

# Brixworth Bulletin

*Including Draughton, Hanging Houghton and Lamport*

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## **ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW BUT NEW ORGANISERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR**



The 2nd Flower & Produce Show held on the 18th September 2010 began as last year with a brilliant late summer morning although the weather, whilst still dry with sunny periods in the afternoon was not as perfect as last year.

A good crowd turned up to view the varied exhibits and whilst the entries for the produce section were a little down on last year, entries for other categories were excellent. The show was opened by Ian Barratt, Chairman of the Parish Council and the prizes were presented by the Bishop of Brixworth on one of his last engagements in the diocese (see page 5). The cup for best in show was awarded to Catherine Hole and a new cup provided by Horts Estate Agents as the photography prize, was awarded to David Phillips of Knightons Way.

The visitors were entertained by the Silver Band and local Morris Dancers. The event organisers were very grateful to the sponsors as listed in the schedule of classes and to Mercedes H.P.E. for providing a Lewis Hamilton racing hat which was auctioned.

The organisers would like to thank the judges of the entries – Claire Lockwood, Esther McMillan, Audrey Hawkins, Mandy Dawkins, Sheila Jowers, Steve Wagstaff, Jane Stock, Alison Love, Paul Ansthice, Daphne Turpin, Jennifer Slater, Lesley Smith, Christi Seyd Brown, Daryl & Jackie Tidd, Loraine Munns, Ken Troop and Sian Porter.

The Harvest Supper held in the evening was another success, enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to Mark & Sian Porter who again cooked the delicious meal.

The amount raised by the events of the day was very similar to last year and the proceeds were given to the All Saints' Restoration Fund Charity.

After 2 years of organising Brixworth's Flower & Produce Show, most of the committee members are standing down in the hope that others will come forward to take this popular annual event to ever greater success. A few people have already expressed an interest, if anyone else is willing to help, please contact either Paddy Fox 880337 or Jane Stock 882389.

## **VALEDICTORY MESSAGE FROM PRESENT EDITOR**

This is my last Bulletin as editor and I am handing over to Claudia Flavell-While on the 1st January 2011. I wrote in the last issue of the Bugle in 2004 that I would hold the post as editor of the Bulletin for a limited period until a new editor came forward and that each issue under my editorship would have a maximum of eight pages! The average issue has contained 16 pages and it has taken six years to find a new editor. In total, I have served 18 years with the Bugle and Bulletin and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the Bulletin team for their help over the last six years. There is a danger that valedictory messages do not praise individuals enough or that people do not get the special mention they deserve, but I would like to thank Sue Verallo for contributing so much on the advertising aspect, Jane Neill and her loyal band of distributors who have turned out over the years in all sorts of weather and George Hammerschmidt who provided artwork where necessary for advertisers and enhanced photographs, which perhaps should not have seen the light of day except that I needed the photographs to illustrate an event or article. I pay tribute to our advertisers for sustaining our income with amazing loyalty, particularly Myles & Sims, Blason's Garage, Sunny Socks Nursery and Hamsons Garage, all who started advertising in the first edition of the Bugle in 1992.

Sue Verallo (Advertising Manager), John Blason (Sports Editor) and Paddy Fox (Bugle Editor) are retiring this year, all of whom have been with the community newspapers from the outset. In addition, Louise Cramp is standing down, but Jane Neill will continue for a further year in charge of distribution and Sheila Jenner, George Hammerschmidt and Silvana Cook will continue as part of the new team. I wish them every success in the future.

In addition, I would like to thank Vaughan Mayo of Candor Print for all his help during the production of the Bulletin, particularly in handling last minute changes.

On page 3, I have included a C.V. of Claudia Flavell-While who is a very experienced and professional editor. *Harvey Fox*



# Flower & Produce Show - 18 Sept 2010



Presentation by Bishop Frank



Winning pumpkin



"They look tasty!"



Top right: Horts Cup; other cups given by Bugle



Morris dancers



Embroidered shops in Hunters Way



Vegetable section



Flower entries



# A REPORT by CHRIS MILLAR ON THE PROPOSED CUTS FOR THE BUDGETS OF N.C.C. & D.D.C

Across the country Councils will be facing an average loss of Government Grant of 7.25% in real terms in each of the next four years, which will bring immense challenges to the main two authorities providing services in Brixworth and surrounding villages i.e. Daventry District Council and Northamptonshire County Council.

With major pressures also during these tough economic times to minimise any Council tax increases over the next four years, then in my view, it will be a duty of all Councils to find new cost effective ways of delivering services rather than just maintaining the status quo and wielding the axe on services!

One piece of good news is that the Government's Spending Review will provide significant powers for local councils, which will be very welcome, as we have long argued that with more freedom and flexibility we would be in a better position to become more efficient and effective!

A good example is the radical reductions in the bureaucratic reporting and inspection requirements that I believe our Councils spend far too much time and money on! The Local

Government Association estimates that complying with current government data demands and inspection costs local authorities nearly £300 million. So the scrapping of 4700 Whitehall targets and the scaling back of the plethora of data reporting requirements will certainly help our Councils in working together in this new financial climate to deliver our front line services!

In my view over the next few years a new local public sector model will need to evolve in order to deliver high quality public services during a period of tough public sector financial restraint. This is no bad thing as we fundamentally re-examine every aspect of the way that Councils currently operate by maximising efficiency and productivity for the benefit of the local taxpayer e.g. sharing departments, officers and back office functions.

We know that tough and demanding times lie ahead but there is a determination at both Councils to tackle the issues head on in order to meet the future expectations of local residents by protecting front line services as best we can at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer.

*Cllr Chris Millar*



Chris Millar, Leader D. D. C. & N. C. C. Councilor

## A NEW TEAM FOR THE BULLETIN



Hammerschmidt as art editor. Jane Neill will continue to be responsible for distribution and Sheila Jenner will stay on as treasurer.

Claudia and her husband Richard have lived in Brixworth since 2001, when they bought a house in Station Road, near the hunt kennels. They have a young daughter who is due to start school locally next year, two horses and assorted other pets.

Claudia started to dabble in journalism when she started on the newsletter of her secondary school and hasn't looked back. Twenty years on, she is Director of Publications at the Institution of Chemical Engineers in Rugby. This puts her in charge of five journals and the institution's monthly members' magazine which she also edits.

"Fitting everything in with the day job will be a challenge, but fortunately the Bulletin has such an experienced and motivated team behind it, and a great pool of regular contributors, that I'm not really worried," she says.

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From January 2011, the Brixworth Bulletin will be produced by a new team. Claudia Flavell-While will take over as editor with John McFadyen as news editor, Silvana Cook as advertising manager and George



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# BRIXWORTH & DISTRICT U3A REPORT



Membership of the organisation continues to grow steadily and now stands at over one hundred and thirty with almost eighty people attending the October meeting, our highest attendance to date. The November presentation was on the History of Northamptonshire in Stained Glass and featured a number of slides illustrating local events as featured in church windows around the county. All the meetings are generally well attended but numbers do tend to be influenced by factors such as the weather and holiday commitments. Meetings continue to be held in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00 p.m. and in December will be of a seasonal nature with members treated to a drink and mince pies. The January presentation is on the history of the

Chronicle and Echo, February on the Amusing Side of Upstairs, Downstairs, and March a talk on National Parks.

The many Interest Groups continue to thrive, apart from Art, which is temporarily in abeyance, and new groups include Table Tennis, Dancing, Poetry, and Music Appreciation. Lunches have been held at various hostelrys in the county and the Christmas lunch at The George at Great Oxendon is already fully booked for the fifty places available. Next years programme is already taking shape with a number of visits planned to new venues. Walks have taken place at Yardley Hastings, Gumley, and Brixworth, and planning of next years programme is well under way. We now have fourteen interest groups up and running so there is plenty available to suit the tastes of most members.

Fortunately we now have some new committee members, Lynn Aitken, Irene Neil, Brian Collett, Christine Pratt, and Hazel Wilson, who have all committed to take on new duties assisting present incumbents with a view to fully taking over greater responsibilities after the next AGM. Unfortunately, two members of our founding committee Ann Ruch-Davies and Jenny Lewis have had to resign due to other commitments and we take this opportunity to thank them for their past services and support.

A party of eighteen members enjoyed a conducted tour of the Fleur Fields vineyard in the village in October, which proved to be very interesting. We were given an insight into the art of winemaking including the selection of the right grapes for the soil and climate conditions, and a history of the development of the vineyard. As the grapes were due to be picked within the week we were able to sample some of this years crop direct from the vines, and this was followed by a tasting of some previous years vintages and the opportunity to purchase a few bottles. Members enjoyed the opportunity to have an insight into one of the villages industries.

Whilst the membership continues to grow steadily, new members are more than welcome, and should contact Peter Davies on 880401, or attend one of our monthly meetings as a visitor to find out what it is all about.

*Gerry Dobson*



## NO! BISHOP FRANK IS NOT TAKING OVER FROM GEORGE OSBORNE



Bugle reporters interviewed Bishop Frank White in December 2002 just after he was consecrated Bishop of Brixworth. Prior to this new appointment, he had held various appointments in the Tyne & Wear area and was Archdeacon of Sunderland before moving to Brixworth.

During the first five years of his bishopric, he was involved with 180 parishes in the southern part of the diocese. When asked in 2002, about the duties of a suffragan bishop, we were told that the duties were wide ranging, but one of his main responsibilities is the pastoral care of the clergy in his area and for the appointment of new clergy. His chief role is to explain, interpret and bear witness to his faith including reaching out to other churches, other faiths and congregations. As he is a convert from Roman Catholicism before taking holy orders with the Church of England, he has a natural interest in other faiths thus aiding the ecumenical movement.

Sadly during the last three years, when Bishop Ian Cundy was suffering from a terminal illness, he spent much of his time involved in helping the Bishop at Peterborough until his death in 2008 and subsequently until the appointment of the new Bishop of Peterborough, Donald Allister.

During his time here, Bishop Frank has met many remarkable people, who have quietly and courageously, undertaken church and public duties without recognition. He has been involved in looking at the relationship between Borough, Northampton and District Councils to explore a more integrated approach to the same issues and policies.

As can be seen in the report on the Flower and Produce Show, the Bishop presented cups and certificates and he and his wife Alison were delighted to meet so many people from the village which they thought was an excellent community event. Visits to parishes are necessarily rare due to the number of parishes which are under the Bishop's care and in any case the incumbent of each parish has to issue an invitation.

The Bishop and his wife have wished to retire to the North East of England when that time arrived. However, before that time

arrived, the Archbishop of York approached Bishop Frank to consider the vacant position of Assistant Bishop of Newcastle and he will be consecrated in that post on the 27th November 2010. Whilst they have made many friends in this area, they are delighted to be returning to Northumberland where the diocese covers from Newcastle to Berwick and from the Northumberland coast to Cumberland. It is a very large and beautiful diocese and no doubt his mileage will be even larger than Peterborough.

His successor is expected to be appointed in 2011 and a committee is considering where the new bishop could live, possibly in or around Brixworth.

We wish Bishop Frank and his wife every happiness in Northumberland. *Harvey Fox*

## THE VILLAGE HALL IS IN CRISIS!

The village hall is in crisis! This wonderful facility, conveniently situated in the centre of the village, is in danger of becoming a victim of these dark times. Bookings are down and the hall is struggling to make ends meet. People are needed to help organise and run fund raising events. Could you be one of those people?

The AGM is on Thursday January 13 2011, starting at 8.00p.m. Please come along to the Village Hall and see how you can help to save it. The hall is a great venue and very versatile. It is suitable for gatherings of all types of events and descriptions. So why not support your local village hall and book your event. The village hall is available for one off events and for regular hire. You can contact by e-mail at [administrator@brixworthvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:administrator@brixworthvillagehall.co.uk) or telephone 01604 880654. *Dennis Coles*

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## JOSH WETHERALL IN AFGHANISTAN



Josh Wetherall, from Froxhill Crescent in Brixworth, who is a Senior Aircraftsman with the Royal Air Force Regiment based at RAF Honington, Suffolk has left for a 6 month tour of duty to Kandahar in Afghanistan. Josh joined the RAF Regiment in July 2009 and graduated on 8 January 2010 after completing a 22 week training course. The RAF Regiment are primarily responsible for the ground defence of RAF facilities “outside of the wire”. This role involves the active patrolling and “domination of ground” out to some distance to deter and prevent hostile forces from launching direct or indirect attacks upon the airbase.

Josh was born and bred in Brixworth and has two brothers, James and Joe. Many readers may remember Josh as a youngster playing for Brixworth Junior Football and Cricket Clubs. He attended Brixworth Primary School from 1993-1999 and then Moulton Secondary School, leaving in 2004. Josh’s interest in the RAF was an early passion as he was an Air Cadet with South Midlands Wing Air Training Corps, 2600 Rothwell for 2 years. Whilst pursuing his goal of joining the RAF, Josh worked as a call centre operator for a mobile phone company – a job he couldn’t wait to leave – and then for the care provider ICM as the main carer for a young man with ducene muscular dystrophy, a job that he found both interesting and extremely rewarding.

Josh will be away for his 22nd birthday in December and of course both Christmas and Easter 2011. His family and friends and all on the Bulletin Team wish him and his Squadron No 15 Good Luck and God-willing a safe return.

## MIKE NICE PRESENTS CHEQUES FROM CARNIVAL FUND RAISING TO BRIXWORTH ORGANISATIONS



On Friday 8 October, a packed Brixworth Community Centre was treated to a slide presentation of

this year’s hugely successful **Brixworth Carnival** followed by the distribution of cheques from the approximately £3600 raised during the carnival. Half of the money was given to Save the Children and the other half divided equally among eight worthy village groups. These included Brixworth W.I., Brixworth School PTA, Brixworth Junior FC, Pitsford Scout Group, Brixworth Youth Foundation, Brixworth Scout Group, Brixworth Guides, and Boys Gymnastics. At the end of the evening, a plaque was presented by Frank and Liz WiiG to chief co-ordinator, Mike Nice for all his and the committee’s hard work on the Carnival and Party in the Park. This will be displayed in the Olive Branch coffee shop.



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# PART OF OUR HERITAGE - The Pytchley Hunt

## By Jennifer Fitzgerald



As a “townie”, aware that the Pytchley Hunt is intrinsically tied up with the history of Brixworth but knowing nothing about this sport, I was pleased to have an opportunity to find out more on behalf of the Brixworth Bulletin. Having first had a chat with Neil Holloway, one of the new Masters of the Hunt, I visited the hunt’s kennels just outside the village in Station Road.

One of the first things I saw when I parked up was a small stone memorial to ten hounds which drowned in 1909. Considering myself insufficiently informed, on the issue of foxhunting I sit on the fence. But when I was told that these hounds had been led by a fox over a frozen lake, I wondered whether the fox wasn’t always as helpless as often portrayed?

Critics of hunting have represented it as an elite sport which is socially divisive. This is strange because its existence has been integrated within rural communities for centuries. Following me through the gates was a strange customised truck bringing dead livestock collected from a local farmer. I hadn’t realised that hunts have always run knacker operations which provide a valued service as well as feed for the hounds

The Pytchley Hunt can trace its origins to the early seventeenth century through earlier spellings of its name such as “Piteslea” and “Pightsley”. It is probably descended from the Royal Hunt which was maintained by the Plantagenets in Rockingham Forest. It has been closely associated with the Earls Spencer at Althorp where a pack of hounds was well established by the year 1635.

From 1819 to 1873, the Althorp and Pytchley countries (a “country” is the term given to the land where the hunt rides out) were hunted by one pack, requiring the hounds, horses and hunt servants to travel weekly by train from Althorp to Brigstock, near Kettering. A second pack was established at Brigstock under the master of the Pytchley Hunt until 1920. In 1930, an agreement was drawn up which separated the Woodland Pytchley at Brigstock from the Pytchley Hunt.

The Pytchley is a prestigious hunt considered to be one of six in the “Premier League” on account of its reach – across the three counties of Northamptonshire, Leicestershire and Warwickshire – the quality of the land it hunts, and its membership. Its country extends 20 miles north to south from Kilworth, just short of Rugby, and 25 miles east to west from Daventry to Kettering. The move to draghunting since the foxhunting ban at the end of 2004, where a trail is laid for the hounds, has not reduced its appeal. On a Saturday up to 120 people can ride out with 60-70 cars following.



Unlike most hunts, which can only support a few, the Pytchley has nine full-time staff including a huntsman, who looks after the hounds, a kennelman, a whipper-in, who keeps the hounds organised in the field, a full-time fenceman, who repairs any damage caused, a stud groom and four grooms. There are five joint Masters of the Hunt who are each responsible for a different part of the country. The Pytchley has 50-60 couples of hounds (hounds always being counted in pairs). The livery is a dark blood red colour, called “Padua”.

Meets take place from the end of October through to the middle of March, on Mondays, Saturdays and Wednesdays. They never take place in the same area twice, and require a great deal of planning and preparation – on average a day and half each – with local farmers. After being greeted with a glass of port and nibbles, the hunt moves off and continues all day until dark, only stopping for a change of horses around 1 o’clock. Some hounds can travel up to 70 miles in a day.

I haven’t been able to establish when the Pytchley kennels came to Brixworth but have heard they were a major employer here up until the first world war. The Pytchley has even been associated with royalty - the Pictorial Guide to Brixworth shows a photograph of the Duke of York, who later became George VI, visiting Kennel Terrace in the 1920s. The kennels moved out of the village to their present premises in 1966 and are now run by Matthew Puffer, the fourth Pytchley huntsman in one hundred years. The

premises also house stables for a dozen horses belonging to the hunt’s team and its Masters.

I expected to be deafened by meeting so many fierce hunting animals but was struck instead by how quietly the hounds behaved. Many a headmaster would be impressed by the discipline Matthew enforces. Any boisterous behaviour is met by an immediate admonishment and the offender falls silent immediately. This does not hide the great affection on both sides. Matthew has bred and named each one of the hounds



after local villages and characters he has met in the villages.

However docile and attractive they appear, these are no pets. The lineage of each hound can be traced back to 1865 and their breeding is controlled by a governing body. After enjoying the first fourteen months of life carefree, during which they are farmed out to puppy-walkers, young hounds are yoked with mature ones until they have learned the ways of the pack. They are then trained up for the hunt.

Although I have no connection with the sport, as I watched Matthew take the hounds for exercise it seemed a very familiar part of our heritage. They strode out into the autumnal colours of the Cottesbrooke Estate, a sea of black, tan and cream washing around his heels, in a scene depicted in countless country pubs and stately homes. I had difficulty reconciling this idyllic image with the pitch battles witnessed on TV some years ago between pro and anti-hunt protestors. (Pytchley remained relatively untouched by the protests during this period).

The Pytchley Hunt team is hoping the new government will introduce a repeal of the foxhunting ban. Meanwhile, the foxes are flaunting their protected status. Matthew told me many foxes live around Brixworth and they sometimes appear at night playing on the lawn in full view of the kennels.







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## Sundays

7.45 a.m. Holy Eucharist (first Sunday of the month)  
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Address  
6.00 p.m. Evensong



'Annunciation' by Nicolas Poussin, 1657  
National Gallery, London

## Weekdays

Tuesdays 9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Fridays 7.45 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
For other days, see weekly sheet in Church

## FROM THE VICAR

Dear People of Brixworth,

I wonder whether you saw any of the recent programmes entitled "The Big Silence" (Fridays 7.00p.m. B.B.C.2)? Five people, who weren't churchgoers, were approached to make a week's retreat at a remote place in North Wales (meals and services etc. provided in the house) in order to see what effect the experience had on their busy lives. I saw two of the programmes and was a little disappointed in them but I recognise that silence is difficult to communicate on T.V! It needs to be experienced personally rather than observed in the lives of others, BUT it is very important that we all experience it, in some form; indeed I believe it is vital for prayer and healthy living, for Christians and non-Christians alike.

A good starting point can be CORPORATE SILENCE – a silence that is shared and observed alongside others like the two minutes silence of Remembrance Day and the silence we try to observe in our services at All Saints' Church for short periods, and especially after receiving Holy Communion. Of course in our frenetic world and modern way of life it is important to be silent on one's own whether that be in one's bedroom, or in the garden, or somewhere away from human contact for a while, when it is possible to be still and not restless or fidgety, kneeling or sitting, but not slouching. An empty church can be a good place for being still and quiet; I find Brixworth Church ideal during the week, much of the time, though sadly very rarely see others using it in that way. So many churches are firmly locked these days, except for services and that is much to be deplored. I know there is a risk involved in keeping churches open in the day-time but that risk is too often an excuse for laziness about opening them.

One of my favourite places for stillness and silence is the monastery church at Quarr Abbey on the Isle of Wight, particularly in the early morning when the monks have finished the first service of the day and gone off to breakfast. For about 30 minutes or so the church is empty usually and it is an ideal time and place to be still and quiet. The flickering light in the dimness behind the altar at the far end is a reminder that one is not alone, but in the presence of God who patiently waits to listen (and speak, if given the chance) to the person addressing Him.

To be really still and silent for 15 – 30 minutes each day needs practice and discipline – especially when you just don't feel like praying or even being quiet. However, the benefits are enormous as anyone but a fool can discover. So don't make excuses, just get on with it and give it a good try, daily if possible. You'll soon see what I mean, if you persist.

Yours sincerely

A.J.Watkins

P.S. CHRISTMAS is coming again and your parish church has a full programme of services leading up to the festival and continuing it into the New Year. I hope you know that you are very welcome at any of these services. Furthermore Brixworth's Church is open each day soon after 10.00am usually, if not, before until 4.00pm at this time of the year. Do visit it and enjoy its peace, especially during the Christmas season. I suspect quite a lot of people in this village have never been inside it or even in the vicinity. Yet it is the parish church which makes this village so special and of world significance, drawing people from all over the world, as our Visitors Book reveals. Do come and bring your friends and relatives.



## CALENDAR FOR WINTER 2010 – 11

- NOV. 28 SUNDAY: ADVENT I Services at 7.45a.m., 10.15a.m. and 6.00p.m.  
 6.00p.m. ADVENT SERVICE of hymns, readings and carols (in candlelight)  
 30 Tuesday. ST. ANDREW.APOSTLE. 9.30a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST
- DEC. 5 SUNDAY: ADVENT II. Services at 10.15a.m. & 6.00p.m.  
 8 Wednesday . IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF B.V. MARY 12.00 noon HOLY EUCHARIST  
 14 SUNDAY: ADVENT III Services at 10.15 a.m. & 6.00p.m.  
 16 Thursday 10.00 a.m. SCHOOL CHRISTINGLE SERVICE (in church)  
 19 SUNDAY: ADVENT IV Services at 10.15 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.

23 Thursday before Christmas.	7.30 p.m. A CAROL SERVICE FOR BRIXWORTH
24 Friday. CHRISTMAS EVE	9.00a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST 2.00 p.m. CRIB SERVICE FOR THE YOUNG 11.30 p.m. MIDNIGHT MASS
25 Saturday. CHRISTMAS DAY	7.45 a.m. MASS OF THE DAWN 10.30 a.m. MASS OF THE DAY WITH CAROLS
26 SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FAMILY (ST. STEPHEN'S DAY)	11.00a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST No Evening Service
27 Monday. ST. JOHN the EVANGELIST	10.30a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST
28 Tuesday. HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY	10.30a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

- JAN 1 (2011) Saturday. NEW YEAR'S DAY. 11.00a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST  
 2 SUNDAY: EPIPHANY OF CHRIST. Services at 7.45 a.m., 10.15 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.  
 9 SUNDAY: BAPTISM OF CHRIST. Services at 10.15 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.  
 16 SUNDAY: EPIPHANY II Services at 10.15 a.m. & 6.00p.m.  
 18 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY  
 23 SUNDAY: EPIPHANY III Services at 10.15 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.  
 25 Tuesday. CONVERSION OF St. PAUL 9.30a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST  
 30 SUNDAY: PRESENTATION OF CHRIST. Services at 10.15a.m. (CANDLEMAS ) and 6.00p.m.
- FEB 2 Wednesday. 10.00a.m. School Candlemas Service  
 6 SUNDAY: FIFTH BEFORE LENT Services at 7.45 a.m., 10.15 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.  
 13 SUNDAY; FOURTH BEFORE LENT Services at 10.15 a.m. & 6.00p.m.  
 20 SUNDAY CALLED SEPTUAGESIMA. Services at 10.15 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.  
 27 SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA. Services at 10.15a.m. & 6.00p.m.
- MAR 6 SUNDAY CALLED QUINQUAGESIMA. Services at 7.45a.m., 10.15a.m. & 6.00p.m.

N.B. The date of Easter Day 2011 is very late (April 24<sup>th</sup>) ASH WEDNESDAY, the first day of Lent is MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>.

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### HOLY BAPTISM

- Sunday. 12<sup>th</sup> September.....Darcy Ann JONES. 15 The Knoll  
 Sunday. 10<sup>th</sup> October.....Benjamin Sean GUDGEON. 6 Dairy Close  
 Sunday. 21<sup>st</sup> November.....Megan Jayne SHARROCK, 100 Northampton Road

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

- Saturday. 21<sup>st</sup> August.....Adam John CLARKE & Lee-Anne GROSS  
 Friday. 3<sup>rd</sup> September.....Scott Adam ROBINSON & Amanda CORCORAN  
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#### HOLY BURIAL

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## “The Gift of Manfield”

Local author Sue Longworth has researched the history of Manfield Orthopaedic Hospital and will be giving a talk at Brixworth Library on the 17th December.

In 1924 James Manfield donated his mansion and grounds to be converted into a hospital for disabled children. Sue has recorded many personal recollections of patients, staff and local residents.

The event will start at 10am with refreshments and a chance to speak with Sue before she starts her talk.

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Competition: 60's Memorabilia

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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/2010/0304 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. approved
Yelvercroft Wind Farm	Approved
Mabbutts Wood Yard	To be resubmitted.
DA/2010/0676 Merry Tom Farm, Merry Tom Lane. Single storey extension with link to existing barn & conversion of barn into a habitable room & changing room	P.C.23/8 No objection
DA/2010/0741 18 Tantree Way. First floor side extension over existing garage.	P.C. 13/9 No objection
DA/2010/0745 4 The Croft. Single storey extension.	P.C. 13/9 No objection
DA/2010/0775 5 Shelleycotes Road. Side extension.	P.C.4/10 No objection

## BRIXWORTH VILLAGE ORGANISATION SHEET

I have attempted to compile as comprehensive a list of Brixworth Organisations, with names and telephone numbers, as possible. I was not able to contact everyone and if an organisation has been missed out or a wrong name or contact number printed, please send an e-mail with the correct information to the Bulletin.

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# POLICE QUARTERLY REPORT



On 14th October your Community Panel met once more and was very well attended by representatives from both Brixworth and Spratton. David Hymas chaired the meeting and the previous priority of parking was discussed. The team patrolled Brixworth and Spratton 79 times specifically looking for parking issues. 6 fixed penalty notices for parking on double yellow lines were issued along with 9 warnings. 1 fixed penalty was issued in Brixworth for use of mobile phone whilst driving. The panel discussed a priority for the forthcoming 3 months and decided that Litter would be given special attention. Daventry District Council, the panel, and Brixworth Parish Council will be writing to shop keepers asking them to take some responsibility for the litter caused by purchases from

their shops. PCSO Hillery will be doing a poster competition and litter pick at the Brixworth junior school. In addition we have already had crime offenders pick litter in both Brixworth and Spratton and a youngster that discarded litter outside the community centre has also done a litter pick. We will maintain this emphasis for the next 3 months.

In September 2 drugs warrants were executed in Brixworth as part of Operation Guardian and cannabis was found at both. One adult male received a cannabis warning and another received an adult caution (conviction) for possession of cannabis.

One youth was convicted in court of the straw stack fire on 27th June between Brixworth and Pitsford. He was sentenced to a 12 month Community and Supervision order and a 4-month curfew, electronically tagged.

An adult and a youth have been dealt with for fighting on St David's playing field; the adult received a Caution for assault (a conviction) and the youth made reparation to the victim.

Another youngster was made to clean off graffiti she had done to a fence in Froxhill Crescent and on separate occasions 2 adults have been fined £80 each for swearing in public.

Back in June a Sat Nav was taken from a

parked vehicle in Holcot Rd and an adult male has now been charged with that offence and bailed to court – this came about because a member of the public took the registration number of the offender's vehicle.

Over the last 3 months we have dealt with 2 adults and 6 youths for thefts from the COOP; the adults received £80 fines and the youths have written letters of apology to the store, re paid what they owe and all have been barred from the store.

Despite all this, overall crime (this crime year) is down in comparison to last with Brixworth showing a 18% reduction, Lamport had 1 crime in July and Hanging Houghton report no crime. Just one offence of theft from vehicle at the Draughton crossing Brampton Valley Way has been reported.

**The next community panel meeting is on 17th January 2011 at the Community Centre at 8pm. 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 [SCTDaventryRuralNorth@northants.police.uk](mailto:SCTDaventryRuralNorth@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 Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111. *Sgt Mike Grady*

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# GUIDING CENTENARY VISION



At 20:10 on 20/10 2010, over 30 Brownies, Guides, Leaders and Trefoil Guild members from around Brixworth joined thousands of girls and women from across the country as they launched the next 100 years of guiding.

The Vision party, that took place in Brixworth to mark the closing of the centenary year, was one of hundreds of parties that took place simultaneously across the UK. The event invited Girl guiding UK members to reflect on the Centenary year and to share their vision of the future.

During the evening at the home of Pam Hayes, girls played games and ate food. The Vision party ended at 20:10 with everyone joining other Girl guiding members from across the UK to renew their promise.

It proved to be a very busy month for Brownies and Guides, since the previous week, on 12 October, they held a Pampered Chef Evening. Mrs Theresa

Marriott, Tawny Owl said, "We would like to thank everyone who attended. The evening was a huge success. We raised £300, which will be shared between Cancer Research and unit funds."

Early in November, Guides and Brownies attended Mid Division Camp at The John Lowther Centre. 15 girls from Brixworth joined in a weekend full of activities including outdoor pursuits and crafts.

Girl guiding is as popular as ever. Over a third of girls and young women (aged 7-21) participate in guiding and almost half of all the women in the UK have been involved in guiding at some stage in their lives.

We do have a small number of places available in our local Guide unit. If you would like further information about joining Guides, please phone Jill Gunnett 01604 880929 or contact our County Office 01604 648740, or visit our website [www.northantsguides.com](http://www.northantsguides.com).

**Brixworth Drama Group will be performing a traditional winter pantomime, *The Queen of Hearts*, in January 2010 at Brixworth Village Hall.**

*The Queen of Hearts* brings together some of the favourite characters from *Alice in Wonderland* in an all-new adventure, as Sir Sinister Spade plans to overthrow the King and Queen of Hearts and rule the kingdom; in the meantime Alice and the Prince of Hearts must follow the trail of the White Rabbit down the rabbit hole to find the magic Tarts. Will they succeed and bring prosperity to the Kingdom? Will serial tart scoffer, the Knave of Hearts, survive the Queen's wrath and find love with Tweeny Maid, Tilly Flop? Join us in January and find out. Director Tony Farrow describes *The Queen of Hearts* as 'a lively re-imagining of a timeless classic, skilfully adapted to include all the elements of a pantomime: including opportunities for cheering and booing; some traditional songs and buckets of corny old jokes, in true Brixworth Drama Group tradition and style.'

This year, Brixworth Drama Group has an arrangement with the George Pub in Brixworth, who are supporting the drama group by offering 20% from a pre-panto meal if a customer produces a ticket prior to any performance.

As usual, there will be a licensed bar for pre-performance and interval drinks. There are six performances at Brixworth Village Hall: on Friday 21 and Friday 28 January 2011 at 7.30pm, and on Saturday 22 and 29 January at 2.30 and 7.30pm.

Tickets, which cost £5 for adults, £4 for concessions, and £15 for a family ticket, are available from Lovell's Hardware on Hunter's Way in Brixworth and from Libby, telephone: 01604 880672.

For the latest news from the drama group, visit their website at <http://brixworthdrama.priort.com>

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# HANGING HOUGHTON AND LAMPORT NEWS

The parking problem for the residents of Manor Walk still remains. The PCC is in discussion with our local district councillor and Northampton County Council to attempt to find a solution to this issue - this could take some time to reach a conclusion.

The harvest supper was held in the Loder Hall in Maidwell in late October - it was well attended, and from what I hear it was most enjoyable. The food was prepared by Sue Wood and was much enjoyed by all present. The event was held to raise funds for Lamport Church and was very successful.

A date for your diaries - the Christmas Carol service will be held at Lamport Church on Sunday 19th December, 2010 - please come along to join in the carol singing.

# DRUGHTON NEWS

I have been sending reports to the Brixworth Bugle / Bulletin for 10 years and this will be my last contribution. Thank you all for your support and I hope someone in the village will feel able to send a report from Draughton in the future.

As I mentioned in my last contribution, Draughton got its fine new seat. Thanks Roger and Dave for all your hard work installing the seat. Let's hope many people will make use of it.



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Finally I would like to thank the editor of the Brixworth Bulletin for all his hard work and help over the past number of years - Harvey Fox has decided to pass the mantle on to a new editor and this will be his last Bulletin. I am sure you will join me in wishing him well for the future.

*Mike Philpott*

The Garden Group is looking forward to their quiz and fish & chips next week. It will be nice to meet up and look back over the year now Autumn is here.

The Harvest Supper was a great success and the next big fund raising event for Draughton, **The Christmas Sale** will be on **Dec 4th**. This year it is to be held in **The Loder Hall, Maidwell From 12 noon to 7pm.**

There will be lots of lovely goodies for sale.

*Anne Block*

# BRIXWORTH YOUTH CLUB



The photograph is of the pumpkins carved at our Halloween party. There was apple bobbing, pumpkin carving, fancy dress, hot dogs and homemade toffee and a good time was had by all!

*Jane Ames*

We will be holding an event on Saturday 5th February 2011 to raise funds towards the running of the Youth Club by Brixworth Youth Foundation.

The event will start at 1pm with a car rally. Each team will have a number of questions to answer while driving around local villages. It will be up to each team to decide which route to take. None of the answers require the teams to leave their cars, so put the heating on and enjoy. We will welcome all age groups.

After the rally there will be a short presentation at the Youth Club with refreshments on offer.

People can then spend a little time at home before the main event a 'rally' themed party which starts at 7pm in the Village Hall with music and a live band. The ticket price will include a hog roast, salads and desserts. There will also be an alternative for vegetarians. We will be drawing our 'Winter' prize on the night.

*This should be a fun event for all ages.*

*Ticket prices are as follows:*

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# COUNTRY EYE



by Brian Webster



## The Brimstone Butterfly

So where do they all go in the winter time? The flies, that is. It's a question that I can't answer, and nor can anyone else. If you take insects as being all those six-legged beasts with wings, you could fill a library with the facts that are already known about their wintering habits, and yet we have barely scratched the surface; there is so much more that we do not know.

To get some idea of how complex the question is, let's narrow down the field a little. Take the butterflies, of which some sixty-odd species have been found in these islands of ours. A small total compared with the hundreds known on the adjacent continent, and the thousands in the tropics. Yet even this tiny band of species has various ways of getting through the cold months. Maybe we first need to remind ourselves of the butterfly life-cycle, which has four stages. From the egg a caterpillar is hatched, which sheds its skin several times to grow to its full size. The next moult produces the chrysalis, from which emerges an adult, which spends its brief life, often only a few days, in the sun. To science these stages are known as ova, larva, pupa, and imago.

Two major problems occur in this part of the world in winter if you are a cold-blooded creature. The first is keeping active and, when the chips are down, of avoiding freezing to death. The second is of finding fresh plant food, or nectar, the former for the caterpillar, the latter for the adult butterfly. So first choice, when facing the winter is one or other of the so-called quiescent stages, i.e. egg or chrysalis. I say

so-called because just as a fertile hen's egg may produce a chick, so from the butterfly egg emerges a caterpillar. While inside the chrysalis the various bits and pieces of the caterpillar are taken apart – with nothing added – to reveal the colourful adult butterfly. One of nature's great miracles provides an unforgettable spectacle for those lucky enough to have seen it.

Species such as the two kinds of cabbage whites, and the green-veined white, pass the winter as chrysalis. These may often be found under the window-ledge of a garden shed, attached securely by tail hooks to a tiny pad of silk spun by the larva, and by a rope of silk looped around the 'waist'. The related orange-tip butterfly chrysalis is hidden within the dead flower-heads of its foodplant, which may have been hedge garlic, or pink-flowered ladies' smock. Its shape and colouring is an exact match for the seed-pods of the plant.

The blue butterflies are among many species that spend the winter as tiny caterpillars, burrowed deep within tufts of vegetation, tucked up warm against the rain, and frosts, and snows. They reawaken in spring precisely when the first green flush of their foodplants begin to colour the waysides. You may think that a minute egg, just visible to the naked eye, would be especially vulnerable to winter chills, yet many species lay them on exposed twigs. The black hairstreak, a nationally rare species, and a Northamptonshire treasure, with several colonies based in blackthorn scrub woodland in the east of our county, lays its orange-brown disc-shaped eggs singly on the leafless black twigs. Sharp-eyed conservationists, with practice, are able to find and count them in the dead of winter,

which some find easier that going out in search of the elusive adults in the summer!

Some of our colourful 'garden' butterflies, including the related small tortoiseshell, peacock, red admiral, and comma, plus the unrelated brimstone, face the winter as adults. I suspect most of you will have found one of these fluttering at your windows late in the year. Often they choose to settle down, wings tightly furled, in a dark corner, or among the folds of the curtains. And then comes that first chilly morning when the central heating goes on, they warm up rapidly, think spring has arrived, and are clamouring to be let out. Unfortunately these poor creatures are destined to become nature's wasters. Let them out, and they rapidly chill and die; keep them in and, having wakened, they will most likely starve to death. So if you see one of them enter the house from July onwards the best thing you can do is to hunt them outside again to find somewhere safer to sleep.

The brimstone is vastly different to the others; a glance at the underwings in my picture reveals them to be an exact match for the underside of an ivy leaf, even down to the veins of the leaf. The little red mark is supposed to represent a blemish, perhaps where a small creature has taken a bite out of it. Wherever there is dense ivy, festooned over wall or tree trunk, there to be sure will be these butterflies, secure against the severest of winters, and safe from prying eyes.

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# BRIXWORTH SURE-START CENTRE IS ABOUT TO OPEN IN THE OLD ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE EARLY NEXT YEAR

Sally Bussey, Brixworth Sure Start Children's Centre Manager, said, "We are really looking forward to moving into our new premises and getting to know the families in Brixworth and the surrounding villages. We have already begun to deliver some services from Brixworth Library and the Community Centre. These will continue and anyone interested in finding out more can telephone us on 01327 701604 to request more information.

Currently for children 0 – 5 years and their adults we have the following drop in sessions:

- Story and Rhyme time on Tuesday afternoons, 2.30 – 3.00pm at Moulton Library
- Stay and Play on Friday mornings 10.30 – 12.00pm (Brixworth)
- Bumps and Babies on Fridays 12.00 – 1.30pm (Brixworth)
- Young Parents (Brixworth)
- Dads (and Mums) Story and Rhyme Time on 1st Saturday of every month (Brixworth)
- Also we have ongoing:
- Basic First Aid – just phone for a place and we will let you know when the next session is
- Baby Days – 6 week course for new parents (please phone)

The staff team, who are managed by NHS Northamptonshire, includes Lesley Richardson, Sophie Strachan, Gemma Childs, Karen Rolfe and Rachael Tuckley. All team members are enthusiastic and passionate about the work of Sure Start and fully understand that the early years are so important in a child's life. The team have a mix of skills and backgrounds and can provide activities, information and support with many aspects of a child's development, care and education as well as helping mums and dads, grandparents and carers in their role.

Our sessions are based on the Early Years Foundation Stage guidance and aim to enhance you and your child's development through fun activities, parenting support and health initiatives.

The building is due to be finished Spring 2011, and will have a fabulous outdoor area for families as well as a warm, welcoming indoor area with our friendly staff to assist you. Look out for our opening events in the local press and libraries.

We look forward to welcoming children and their families to Brixworth Sure Start Children's Centre."

Jane Smith of N.C.C. expects that the building work will be complete by the end of January 2011, but occupation will not be achieved until the beginning of spring



The old cracked concrete surface of the playground is now replaced with attractive turf and a gravel path at the side



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# Gardening Notes by Catherine Hole



The year began with a traditional extremely cold winter which we have not experienced for some years, followed by a wet spring and then weeks of hot sun. The weather was at times quite difficult for gardeners especially when the dry conditions continued, and began to affect the vegetable garden. Of course not all was lost, - runner beans, onions, beetroot, lettuce and root crops have yielded well. The village flower and produce show was a great success with many entries in all categories.

We now move into the final season of the year - winter -, for some not the most interesting time of year but for others, who appreciate the 'bare bones' of a garden it is a delight. The autumnal colours have lit the landscape with their vibrant reds, oranges and russet tones. Apples, pears and hedgerow fruits were abundant due to the hot summer and heavy rain showers. Sadly in our area we have seen a shortage of butterflies, the reason for which I do not know, as their favourite flowers - buddleia, sedum and michaelmas daisies flowered well. Whether the harsh winter has depleted their eggs, possibly someone from Brixworth has some knowledge of this. Wasps however, appeared in vast numbers and became quite a nuisance.

At this time of year there are still many tasks to perform. The sap in trees ceases to rise, therefore will not 'bleed' when apple trees are pruned back to the last three buds. Deciduous shrubs should be pruned in this dormant season, - buddleia, cotinus, deutzia, fuchsia and philadelphus.

Late summer and autumn flowering clematis stems should be cut to approximately 15-20cms above ground level otherwise they will be bare at the base and only flower higher up.

Prune long growth on roses to reduce damage from wind rock.

Reduce watering of house plants. Dead-head any Christmas flowering plants and keep cool and out of direct sunlight.

Fencing posts and panels should be checked for stability to prevent damage by strong winds. Insulation of a greenhouse

using bubble wrap can be beneficial. Light level is severely affected however, so I prefer to have some ready to use if and when the weather becomes extreme to aid the heating system. Greenhouse heating is important so testing this may prevent any problems later, whether it be electrical or a paraffin heater, in which case, to ensure the wick is operational, and that you have a supply of paraffin ready when the temperatures drop to freezing and below. On mild days it is a good idea to open the greenhouse for ventilation.

Should there be heavy snowfall, and although beautifully attractive, the weight of snow upon shrubs and any plants or trees can be destructive, so a gentle tapping with a broom or stick to dislodge it will prevent damage and loss of boughs.

Cleaning tools and oiling shears and secateurs should be a regular task throughout the year but when the weather is too bad these jobs can be undertaken with more pleasure. Tidying sheds and stacking pots are both useful, positive projects. Servicing lawn mowers is an excellent idea at this time whilst they are not in use, and before the panic rush in spring, when there can be quite a delay when everyone suddenly has the same idea.

Birds can fare badly at this harsh time of year. Dense cover such as ivy, conifer, and holly, give protection from the worst of the chill wind. Plants such as teasel, with seed bearing heads are an important food source.

Tidying the garden too much deprives birds and insects of places to hide too. Insects, such as ladybirds who are beneficial to us as they devour greenfly during the summer months, overwinter amongst plant stems often in groups and also can be found concealed on wooden fencing or window ledges. Wood piles are host to hedgehogs and toads during the cold winter months.

Leaving your interesting stems, and dried flower heads therefore benefits wildlife and also provides for a more interesting garden with outlines exaggerated in frost and snow, and in winter sunlight.

Insulate outdoor taps with bubble wrap or hessian wound around them to prevent damage from frost.

Force rhubarb for sweeter stems and an earlier crop by placing a large pot, bucket, or similar receptacle over the plant.

Coppice hazel now for use as bean or pea sticks next year, or as supports for willow perennial plants, whilst the stems are bare - free of leaves, much easier than stripping the leaves in spring !

Bulbs will be emerging, hellebores flowering, winter flowering honeysuckle, sarcococca, chimonanthos praecox, - the last three being highly scented shrubs. It is a magical time of year, you just need to venture outside to see what nature conjures up in even the most adverse conditions.

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Recently the Centre was at the brink of closure due to a vacancy for a Chairperson. However Graham Cleary was elected to take the role.

In times of need the village gives back. During the summer holidays a group of Mums and their children volunteered to clear

the bottom playground and flowerbeds. Work has also just been completed to improve and maintain the exterior of the building.

As a registered charity run by a committee of volunteers all with a mutual regard for the welfare and development of the community, fundraising, grants and donations are key to the constant source of work that is required for a building of this age to continue to provide for the village.

We also rely on the hire of the building for a form of income to continue to improve the building for future generations.

*Graham Cleary*

The Editor's family are very grateful to Chloe Huntley for finding their very large puppy, Phoebe, when she managed to get out of the garden at the Pound House, on Harborough Road. Phoebe is a deer-hound and 30 inches from ground to shoulder. Chloe was pushing her baby whilst out for a walk and had to hold on to Phoebe and the pram for 20 minutes before I met them. Very many thanks. *Harvey Fox*

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# CELEBRATING 50 GOLDEN YEARS OF BRIXWORTH BADMINTON CLUB



Whilst it may not have any of the original founder members, Brixworth Badminton Club continues to thrive after 50 years, proving the popularity of the sport. Badminton was invented long ago; a form of sport played in ancient Greece and Egypt. Badminton came from a child's game called battledore and shuttlecock, in which two players hit a feathered shuttlecock back and forth with tiny rackets. The game was called 'Poona' in India during the 18<sup>th</sup> Century and British Army Officers stationed there took the Indian version back to England in the 1860's. In 1873, the Duke of Beaufort held a lawn party in his country place, Badminton. A game of Poona was played on that day and became popular among the British society's elite. The new party sport became known as "the Badminton game".

In the multi-media world we live in to-day, play stations, home computers, and unlimited channels on 24 hour television, regretfully less people are finding the time to enjoy and benefit from the physical challenge of sport. Whilst Badminton showed a resurging awareness and popularity, when Nathan Robertson and Gail Emms won a silver medal in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, like so many sports, it has to work hard to retain its popularity and support.

Today, Brixworth Badminton Club plays at modern facilities at Guilsborough School playing on 4 courts and has become more than just a badminton club with active social and family events.

The club plays on Wednesday and Friday nights from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Certified by the Badminton Association of England, as a Premier Club, focus is on the development of junior players. All coaches are CRB approved. The junior section plays 6.30pm – 7.30pm on Friday evenings (current waiting list). Proudly one of their very successful junior members, and a name to remember for the future, Alex Munns is now training hard aspiring to play at the 2016 Olympics.

Whilst the club should appeal to those social players wanting to improve, it provides a challenge for those who aspire to play more competitively, with 8 teams in the Northamptonshire Badminton league. Like many clubs they need to get more ladies, who may have

played in the past, to return to the sport.

Finally, whilst they are a competitive badminton club, they also have an active social and family orientation. From barn dances, camping events, barbecues, family days, cycle rides and the annual pilgrimage to the All England National Championship, the objective is to balance sport with fitness with pleasure and well being.

For more details visit [www.brixworthbadminton.co.uk](http://www.brixworthbadminton.co.uk) or, contact the club secretary Jonathan Tame on 01604881179 or [jonathantame@sky.com](mailto:jonathantame@sky.com) Jonathan Tame



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## BRIXWORTH ALL SAINTS' FOOTBALL CLUB



Both teams have had a great start to the season and are currently top of their respective leagues. First team manager Adam Knight has made some great new signings for the new season with many quality players joining the club. It is thought that the strength and depth at the club now will be rewarded with honours at the end of the season. It is hoped that players who do not quite make the first team cut, will stay with the club, play for the reserves and fight for a first team place, thus strengthening the squad.

We have also formed a veterans team this season and are playing once a month on Sunday mornings.

2011 will be a momentous year for Brixworth All Saints Football Club, 100 years of football in the village and we will be celebrating the Centenary with various functions and activities through next year.

Anyone connected with the club throughout the ages, who would like to be part of the Centenary Committee should contact me. It will be a temporary committee set up to organise the events mentioned. We will be looking for a sponsor for the Centenary football kits which would display your company name, well advertised throughout the year.

We are always looking to recruit additional members to the club to assist in duties such as match-day nets, line-marking, linesmen, fundraising and general support for next season.

We have a horse racing on film fund raiser organised for the Friday 26th November, all support for the event is welcome.

If you would like to contact me for any reason, my details are below:  
Nigel Eldred – Chairman BASFC  
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## BRIXWORTH SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Brixworth Short Mat Bowls Club meets every Friday in the Brixworth Centre, Church Street at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Anyone interested in joining this friendly group should contact the Chairman on 880343 or Secretary on 881012.

Previous experience of bowls is not necessary and the club can supply equipment.

## BRIXWORTH BRIDGE CLUB

Brixworth Bridge Club has a small number of spaces for established Bridge players. It is a small and friendly club using Chicago scoring and meets every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays) at the Heritage Centre. Play starts promptly at 7:30pm and finishes by 10:00pm. Table money is £2 per person and includes tea or coffee and biscuits. If you are interesting in joining us for a regular evening of relaxed Bridge, please contact Andy Heaver (Tel: 880721).

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Both the League and Cup run through the winter months from September to April, with most games being played on a Saturday at Caroline Chisholm School, Champion School and Moulton Sports Complex to name but a few. We also run a fun yet very competitive summer league, which is played on weekday evenings during the summer months between May and August.

Don't worry if you haven't played for a while. Many of our clubs hold training sessions or give you the chance to try out in friendly games, before getting back into a competitive match.

To get involved visit our website [www.northants-mixed-hockey.co.uk](http://www.northants-mixed-hockey.co.uk) to find out more about our teams, location of pitches and to register your interest as a player.

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