton and the residents of Manor Way have asked the Parish Council to look for a solution. Richard Fairfield and I are currently investigating the background to the problem and we are hopeful that a solution will be found. We recently went to DDC offices in Daventry to look at the planning applications for the Manor Gardens development and we are following up on some of the information that we saw - this may take some time to resolve! The PC has sent a letter to DDC rejecting the latest planning application for the Kelmarsh wind turbine installation - this is another example of the growing number of applications for wind farms along the A14 corridor. On the 10th July David Ward and I organised a village BBQ on the green in the centre of Hanging Houghton. Some 40 plus villagers attended and a good time was had by all, and a number of new friendships were forged with some of the newer residents who attended. After the success of this event we plan to do the same again next year, hopefully the weather will be as good again then.

*Mike Philpott.*

## Visitors invited to see the “The Queen of autumnal flowers”- The Dahlia beds at Kelmarsh Gardens.

Kelmarsh Gardens boast a fantastic seasonal display year on year highlighting the beauty of the Dahlia.

The Victorians were right in naming the flower the “Queen of the autumnal flowers”. From the first Mexican introductions over two hundred years ago, Breeders have produced a plethora of colour and shapes.

At Kelmarsh Gardens we have several dozen cultivars growing in the cut flower section of our walled garden, so this year we are inviting visitors to celebrate the beauty of the Dahlia during August and September. From the palest of pastels to the brightest of hot hues, Dahlias offer a wealth of diversity for the gardener to choose from.

Invaluable for the flower arranger or for the late border, visitors can note their favourite cultivars from Kelmarsh’s display for their own vases and gardens.

Head Gardener, Esther McMillan said: “Dahlias offer a cacophony of colour and are not for the faint-hearted, but offer a fantastic show.”

If you would like to visit the gardens this August/September call 01604 686543, email: [enquiries@kelmarsh.com](mailto:enquiries@kelmarsh.com) or visit: [www.kelmarsh.com](http://www.kelmarsh.com).



## LOCAL CHARITY – CASH GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Foundation of Thomas Roe is a local charity with funds available to persons aged less than 25 years and resident within the parishes of Brixworth and Scaldwell. Cash grants are available to any qualifying person for use for educational purposes. Grants have been made to assist in the purchase of school uniform, books and course materials, musical instruments and computer equipment and would be available towards the costs of travelling expenses linked to an educational venture including school trips.

Anyone wishing to apply can pick up an

application form from the Library in Brixworth or from the Information Service located within the library building on Spratton Road. Alternatively an application form and any further details about the Charity can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees Ursula Morris on 505554 (or email [ursula@enta.net](mailto:ursula@enta.net))

Meeting of the Trustees are held twice yearly to consider applications. These are currently held in September and in March. The Thomas Roe Foundation Reg. Charity no 309801

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## WORLD LASHINGS XI ARE LASHED BY BRIXWORTH SELECT XI



From the sheep and cow pastures of Turney's fields, the recreation ground at St David's Close and now the new ground at Northampton Road, who could have ever thought of a team of ex International Test players playing against a Brixworth Select XI. Yes, it did happen on Friday 30th July when the Lashings World XI appeared at Northampton Road, their XI was made up of ex Test players from Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, West Indies and England.

The Lashings World XI play throughout the U.K. and at selected venues worldwide, their purpose, in addition to promoting cricket is to raise money for worthwhile charities, the chosen charity for the Brixworth game was The 3 Little Miracles Fund where monies raised would go towards the purchase of incubators at Northampton General Hospital.

Proceedings commenced with 360 guests enjoying a three course lunch after which they were given the opportunity of bidding for some very exotic prizes such as a round of golf with Sir Garfield Sobers, tickets for the Monaco Grand Prix, dining with Rick Stein at one of his restaurants and so on. The quality and quantity of the prizes were impressive as was the singing of Henry Olonga, the ex Zimbabwe Test player whose rendition of Nessum Dorma was superb. This was followed by the vocal talents of ex Brixworth players on Table 1 who received many requests, most of which were impossible.

Cricket finally got under way in a 30 over per side game with Lashings electing to bat first. Surprise, surprise, the Brixworth Select XI restricted them to a modest score of 200 and then, in between showers, managed to chase this total down to secure an unexpected victory.

Despite the delayed start and evening rain, the day was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations to Chris Timm, Chairman of Brixworth Cricket Club and his committee who made it all possible. A special thanks to Devon Malcolm, Brixworth's club President, who played for Lashings XI and was gracious in defeat. This defeat was the first for 8 years and Lashings XI wish for a rematch to avenge the defeat. At the rematch, Devon wishes to play for Brixworth.

The amount of monies raised is anticipated to be in the region of £20,000 and will be shared equally between The 3 Little Miracles Fund and Brixworth Cricket Club.

*John Blason & Phil Wright*

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