

DDC rejects Co-op's plans for Red Lion

Daventry District Council (DDC) has refused planning permission for the Co-op to demolish the Red Lion pub and build a new store in its place.

DDC said the proposed building would not have been in keeping with its location in the conservation area of Brixworth, that the Co-op had not properly considered options for adapting the existing building, and that the parking provisions for customers and staff 'fall far short of the requirements.'

In its refusal notice, DDC noted: "This would likely lead to staff and customers' vehicles being parked on the public highway [...], particularly during morning and evening peak periods." Furthermore, DDC was concerned that the Co-op's proposal did not include an off-road loading and unloading bay, which would result in delivery lorries being parked on the main road which – given that the site is on a bend in the main through road – would be dangerous and cause congestion. DDC's concerns are very much in tune with public sentiment in Brixworth, which had been strongly against the proposal – mainly because of fears that there weren't enough parking bays and deliveries would cause a problem.

The Co-op had hoped to build a new shop to give it more space and better facilities compared with the existing site, which it has long outgrown. The proposed new shop would have been more than twice the size of the existing one, at 465m² of sales area compared



Photo: Ian Topham

with 200m³, and much more space for storage. That would allow it to significantly expand the range of goods on sale, and make the shop more easy to manoeuvre with trolleys, wheelchairs or prams. There could also be space for more tills and self-service tills, cutting queue time.

The contentious parking area would have provided space for 13 cars; the Co-op had argued that while this is four less than at the old site, not having to share the parking with other shops and amenities would still have meant an improvement.

Local resident Archie Jenner commented: "Living opposite the Red Lion, we are very relieved that DDC have rejected the Co-op's plans. The traffic problems would have been horrendous! We are very grateful to all the Brixworth residents who opposed the plans."

– Claudia Flavell-White

Where next for the Co-op?

That the Co-op's planning application for the Red Lion site was rejected will have come as a relief to many in the village. Opposition to the proposal had been strong, and not just from people living near the site.

At the same time it's clear the Co-op is in a difficult situation. Its existing shop in Spratton Road is blatantly too small, and has been for many years. Parking is difficult, aisles are narrow, queues are a regular feature which in turn makes it even harder to get around the shop, and the range the shop is able to offer is necessarily limited.

Moving the shop to a larger new site would have provided a welcome opportunity to address all these issues. No one would argue that the Red Lion site is far from ideal, not least because of the limited parking space and the location of the site on a bend, but at least it was an option.

The site of the Saxon Spires Surgery – which we do hope will be able to move to its new premises at some point in the non-too-distant future – would have been an obvious alternative, but that site has already been sold to Climbing High Day Nurseries, which runs several nurseries across Northamptonshire and Rutland. With no other immediate solution coming forward, it would seem we'll have to put up with the 'Queue-Up' for a while longer.



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Fond farewells for Jill Barber

Jill Barber, the long-serving manager of Brixworth Library, had many fond farewells at her leaving party shortly prior to retiring from her role at the end of October.

She was extremely pleased with her leaving present from the entire volunteers, which was a signed and framed set of photographs of Formula 1's Jensen Button – of whom she is an ardent fan.

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Ongoing delays to surgery move

The planned move of Brixworth surgery to its new site in the Saxon Heights housing estate continues to be on hold with no moving date confirmed.

The move, which was originally expected to take place in June 2018, was scuppered by difficulties in getting an internet connection established for the new site. Without this up and running the practice cannot move, as none of the practice staff can access patient records without access to the internet.

Claire Deare, who took over from Kathryn Baines as manager for the Saxon Spires practice at the beginning of November, told the Brixworth Bulletin: "There seem to have been multiple reasons for the ongoing delay. As a practice, we are focusing on finding a solution to enable us to move into the new building as soon as possible."

She added that the practice was in the process of escalating the situation to the highest level of its clinical commissioning group, which is responsible for the NHS IT support for the practice. "We hope that in escalating the matter we are able to get a clear answer as to when we can have the required infrastructure in place. We do not have a specific target date." - cfw

Lampport's 'rat-run' conundrum

Residents in Lampport are up in arms over the huge rise in traffic through the village in recent years. At morning rush hour an average of 4000 vehicles, including HGVs, have been counted using the route. Inevitably, residents are concerned about damage to both the road and property, including the listed buildings, caused by having so many cars on such a small country 'C' road.

The majority of the traffic is commuters who are using the road as a 'rat-run' from the A14 towards Northampton. Most of this traffic would normally have come on the A508 via Maidwell, but since the speed limit through Maidwell was lowered from 40 to 30 a few years ago, 'sat-navs' have been sending drivers through Lampport, even though it is only 2 minutes quicker. This has caused much concern for the residents in the village.

The main worry is the safety of those living close to the road, which includes families with very young children. Moreover, the road was not constructed for the volume of traffic. It is causing excessive wear and tear to the road, and concern as the foundations of the Lampport Hall Grade I properties and boundary walls all run very close to and alongside the road. The boundary wall itself has been knocked down several times. One unlucky resident has had two cars written off in the last five years while parked in the road.

Residents have also had to deal with

Spratton consults on Youth Club provision

Spratton Parish Council is currently consulting residents in Spratton and surrounding villages to gauge whether there is sufficient interest to warrant starting a new youth club in Spratton.

The club would cater to ten- to sixteen-year-olds at a yet-to-be-determined location in Spratton. While the final decision about the potential catchment area for the club is yet to be made, volunteers were keen to reach out to residents of Brixworth and other neighbouring villages.

Madeline George, who helping promote the consultation, told the Bulletin: "We don't have a catchment area as such. We will use the data collected to consult with Spratton Parish Council and they will have the final decision about a catchment area and who may be welcome."

The survey will be open until mid-January. To participate, visit https://surveyplanet.com/9nvbal_lp



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damage to their cars and a number of wing mirrors being knocked off, possibly as a result of the 30 large lorries that CCTV has shown to be using the route daily – despite the road having a 7.5 ton 'access only' limit for HGVs (which most ignore). In addition to this, the increase in traffic has led to an increase in litter tossed onto the roads and wider environment. Many residents have been picking up rubbish from their own front gardens to try to combat this.

Residents and members of the Parish, District and County Council met with representatives from the Police, Community Liaison and Northamptonshire Highways in early October to discuss options to improve the current situation. At this meeting the key issues covered were safety, damage, potential risks to property and the volume and speed of traffic using the High Street. The outcome was that the Police agreed to monitor the road for a week, which they have now done, and have said they will report back on further measures and action to address the traffic issues.

Up to now, Lampport residents feel that there has been "no or ineffective action from the police or other authorities". As Northamptonshire County Council has no money to help with these problems, villagers are now considering fundraising themselves to ensure that key measures are put in place.

Some of the things under consideration are putting in flower boxes and speed signs to help remind drivers that this is a conservation village and they need to slow down. Lampport will also be installing cameras to monitor road usage and working with the Parish Council, will write to haulage companies to try to prevent any further abuse of the 7.5 ton limit 'for access only', by HGVs. This will also include making the police aware of any serial offenders.

However, while there might be ways to combat speeding through the village and potentially reducing HGV usage, the real issue remains the sheer volume of traffic on a small country 'C' road – and that remains a tricky problem to address. – *Millicent Wincott*



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Speed Watch finds fewer speeding cars

The 2018 Community Speed Watch campaign recorded a 10% drop in the number of cars caught speeding compared with the same period in 2017.

In total, 313 cars were caught speeding, down from 342 the previous year. The biggest issue remains Northampton Road, opposite the Saxon Rise allotments. Holcot Road by the Ashway came in second place, followed by Station Cottages on the way to Creaton, but the number of speeding cars at Saxon Rise dwarfed those at all other locations put together.

Anyone caught in the campaign would not have received a fine but a warning letter – the Community Speed Watch is not a police initiative but instead a community drive, supported by the police. It is usually hard to miss – small groups of residents in hi-vis jackets popping up at various venues around the village in June and July, pointing a camera at oncoming traffic.

Not everyone knows who they are and what they are up to, leading to some queries on Social Media.

Community Speed Watch is a nation-

wide initiative enabling local volunteers, with support from the police, to monitor the speeds of vehicles in 30 or 40 mph areas in their neighbourhood.

Members of the group believe the time and work involved is well worth it, if it helps raise awareness of speeding in the village, reminds people to slow down, and highlights specific speeding hotspots.

Juliette Keeping, the new coordinator of the campaign, said: "I took an interest in this activity last year and volunteered to take part. I'm concerned that as our village is growing, this creates more traffic and potential risk, especially to children and older people along our busy roads."

She adds: "Without the support of the volunteers and their many years' experience, I couldn't have done it but with their support and a few laughs and errors on the way, we have achieved a result."

If you feel you could be part of this and would like to help us to keep Brixworth safe, please contact Gary.wright@Northants.pnn.police.co.uk or Juliette Keeping on 881311

– Juliette Keeping

Brixworth World War



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remembers I heroes

The Armistice Centenary on 11 November saw a huge turnout from right across the village. The scouts led the annual parade through the village to All Saints Church, where Rev Chloe Willson-Thomas and Rev Andy Lloyd-Williams conducted a joint remembrance service. This was followed by the laying of wreaths at the memorial and a two minute silence at 11am.

In the evening, Brixworth Beacon was lit – one of many hundreds of beacons lit across the UK that evening, symbolizing the ‘light of hope’ that emerged from the darkness of war – and the church bells rang out for peace.



Photo: Bernard Lawes



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Photo: Sean Goodheart

Paying tribute to Tommy

Some beautiful and moving memorials have sprung up throughout the country over the past month to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first world war,

Brixworth, too, has had its own “Tommy” who appeared seated on a bench on Northampton Road. He was created by Phil Leeson who says: “I just needed to do something to say thank you to all those who died so we could have the life we have.”

The sculpture is worked from a plywood template and contains 150 metres of barbed wire which the sculptor had to hand.

Like many of us, the Leesons have quite a number of personal connections with the war. They have relatives who served as blacksmiths and drivers with the Royal Artillery and Royal Horse Artillery, an uncle who died as a result of suffering from mustard gas and a great grandmother received the equivalent of an OBE for her nursing services.

– Jennifer Fitzgerald

County Award for BCC youth work

The Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs has awarded Brixworth Community Church the President's Trophy for children's and youth work.

It staggers me to think that out of the 276 youth and children's groups that NAYC currently support, who no doubt also do a great job in their communities, we have been chosen for this great honour.

At this time, we have 27 volunteers from the church and the community who are currently involved in our children's and youth ministries, ranging from Junior Church and Bible Class on Sunday mornings, TNT (Truth and Teenagers) on Tuesday nights and Dynamites children's club on Friday nights. We also run Olive Shoots for mums and tots on Thursday mornings, summer holiday clubs and the soccer and netball schools.

As the old hymn says, "to God be the glory" and rightly so. That being said, this is a great encouragement, not only to us as a church but also to all the volunteers involved and all those parents who trust their children and young people to us through these great groups. It is all credit to them that we have received this prestigious award.

We have been affiliated to NAYC for many years now and find them a great organisation that support us in so many different ways, from helping with DBS disclosure applications to various youth work training sessions, club visits and helping out with holiday clubs.

Over the last few years we have continued to invest in our young people and have put some of them on the NAYC emerging leader courses, where they get to learn various youth work skills. This not



Pictured, left to right: Andrea Parker, Scarlett Valentine, Nick Vizor, Joey Gwinn, Deidre Daish, Mark Palmer, David Laing (HM Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire)

only helps them to become better young leaders but also helps them as they begin to think about leaving school for work or further education. It obviously helps potential employers when they see on a CV that the young person is serious about their future.

For any information about Brixworth Community Church's children and youth work please contact Mark on 07917 573784 or Andy on 07958 604961. – Mark Palmer, Community Worker



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Quiz and a curry

The Friends of Brixworth Church are holding a Quiz & Curry Evening on Saturday 2 February 2019 in support of Brixworth All Saints Church.

The 12.50 entry price includes a choice of curries and deserts – though a Ploughman's Supper is also available for anyone not keen on curries. There will also be an open bar.

The quiz will be hosted at the Brixworth Centre in Church Street by local quizmaster Keith Farey with prizes for the winners. Teams may have up to six members. Arrive at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. For tickets, contact Sue Verallo (sue@eurotowers.co.uk) or phone 881422.



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The Northampton and Lamport Railway (NLR) is chuffed to have been awarded grants to help complete its ½ mile southern extension to Boughton Crossing. All being well, the extension should be complete in two years' time.

Grants from Daventry District Council (£15,000) and the EU's LEADER Fund (£45,160) will cover 80% of the cost of refurbishing a low 7 brick arch viaduct and constructing a new station platform adjacent to A5199 and The Windhover Pub. The pub kindly provided some land which could be used for a future station building.

The Railway itself needs to contribute £18,000 and is appealing for donations from local residents and businesses. We also urgently need volunteers to join our friendly team and help complete the project. In particular, we are appealing to anyone with bricklaying skills that could lend some of their time (even just one day).

The NLR is a purely volunteer-run, charitable not-for-profit heritage railway. First established in 1984, we have been running trains since 1995 and currently have a 1¼ mile line. At present, however, we only have one station at Pitsford and Brampton.

For many years volunteers have been working on the ½ mile extension, and most of the track is already down. However, we cannot run trains across the bridge until it has been restored to passenger-carrying standards.

Work will start in early 2019 and, subject to obtaining a Transport and Works Order, it is hoped the extension will open in Spring 2020.

The NLR is also progressing with work on a new Loco Shed and in the last year the team have raised over 80% of the £12,000 needed. This includes £1,000 from Persimmon Homes, £500 from Bellway Homes and £400 from the Waitrose Community Matters scheme.

If you can help in any way, please speak to a member of staff at the station or contact the NLR at societysecretary@nlr.org.uk. For more information, details of train times, special events and more, please visit www.nlr.org.uk



Draughton Christmas Tree Festival

Draughton village will be holding its Christmas Tree Festival and Bazaar on Saturday 1 December from 11am-5pm in St Catherine's Church, Draughton.

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It is helping all our users, as it creates an (almost) level playing base for the short-mat bowlers, a pleasant environment for the Pilates group and a healthier, lighter space for the Pre-School, Scouts, Beavers, Guides and Brownies, not to mention a better environment for our casual hirers.



Thanks must go to Daventry District Council for their generous grant and to the hard work of all our users for raising the balance. However, we have borrowed from our reserves to get this in place, so our fund-raising activities continue. We have been selected by the Co-op Local Community Fund as a beneficiary for the next twelve months. So please could you go on the Co-op website, and register as supporter of the Centre flooring project? When you select us, 1% of the value of all your purchases, when swiping your Co-op card, will be donated to the Centre. In this way we can re-build our reserves to support our day-to-day running costs.

If you read this before December, you are welcome to come along to our "opening ceremony". On the 1st December Chris Millar, Leader of Daventry District Council will be join us from 12 noon to 2pm to see the result of the Council's contribution to the community. Plus there will be stalls and refreshments PLUS a visit from Father Christmas!

You could also visit our website or Facebook page for details of what goes on in the Centre and how your business or organisation could take advantage of our facilities. – *Roger Brown, Chair of Trustees, The Brixworth Centre*

Tighter dog rules come into force

Dogs must be kept on leads around schools and in cemeteries and memorial gardens from December as part of new legislation.

The new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) also says that one person cannot walk more than six dogs at a time, and prohibits people smoking in fenced play areas, including schools.

The new PSPO, which will come into force on 1 December, also includes all the rules set out under the existing PSPO, which state owners must:

- Pick up after their dog
- Carry the means to pick up after their dog
- Prevent their dog from entering a fenced-off children's play area
- Put their dog on a lead when requested by an authorised officer
- Keep their dog on a lead around the café area at Daventry Country Park.

Daventry District Council (DDC) will be working alongside schools and parish councils in the weeks leading up to 1 December in order to agree appropriate boundaries and signage for the regulations requiring dogs to be put on leads.

The boundaries around schools will focus mainly on entries and exits and will apply only on school days. No smoking signage will also be added to fenced-off children's play areas.

Anyone who breaks one of the orders risks a £100 on-the-spot fine or, in serious cases, prosecution, though the additional new regulations will only be full enforced from April 1.

Cllr Richard Auger, Environmental Health and Housing Portfolio Holder on Daventry District Council, said: "The additional regulations set out in the new PSPO were introduced following public consultation on what powers they felt were needed to deal with the small minority of irresponsible dog owners who persistently fail to properly control or pick up after their pet.

"We will be doing a lot of work in the coming weeks to prepare for the new regulations and inform residents, but I would encourage all dog owners to take heed of the new rules, so that they do not fall foul of them come their introduction on 1 December."

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Here for the winter

As I write this, towards the end of October, suddenly they're back. Arriving under cover of darkness, without so much as a by your leave, they pour in, in their hundreds. As a younger man when my hearing was better, I could hear them calling softly to one another as they passed high above. After a quiet period in autumn, there is a lot of noise in the garden. It takes these few days of argy-bargy

very much like another, whether brown female or all-black male.

But there are a couple of ways to separate them, both of which involve catching the bird. A very few will be carrying numbered rings, put on them at one of the many continental bird observatories. Where and when the bird was ringed will be recorded, along with its weight, and age if known. Often its detailed

In a prolonged cold spell many of them die, so that many fewer will set out on the return journey in spring. Such are the rigours of life in the real world.

It is hard for us, sitting in our warm homes, to realise this life and death struggle to survive goes on out there. Fact is we could all do with some gentle exercise. So here is one for you. Get up and walk to the nearest electric socket. Is there anything plugged in? If so, does it need to be? If not unplug it and make sure the switch is turned off. Now do the same with every other accessible socket throughout the house. While you are about it, switch off any lights that are on unnecessarily. Especially turn off those appliances on standby. Now go to the thermostat that controls your central heating and turn it down by just one degree. Congratulations! You have lost around two hundred pounds -- off your annual electricity bill. At the same time you have made a minute contribution towards climate change mitigation. From millions of such tiny and greater changes we have made a start towards the solving of our present environmental problems. In the words of the oft-quoted Chinese proverb 'the longest journey begins with the first step.'

May you all live in a warm comfortable home this winter. – Brian Webster



before they settle in to face the rigours of the winter to come. Chases to and fro, even brief skirmishes, and an unceasing barrage of 'chuck-chuck-chuck' name-calling take place before peace is finally restored.

By now I expect you will have guessed that I am talking about the birds of the thrush family that flock here to escape the harsh winters in their Scandinavian homelands. Commonest among them are the blackbirds, source of the commotion in my garden. After the breeding season they faced the traumatic time of the moult, when their worn out old covering of feathers was replaced by brand new ones. Hardly had they settled back into the daily routine when all these immigrants suddenly appeared. So its no surprise that it takes a few days for the newcomers to settle in. It is impossible for we humans to tell immigrant from resident. One blackbird looks

measurements and even the species of parasites hidden under its feathers will be recorded! Generally speaking, the continental arrivals have slightly longer wings than their local congeners. They are also lighter on arrival, which makes sense because their payload of body fat built up prior to their flight across the North Sea will be run down. But they soon put on weight to become slightly heavier than the locals.

Along with the blackbirds come a few mistle thrushes, some song thrushes, and thousands of fieldfares and redwings. With the robin (yes it is a thrush) that completes the members of this bird assembly, so far as we are concerned. As winter wears on bands of a mixture of these birds roam the fields and hedgerows in search of the ever-diminishing supply of berries and other fruits, soil invertebrates etc which keep them going.

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Being surrounded by fabric, yarn and thread since childhood, I have spent decades experimenting, making and enjoying this medium in all its forms and love sharing and learning with others.

These crafts are as diverse as: knitting, crochet, hand quilting, embroidery, stumpwork, crosstitch, needlepoint and canvas work, bobbin and needlelace, spinning and weaving, Swedish weaving and needle felting. Maybe you have something else to add to our list.

If you already enjoy doing any of these crafts or would like to find out more, in a friendly and informal group setting, then come along and join us at Brixworth Workbox.

There is no formal tuition in this group, it is purely based around sharing ideas and skills and getting inspiration whilst enjoying the friendship and company of others. We all just bring our own work project along, whatever that may be, and work alongside each other. All skill levels are welcome from complete beginner to the more experienced crafter.

We are a very new group and for this to succeed our numbers need to increase. We have numerous ideas for the future including trips to textile craft events and other venues of interest as well as visits from mobile suppliers.

We currently meet every Thursday in the small upstairs room in the Community Centre on Spratton Road between 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. The only small cost is that of the room hire which we share each week between those attending. We can guarantee you a warm welcome and friendship so please come and join us at Brixworth Workbox and see for yourself.



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Brixworth Panto: Dick Whittington and his cat

Brixworth Drama Group's next production will be Dick Whittington and his Cat written and produced by James Skeggs. So be ready to hiss and boo the baddies, cheer the goodies and laugh at the awful jokes.

There will be five performances in total: 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Saturday 19th January 2019, 7.30pm on Friday 25th, and 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Saturday 26th. All shows will be at Brixworth Village Hall.

The Panto performances frequently sell out so buy your tickets in good time. (They make an excellent Christmas gift!). Tickets cost £6 and £4 for children and can be purchased from Brixworth Home & Hardware or Libby Bowers on 880672.

Each year we donate a proportion of the profits to local charities and in 2019 we are pleased to be supporting the Mighty Magnus Medical Fund. – *Bobbie Wardell*

Save your used stamps

Please would you, the kind readers of Brixworth Bulletin, once again save your used postage stamps? Canine Partners collects used stamps for their work to train puppies to work with people with disabilities. The collection box will be in the library foyer throughout December and January. – *Judi Beaudoin*

Plaudits for Lampport Christmas Fair

1st November saw the very first Christmas Fair held at The Swan in Lampport. Supporting the Fabric Fund of Lampport Church and Mighty Magnus, many locals enjoyed what turned out to be a hugely successful event! With stalls ranging from local gin to jewellery, the feedback we had from everyone was fabulous, with many asking if we would repeat the fair next year. Our thanks go to everyone who helped make it so special and it certainly looks like it may become a regular event and not one to be missed!

– *Cathy Dugmore*

Michael Wood explains King Aethelstan

The Friends of Brixworth Church were delighted to welcome Professor Michael Wood to Brixworth Church on Saturday 27th October, when he gave the annual lecture of the Friends in conjunction with Leicester University on "King Aethelstan & the Making of England".

Professor Wood, hugely acclaimed historian, international documentary maker and professor in public history at the University of Manchester, gave a fascinating illustrated talk on Aethelstan, the first king to unite the kingdoms of Saxon England. Over 200 people enjoyed his engaging talk in the beautiful ancient church which would have witnessed the events and times of Aethelstan, the most important and reforming of the Anglo-Saxon kings.

The Friends of Brixworth Church served tea and cakes in the Community Centre before the talk for those attending.

Next year, the annual lecture will be "From Mercia to England: Warfare & Conquest in the Midlands c.86-973". We look forward to welcoming Dr Gareth Williams, curator of early medieval coins at the British Museum and Viking scholar, on Saturday 26th October 2019. Everyone is very welcome. – *Sue Howard*



Yoga Tree Studios, opening at Brampton Heath Golf Centre in January 2019, will be Northamptonshire's dedicated centre for yoga. Our range of classes will offer a complementary blend of yoga practice to stimulate your physical, spiritual and emotional wellbeing. We will be welcoming students of all ages and abilities and once our roots are established, the branches of our Yoga Tree will continue to grow as we look to offer different styles of hot, warm and cool yoga, host workshops and teacher training, all available under the canopy of our luxury studios. We strongly believe that yoga should be inclusive and can be of great benefit for everyone; when we open our doors in January 2019 we'd love you to come along and give us a try and discover the right style for you. To stay up to date on our special opening offers and help us to create a timetable to meet your needs, please register your interest at www.yogatrestudios.co.uk



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All Saints clock shines anew

The Friends of All Saints Church Brixworth were delighted to support the re-gilding and remedial work to the Church Clock costing over £1,300.

Steve Wood and his team at SW Scaffolding provided the scaffolding at no cost to the project, saving a considerable amount of money. If you are in the Church Street area, please look up and admire our beautiful Church further enhanced by the re-gilding of the clock.
– Sue Verallo

History Society update

Members of the Brixworth History Society greatly enjoyed their first meeting following the summer break, which took place in September. The speaker Alaric Neville gave a very entertaining account of the rise, fall and the later revival of Phipps Brewery Company. The brewery returned to its roots in a Victorian brewery in the centre of Northampton, 40 years after Phipps' Bridge Street Brewery closed. Members were offered samples of ales, stout and their signature Gin.

Then, on 18th October, Malcolm Deacon presented Jurassic Way in Northamptonshire and took members on a journey along the ancient ridgeway that traverses Britain linking Yorkshire and Somerset and was used in prehistoric times by travellers, herdsman and soldiers. Today, the route of the Jurassic Way Long Distance Walk follows the ancient ridgeway through Northamptonshire which Malcolm helped to establish.

For the rest of the year, we look forward to Chris Rowe's account of Remember, Remember 5th November, which takes place on 15th November. On 13th December, we will have our Christmas Social Evening, followed on 17th January 2019 by our AGM.

This summer the Heritage Centre opened weekends from June to September. Volunteers from the Society and Church were on hand to warmly welcome total of 185 visitors. The Societies Archivists put together a display on Brixworth post-WW1. A big thank you to Rachel Penn for her commitment in putting together the rota of volunteers.

For details please visit our website www.brixworthhistory.org or see posters around the village. – Marian Coleman

Hanging Houghton news

Many thanks to Tony Boulemier, who single-handedly cleared the basal growth from the lime trees at the entrance to the village and also disposed of the rubbish created. The area now looks much improved.

The annual village BBQ was well attended despite the less than ideal weather. Over 40 villagers attended, and a good time was had by all. My thanks go to Colin Harris, Tony Wasikowski and Buff Marshall, who provided their BBQs for everyone to use.

One of the trees in the Grange had a very large branch which landed on the road to the village. With help from Judy Fluster – the former postman's daughter – we managed to clear the debris.

Lastly, we look forward to the village defibrillator, housed in the red telephone box on the green, to properly come into service soon. Several local residents were due to be trained in its use in mid-November. – Mike Philpott

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Mighty Magnus Medicine Fund update

Some of you may have been lucky enough to see the Mighty Magnus Viking Ship and Viking runners on outings around the village at the end of the summer. This group of Brixworth dads supported Magnus' dad, Sandy, on a half marathon run in Nottingham at the end of September. Their incredible efforts raised nearly £4000 for the medicine fund for Mighty Magnus.

This is just one of many events that have occurred in and around Brixworth since the article in the last Brixworth Bulletin. Other events include an extremely successful Big Swish event, afternoon tea, a pub quiz, choirs singing, many people running, Brixworth Primary school events and even a charity burger designed by Magnus himself - the astounding list goes on. These events and support from many local businesses has helped get the fund total to over £50,000! The MMM Fundraising Team are busy now in preparations for the party of the winter season, a black tie ball at the Kettering Ritz in Desborough.

Magnus' parents are incredibly thankful to the Brixworth community for the unwavering support they have received. Not only have people been incredibly generous in raising funds for the Mighty Magnus Medicine Fund, the family have also received many gifts and acts of kindness, hot meals and offers of help. By taking on the organisation of the fundraising the members of the fundraising committee have allowed them the time to focus on Magnus and his brother Calum. This amazing community backing has made the struggles of the year easier and they count themselves very lucky to live in the village.

Magnus has now reached the final phase of his NHS treatment protocol. He has been through extensive chemotherapy, major surgery, stem cell harvest and replacement, and recently completed a course of fourteen sessions of radiotherapy. Due to these treatments Magnus has spent large periods of time in hospital over the past ten months and has endured some difficult side effects, some of which delayed



further events planned for 2019. If for any reason the funds raised are not required for Magnus then all monies will be donated to supporting research into beating this terrible illness and reducing the side effects of the current treatments.

If you have an idea for fundraising, perhaps with custard pies or vats of baked beans, or would like to offer any help or suggestions they would be gladly received by the MMM fundraising team. Please contact them by email on admin@mightymagnusmedicine.co.uk or by phone to Sophie Bell on 07843 057855. The campaign facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/mightymagnusmedicine.co.uk/>

the start of his radiotherapy. Magnus displayed his warrior spirit again however when he lay perfectly still and by himself in the radiotherapy suite to allow this treatment to happen. The final step of treatment for Magnus in the NHS is immunotherapy, starting in November and lasting for six months. During this time, we hope he will largely be at home and might even be able to have some time back at school.

The treatment for neuroblastoma is long and difficult and even at the end of the protocol there remains a high risk of relapse. There are ongoing trials in the USA and elsewhere of therapies which are aimed at reducing relapse rates and maintaining children like Magnus in remission. There has been some promising data published recently by one of these trials demonstrating an increase in the number of children remaining disease free.

The family is now looking at ways they can access one of these trials for Magnus. The costs of accessing these treatments abroad are considerable and this is why the fundraising drive continues with

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You and your boundary

Many of us misunderstand or are unaware what they can and can't do when it comes to the boundary of their home or how far over the boundary they are legally allowed to go.

Getting it wrong doesn't just risk falling out with your neighbours, but could result in being taken to court in incurring costly fees. But the law when it comes to property boundaries is very simple and straightforward:

Do not cross the boundary without permission.

Not with your chainsaw, garden shears, hedge trimmer or paint brush, and do not push back the overgrown ivy. You can carry out work up to your boundary, but not beyond. So those overhanging branches, you can cut them back to your boundary, even if that is 60ft up a tree, but no further.

If you live in the conservation area or the trees have Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs), the Common Law still applies, after you have gained planning permission and even the council will say "not to work beyond the boundary unless permission has been granted by the owner of the trees".

Only the land owner can give you permission to cross the boundary in to their land, and they are not obliged to say yes.

A properly qualified tree surgeon and the council tree officer will tell you that if the work can only be carried out by crossing



the boundary, including climbing up the tree in their garden in order to cut overhanging branches up to your boundary, you must have permission from your neighbour.

As for fly-tipping into your neighbour's garden – throwing tree cuttings back over the hedge – that's also not allowed, even if it's branches from that neighbour's tree.

You should ask your neighbour if he wants them back, otherwise you need to compost or recycle the cuttings yourself.

When it comes to fallen leaves and fallen apples from a neighbour's tree, the neighbour has no responsibility to collect either, but he does still technically own the fruit. This means you legally you have to offer the fruit back, but your neighbour does not have to accept. Definitely do not pick the fruit off the overhanging branches – that would be theft!

What about the actual fence?

Most house deeds will show who owns a fence on the boundary, especially on new housing estates. Where there is no reference in your deeds to a particular boundary, it will most likely belong to the property on the other side of the fence.

Like the overhanging branches, the fence is covered by the same laws. If the fence does not belong to your property, it is considered that your boundary is on your side of the fence. This means that you are not able to do anything to a fence belonging to the neighbour without their permission, including painting it, attaching anything to it or leaning your plants against it. You can put your own fence up, just as long as you do not attach it to your neighbour's posts without permission. Of course, the sensible course of action is to discuss what you would like to do and make sure everybody is happy with it.

Ask if you want to enter your neighbour's garden to carry out work on overhanging branches and vegetation, up to your boundary. If they say no, respect that.

– Alice Whyte

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HELP! A view of 2018 from Draughton

“What is the plural of low life - low lives or low lifes”? I mused - before settling on the latter.

What had stirred such need for definition was the discovery, on arrival back from holiday, that Draughton had joined that unhappy community of villages where the church roof had been stripped of its lead. As I write this, the builders have arrived to make emergency repairs, but it will be a mammoth task to replace the lead and repair the damage caused by the aforementioned “low lifes.” For a village of 26 houses it is a crushing financial blow!

It is, of course, a kick in the teeth to any community to have this happen. We are not the first and sadly won't be the last. Village and hamlets can only do so much to safeguard our church, but I do hope there is enough community spirit in Draughton for everyone to pull together and get us past this setback.

This does however highlight a bigger issue around the care and maintenance of communal buildings such as churches and village halls. Usually, it falls to local volunteers to do these jobs, and in reality that means the few prepared to put their heads above the parapet.

A question: if you have used your village church or your village hall for a family celebration or a fund-raiser for your favourite charity or whatever, have you ever considered helping with the running of the building by volunteering when the call is put out for fund-raising, joining the committees or cleaning etc.?

All villages are beset today by doors being firmly shut, high solid gates being installed with answer-phone entry systems and fewer people than ever leaving their screens or their firesides to get involved in their communities. One wonders why people come to live in places which are, by their very existence, a product of community.

Too often polite requests for help are ignored and those who ask for help are considered ‘worthies’ or ‘busybodies’ or worse. It's such a small thing to get involved and it makes such a huge difference to everybody.

Looking back over 2018, fund-raising in Draughton has consisted of:

Cream Tea Sundays in the Spring (always popular); the Classic Car Show incorporating the Fete in June (a major fund-raiser) and then a Cream Tea and Flea Market in July. We have a quiz in November and on 1st December Draughton's Christmas Tree Festival and Bazaar. It's all jolly hard work, with the weight of organisation falling on the same shoulders year upon year. Never was the phrase ‘Many

Hands Make Light Work’ truer than in village events.

This year it was wonderful that, out of 26 houses, 19 contributed to the Draughton Classic Car Show and Fete in some way - whether in planning and preparation, contributions to stalls, or time given on the day. The organisers were beyond grateful for everything. Nevertheless, we, like every village, need more!

I have stopped relying on flyers to get help and now ask directly. Flyers end up tucked in a pile for re-cycling and emails get left for ‘later’. It's been lovely to find people willing to help. Often, it seems potential volunteers were just not aware of how gratefully their help would be received.

Talking to other villages, the cry is that it's the older members of the community that tend to carry the burden, while it's those with younger families who use the buildings more. Lamport Church put out a request recently that it would be nice to have someone under 70 to help with the churchyard clearing - and a recent chat with one of their hard-working seniors revealed that without help from neighbouring Hanging Houghton, little would happen in the fund-raising department.

Maidwell bemoans the lack of people below the age of 60 prepared to come and help with the Village Hall. Is it really too much to attend one AGM a year and a few meetings to help organise their three fundraisers - namely a quiz, a BBQ and a Christmas Fair? And with a rota of only three cleaners, it is surely more of a burden than it need be.

With all our labour-saving devices and technology we don't seem to be any freer... and yet, there is also the wonderful maxim “If you want something done, give it to a busy person.” A big village population is no guarantee that there will be lots of help; indeed it is more likely that people just expect things to be there without a thought as to how it happens.



SO PLEASE: if you are not already involved and taking part in village events or organisations, please consider contacting your local ‘organiser’ or whatever takes your fancy and offer to help in any way that you can. But be prepared and take a towel to counter the flooding tears of gratitude that will inevitably gush forth!

As I get to the end of this piece, I can just see the builders, who have come to the rescue on this very cold Sunday, loading their van with all their equipment signalling that they have about finished the emergency repairs. I don't begrudge them a single penny for their work, and we are so grateful to them for turning out today, but it will surely take more than a couple of Sunday Cream teas to find the money to pay them. Any volunteers with ideas?

In the meantime - may the price of lead fall through the roof (no pun intended) and may the perpetrators be caught before they cause more misery! - *Kate Calnan*

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Brixworth Music Festival to return for 2019

Preparations are well under way for the next Brixworth Music Festival which will be taking place in May 2019. We will be into our fifth year and the festival is going from strength to strength, thanks to the hard work of the committee and the many dedicated performers.

Each year, we try to introduce a few new aspects, as well as inviting back regular performers who have now become a familiar faces.

With our Festival Pass, which proved so popular at the last festival, you will be able to come along to a total of ten concerts and listen to a wealth of music covering a multitude of styles that suit all tastes.

Starting on the 10th May 2019 the festival will include performances by the Northampton Male Voice Choir, the Brixworth Festival Orchestra (under the baton of its patron, Peter Dunkley), Fiori Musicali, the Northampton Community Choir, the John Clare Wind Quintet, the Tedesca String Quartet (pictured), the Northampton Musical Theatre Company and Brixworth musician Sarah Small with her early music ensemble.

In addition, you will hear the popular Northampton based ensemble "Muse and Music", as well as singers Gwion Thomas and Chloe Willson-Thomas.

On 16th May you will also be able to see Vivienne Olive's chamber opera about local heroine, "Caroline Chisholm", performed by an



invited ensemble from Nuremberg, Germany which includes the accordion ensemble, "timeless d'accord". The libretto was written by Northamptonshire author and broadcaster, David Saint.

Special mention should be made of the fact that we now have a brand new grand piano, donated by singer and committee member, Kay Soteriou. You will be able to hear the new grand piano in a recital on 18th May by local Russian pianist, Oksana King.

Once more we have received private funding that has enabled us to stage a second International Competition for Women Composers. This time the work is for String Quartet and Piano. The Master of the Queen's Music, Judith Weir, will return as our external adjudicator, and you will be able to hear the prize-winning work played by the Tedesca Quartet on the 17th May.

The Brixworth Music Festival also prides itself on giving local amateur ensembles a platform and these concerts always prove very popular with the local community: The U3A Songsters, the Singing Saints, the Brixworth Primary School – all of these performers have now become regular guests, with the addition next year of the Brixworth Flute Group.

We will keep you up to date. But please write down in your diary: 10th to 19th May 2019 – Brixworth Music Festival.

And for more information please go to our website, which can be found at www.brixworthmusicfestival.co.uk

Looking forward to seeing you there! – *Vivienne Olive, Joint Artistic Director, Brixworth Music Festival*



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Lincoln Noel makes the rafters ring

What a fabulous evening we had... You didn't miss out, did you? Lincoln Noel at the Brixworth Community Centre made the rafters ring and stirred memories as well as entertaining a packed audience for two hours with top class music. The evening was laid on by Brixworth Community Church as a curtain raiser to this seasons Christianity Explored Course.

An amazing master of the keyboard, he gave a wonderful concert in a variety of styles, with a helpful commentary on each one. You name it – jazz, blues, classical, show music and hymn tunes too, so all tastes were catered for... oh, and the catering was good too!

We hope he comes back as he also plays in a small quartet which would be great. He has played for royalty, for the stars and is in demand for weddings. The time – nearly two hours – flew by, leaving



us with a memory few of us will forget. It was no surprise to discover that he is a born-again Christian and very much an enthusiast for "Christianity Explored", currently running on Thursday Evenings at The Community Centre.

– John Lawes

Rocking around the Christmas Tree

The Friends of All Saints Church invite you to rock around the Christmas Tree on 8 December with the local band Sue'n'Co.



The line-up is vocals, guitar/keyboards, bass and saxophone. Their style is easy listening music, including a mixture of jazz, soul, blues and pop. Eva Cassidy, Stevie Wonder, Madeleine Payroux and Bill Withers are a few of the artists featured in their playlist. If they enjoy a song and can possibly make it work, they play it.

Formed about three years ago, they play anywhere they can. Most recently they performed at the Umbrella Festival in Northampton. Come along and enjoy an evening of music in the company of Sue'n'Co. Sit back and listen or let the music take control and dance the night away.

So come join the Friends and Sue'n'Co on Saturday 8 December at 7pm at All Saints Church, Brixworth.

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Brixworth CEVC Primary News



Brixworth CEVC Primary has had a fantastic start to the new school year and the children, as always, are enthusiastic, motivated and ready to learn.

It has been a busy few weeks in school with the start of our new topics for the term. Our year 3 and 4 children have been learning all about the Victorians. The year 3's have visited Kelmarsh Hall and our year 4's have gone on their first ever residential to Beaumanor Hall. The Year 6 children have been involved in a 'magistrates in the community' project that has increased their awareness of the role magistrates play in the criminal and civil justice system.

The Year 1 children visited the church as part of our harvest celebration. They say of the visit: "We liked the beautiful flowers in the church. We sang the hymn and said a poem together. Then each class went to the front of the church to say their story raps; Mrs Stiles' class did 'The Little Red Hen' and Mrs Palmer's class did 'The Enormous Turnip'. We had lots of fun and feel very proud of ourselves."

Meanwhile, our Foundation Stage and year 6 children delivered harvest gifts to the local community, and sang action songs that everyone joined in with. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to

meet residents of the village and to have the joy of sharing their harvest gifts with other people. Alex, one of the Year 6 pupils, said: "It was quite fun delivering the harvest boxes, it made me happy that the people we delivered parcels to did not have to go to the shops, which can be difficult for them. The lady who answered the door looked very happy to receive a parcel."

If you would classify yourself as an elderly resident of the village, or know of someone who is, and you would like to receive a harvest box from us in the future then please do contact the school and let us know. We would love to bring a box to you.

If you missed our open day for new Foundation Stage parents, please contact the office who would be more than happy to arrange a time for you to look around our school. – Kathryn Young, Headteacher

Meet our new feathery friends

Brixworth CEVC Primary School has a few feathered additions to the school yard. 'The girls' have settled in very quickly to their new home. They love to be scratching in the bushes and making themselves dust baths.

Each class looks after the hens for a week at a time, duties include letting them out, putting them safely in at night, feeding, collecting the eggs and cleaning them out.

The hens are point of lay pullets, which mean they are just coming to the age to start to lay. Each class has been involved in naming the hens, so the school is happy to welcome Cherry, Dotty, Hazel, Jemima, Pineapple and Popcorn.



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Brixworth & Scaldwell Scouts

Brixworth & Scaldwell Scouts continues to thrive, and we provide a wide range of activities over the autumn term for the young people in our village thanks to the volunteer leadership team juggling scouting alongside work and family commitments.

This term the **Beavers** have had a varied programme with sessions in the centre learning about fitness, as well as learning about safety and the emergency services with a visit from the police. The Beavers have enjoyed a visit to Sywell Airfield where they learned about how planes fly but the highlight of the term so far has been a visit from Bugtopia who brought with them a stick insect, a millipede, a crested Gecko, a Chilean Rose Tarantula and a very big snake. The Beavers really enjoyed handling all the animals. By the end of term, the Beavers will have gained more badges and will have had a great end of term treat at Laser Zone!



Cubs have had another busy and varied term so far. They've planted bulbs for the village, completed the annual chip walk from the Brampton Halt to Brixworth chippy, backwoods cooking at Overstone and an evening of tranquil meditation at the Buddhist Centre at Thornby Hall. However, the highlight of the term must be the overnight visit to Twycross Zoo. Nine Brixworth Cubs attended amongst the 300 Northamptonshire County Cubs all sleeping in the Himalaya Centre, and it was pretty cool waking up next to a Snow Leopard! Cubs will finish their year with a roller skating evening at Benham Sports Centre.

After the summer holidays we returned for the autumn term of **Scouts** by visiting Overstone camp site to allow Scouts to play team games amid nature followed by toasted marshmallows round an open fire. Big thank you to Brixworth's Handy Log Man for assisting with the timber to get started. Scouts spent time this term learning about media and communications skills with a presentation by the Bulletin's Claudia Flavell-While on how to write a good news story followed by evening interviewing local celebrities; our community police officer, a local GP, a former County Cricketer and

a member of a local historic re-enactment society. They completed this activity with an evening making short videos interviewing each other about scouting and their experiences. George and William produced their own Scout News flyers, a rival to The Bulletin, so we have helped create some budding journalists! Scouts also completed the annual walk from the Brampton Halt to Brixworth chippy - thank you to Brixworth Fish Bar for their support, getting 38 bags of chips ready for our arrival.

The **Explorer** scouts have been enjoying the change in the seasons by getting out as much as possible including a night time off road cycling trip, competing in a 30km hill walk challenge and outdoor cooking. They have enjoyed scuba diving at Corby (pictured, below) and had movie night for Halloween. Explorers ran a Ready, Steady, Cook! cooking competition using ingredient set by one member of the troop... surprisingly the results were very good! They also assisted with the grape picking at Brynne Vineyard and in return raised funds for future camps and activities.

This year marks the centenary of the First World War, and beavers, cubs and scouts made poppies and poppy wreaths for **Remembrance Sunday**. This is an important day for everyone and for Scouts to play an important part in the parade that remembers our fallen heroes.

We are very lucky to have a wonderful group of adult volunteers from all sorts of backgrounds that help to run the group for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Without volunteer leaders, activities would not run each week so to paraphrase Lord Kitchener - **BRIXWORTH SCOUTS NEEDS YOU!**

As well as leaders, we need help with background activities. We need a secretary to organise the leadership meetings and exec members to support fund raising and support the leaders. Commitment is flexible around the amount of time that each volunteer is willing to give.



If you can help, get in touch and we'll help you to find a role that you'll enjoy, and that will really make a difference to the young people in our village.

To see more about what we're getting up to, follow Brixworth & Scaldwell Scouts on Facebook or contact the Group Scout Leader at brixworth_gsl@btopenworld.com.

To put your young person (boy or girl) on the waiting list for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers please contact brixworthbeavers@btinternet.com, and to find out more about Scouting in general, visit <http://scouts.org.uk>.
- Bob Pickles



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Brixworth & District U3A

Our group meets in Brixworth Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm. We have a variety of interesting speakers and time afterwards for tea and a look at all the information on interest groups and sign up.

For the 10th year our August meeting was held at the Northampton Sailing Club where

members enjoyed a marvellous buffet lunch and dessert. Some members also took the opportunity to sail around the reservoir in one of two Sailability Drascombe long boats whilst others participated in a quiz. The day was enjoyed by everyone.

One of the Weekend Group's visit was to Kelmash Hall where they were able to wander freely around the Hall and then visit the newly opened "Below Stairs" experience.

The Drawing and Painting group who meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Pitsford Pavilion tackle many different projects. Each subject is chosen, hopefully, to exploit different drawing and brush techniques.



The Social Cycling group earlier in the year enjoyed a 25 mile cycle in comfortable weather from The George, Brixworth taking in Scaldwell, Old Walgrave, Hannington and Holcot, from where they rode the reservoir path to the dam and back to Brixworth for lunch at The George (see photo).

The speaker for the December meeting will be Andy Smith who will "Sing a Century". A song writer and multi-instrumentalist, Andy will feature songs and instrumentals recorded over the last century with at least one song from each decade.

Further information on the U3A and interest groups can be found on our website www.u3asites.org.uk/brixworth. – Judy Smith

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1st Scaldwell Guides

Here are the guides enjoying themselves on Brownsea Island. We had a great time at the county camp at Foxlease, near Lyndhurst. The guides had the opportunity to do many activities. Their favourites were bush craft and abseiling.

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Planning update

DA/2018/0480 Mercedes-Benz High Performance Engines Retention of existing and provision of one additional modular building for a per	BPC No objections DDC Approved
DA/2018/0478 29, St David's Road Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission DA/2017/0001 (Construction of two storey side extension) alterations to front elevation (window positions)	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2018/0463 The Pound House, Harborough Road Listed Building Consent for formation of two internal ground floor openings in rear wing to main house	BPC Objection DDC Refused
DA/2018/0367 Land Adj 22, Spratton Road Construction of detached dwelling with associated amenity and parking	BPC Objection DDC Refused
DA/2018/0324 The Manor House, Victors Barn Construction of detached garage	BPC No Objection DDC Refused
DA/2018/0418 43, Stonehill Way First floor side extension and single storey rear extension	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2018/0577 Mercedes-Benz High Performance Engines Construction of staff welfare facility to provide a gymnasium and studio area with associated showers and changing rooms to include landscaping and associated external works	BPC No Objection DDC Approved

DA/2017/1084 The Old Woodyard, A508 Harborough Road Demolition of existing building. Construction of single storey office and steel building to accommodate plant and workshop for repairs of plant and agricultural machinery	BPC No Objection DDC Refused
DA/2018/0511 The Lake House, Brixworth Hall Park Work to tree subject of Tree Preservation Order TPO 30	BPC No objections DDC Approved
DA/2018/0587 27, Froxhill Crescent Construction of front porch	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2018/0574 17, Northampton Road Two storey side extension (revised scheme)	BPC No Objection DDC Refused
DA/2018/0561 Lake House, Brixworth Hall Park Demolition of conservatory and construction of sun room	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2018/0513 52, Shelleycotes Road Proposed first floor side extension and proposed single storey side extension	BPC Objection DDC Approved
DA/2018/0502 74, Froxhill Crescent Demolition of existing conservatory. Construction of single storey rear extension	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2018/0439 5, The Ridings First floor extension to side & bay window to front of dwelling	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2018/0616 Victors Barn, Northampton Road Replacement sewage treatment plant with reed bed and drainage field	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2018/0600 Health Centre, 5 Northampton Road Variation of Condition 4 of planning permission DA/90/1010 to allow premises to be Use Class D1 (Non residential institutions)	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2018/0293 Land At Paddock Lodge, Tantree Way Construction of detached dwelling with garage and detached garage for existing dwelling with associated access and parking	BPC No Objection DDC Approved

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Library events

Activities for under 5s

Rhymetime

Mondays 2.30pm

Play & Learn for Under 5s

Tuesdays 1.30 – 2.30pm

Play & Learn for Under 1s

Thursdays 10am – 12noon

Baby weigh-in clinic

Thursdays 10am – 12noon now fortnightly (13th December, please check Facebook page for next Clinic date after that).

Rhymetime for the Under 5s

Fridays 10.20am for 10.30am start

IAIM Infant Massage with Leveta Lawson

Wednesday mornings 11am – 12 noon term-time only booked in advance.

These are 5 week courses for parent/carer and baby (from age six weeks). Price is £60 per course, payable in advance to Leveta Lawson (see Facebook page: infant massage by Leveta Lawson) or see staff at library.

All Under 5s activities are in the Children's Centre Area on the mezzanine – lift available in foyer. The Children's Centre area is closed to other users when Under 5s sessions are taking place.

Please note, there will be no Under 5s activities week beginning 24th December.

Activities for children up to 12

Messy Crafts

Wednesdays 2pm every school holiday – please note earlier time!

Next sessions: Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 2pm and Wednesday 20th February 2019 at 2pm.

Free, but please book in advance either at the library or email brixlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk Under 8s must be accompanied by their parent or carer.

Activities for adults

Book Club

The Brixworth Library Morning Readers Group usually meets first Tuesday of every month 10.30am. Open to all – please ask at library or

email brixlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk

Get involved

Our Friends of Brixworth Library Group have been a wonderful support group over the last few months and continue to run regular events, including the ever popular Quiz Nights, in the library.

Please do support them - they are a friendly and committed group and new members are always needed and welcome. Why not come along to one of our informal meetings, or look on the Friends of Brixworth Library Facebook page to see what's going on?

Upcoming Friends events

The History of the Pantomime Dame by James Skeggs

Friday 7th December 7.30pm, followed by a mini Christmas Quiz. Tickets £5 each available from the Library or on Eventbrite and includes one free drink. The wearing of Christmas Jumpers is optional!

Check out the Friends of Brixworth Library Facebook page for updates and news.

Gain experience

Thinking of a career working with children, but need some experience first? We have volunteering roles for **Under 5s Activities Helpers/ Leaders** and **Children's Crafts Activities Helpers/Leaders** and can offer you training, work experience and a reference.

There are activities most days of the week, so hours can be flexible (eg a couple of hours a week or fortnightly, term-time or school holidays only) but you must be available to help on a regular basis. We would particularly like **Rhymetime Helpers** (no singing required!) and **Rhymetime Leaders**.

We would like to recruit more **IT Buddies** – we need volunteers to help customers with IT queries, getting to grips with new lap-tops, iPads, tablets etc and also help with Blue Badge online Applications.

We also welcome any young adults volunteering for their **Duke of Edinburgh** award.

For any of the above roles, or for more information on volunteering at the library, come in and speak to a member of staff, or view the volunteering roles and apply online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/getinvolved

Other services

- Bus passes – new, lost and renewals
- DVD hire
- Checking service for online Blue Badge Applications
- Computer use – free on Fridays (charge for printing)
- Photocopying
- Laminating
- Library shop
- Pod hire

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MyHermes Parcelshop

Brixworth Library is now a myHermes Parcelshop – you can collect, send & return your parcels from Brixworth Library via myHermes – to find out more visit www.myhermes.co.uk/parcelshop, but note new opening times.

Blue Badge applications

Our Volunteer, Lynda, will be here on Wednesday mornings from 10-12 to help with online Blue Badge Applications. Enquire at the library to make an appointment.

Keep up to date with all the latest activities at www.facebook.com/brixworthlibrary.

Change to opening hours

Please note that Brixworth Library's opening hours are now

Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm

Saturdays 10am to 2pm

Bank holiday closures

Monday 24th December close at 4pm

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Tuesday 1st January closed all day

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1/12/18	Winter Tree ID - Show Us Your Tips!	Brixworth Country Park
29/11-6/1/19	The Everywhere Bear	Underground
27/11 - 30/12	The Worst Witch	Derngate
1/12/18	Strictly Northampton: Children	Derngate
1/12/18	Strictly Northampton	Derngate
1/12/18	Brixworth Christmas Market	Brixworth Village Hall
1/12/18	Draughton Christmas Tree Festival	St Catherines Church
1/12/18	Brixworth Centre new floor opening	Brixworth Centre
2/12/18	Tennis Tournament	Brixworth Tennis Club
2/12/18	Carols by Candlelight	All Saints Church
4-6/12	Russell Brand	Royal
7/12/18	A history of Pantomime Dames	Brixworth Library
7-30/12	Peter Pan	Derngate
8/12/18	Rocking Around the Christmas Tree	All Saints Church, Brixworth
11/12	Brixworth Belles - Christmas Party	Brixworth Village Hall
12/12	Brixworth Senior Citizen Annual Christmas Lunch	Libuary Community Centre
13/12	History Society Social Evening	Brixworth Village Hall
15/12	Volunteer work day	Brixworth Country Park
16/12	Brixworth Annual Outdoor Nativity	Library & Community Centre
16/12	Christmas Service	All Saints Church
18/12	Carols Round the Beacon	All Saints Church
19/12	Nature Tots	Brixworth Country Park
20/12	Parish Council Meeting	Brixworth Village Hall
21/12	Village Voices Christmas Concert	Brixworth Church
24/12	Crib Service	All Saints Church

24/12	Midnight Mass	All Saints Church
25/12	All-Age Communion	All Saints Church
2/1/19	U3A: Les Miserables	Brixworth Village Hall
5/1/19	Johann Strauss Gala	Derngate
5/1/19	The Burlesque Show	Royal
7/1/19	Russian State Ballet of Siberia: Cinderella	Derngate
8/1/19	Russian State Ballet of Siberia: Snow Maiden	Derngate
9/1/19	The Russian State Ballet of Siberia: The Nutcracker	Derngate
11/1/19	One Night Of Elvis	Derngate
12/1-2/2/19	Our Lady Of Kibeho	Royal
13/1/19	Coleen Nolan	Derngate
15-19/1	The Full Monty	Derngate
17/1/19	History Society AGM	Brixworth Village Hall
18/1/19	Stephen K Amos	Underground
19/1/19	Panto: Dick Whittington	Brixworth Village Hall
20/1/19	The Greatest Hits Of Motown	Derngate
25/1/19	Anton and Erin	Derngate
25-26/1/19	The Thinking Drinkers - Pub Crawl	Underground
25-26/1/19	Panto: Dick Whittington	Brixworth Village Hall
29/1/19	Sandi Toksvig	Derngate
31/1/19	Syd Lawrence Orchestra	Derngate
1/2/19	Dave Gorman	Derngate
2/2/19	WOSWrestling	Derngate
2/2/19	Matt Richardson	Underground
2/2/19	Quiz and a Curry	Brixworth Centre
3/2/19	Dan Snow	Derngate
4-9/2	The Mousetrap	Royal
6/2/19	Jason Manford	Derngate
6/2/19	U3A: Antarctica	Brixworth Village Hall
11/2/19	The Classic Rock Show	Derngate
11/2/19	Caroline's Kitchen	Royal
14/2/19	Vampires Rock With Sam Bailey	Derngate

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15/2/19	Killer Queen	Derngate
16/2/19	An Evening With The Hairy Bikers	Derngate
17/2/19	RPO: The Colours Of Mozart	Derngate
18-23/2	Avenue Q	Derngate
23/2 - 16/3	The Remains Of The Day	Royal
26/2/19	Brendan Cole: Show Man	Derngate
1/3/19	Dr Michael Mosley	Derngate
2/3/19	Shakin' Stevens	Derngate
4-9/3	Abigail's Party	Derngate
6/3/19	U3A: Registration and promotion of Groups	Brixworth Village Hall
8/3/19	The Reluctant Dragon	Underground
10/3/19	NMPAT - Orchestra Spectacular	Derngate
12/3/19	KT Tunstall	Derngate
13/3/19	NMPAT - Big Sing	Derngate
15/3/19	Bernie Keith	Derngate
15/3/19	Shappi Khorsandi	Underground
16/3/19	Ben Fogle	Derngate
16/3/19	Jack Lukeman	Underground
17/3/19	NMPAT Wind Band Spectacular	Derngate
18/3/19	H.M.S Pinafore with Trial By Jury	Royal
24/3/19	Simon Yates	Derngate
26/3 - 6/4	Doctor Dolittle	Derngate
29/3/19	Justin Moorhouse	Royal
31/3/19	Gyles Brandreth	Royal
3/4/19	U3A: Life on a Narrow-boat	Brixworth Village Hall
6/4/19	Jess Robinson	Underground
12/4/19	The Carpenters Story	Derngate
13/4/19	The Bootleg Beatles	Derngate
14/4/19	Ant Middleton	Derngate
14/4/19	Ian McKellen	Derngate
17/4/19	Ballet Black	Derngate
18/4/19	Remembering The Movies	Derngate
21/4/19	Rumours Of Fleetwood Mac	Derngate
22-27/4	The Girl On The Train	Derngate

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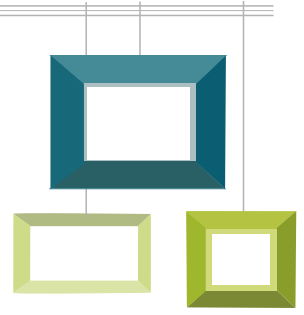
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The shops are well and truly building up for Christmas now aren't they. It is a reminder how quickly the year has moved along. 2019 will soon be upon us!!

Do you have any regrets? Perhaps we all might have one or two. The speed of which 'time flies' surely highlights even more the need to make the most of every moment we find ourselves in.

The Bible tells us that God places us in every location for a reason. *"From one man He made every nation... and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live (Acts 17:26)"*.

We have all been given a mission from God, which is to allow Jesus to shine His light through our lives in every situation.

It was one of the things that struck me when I became a Christian; that there was and is an exciting purpose for every second that I lived. It is your purpose too!!

We must seize each moment of each day for Jesus Christ. Nothing outside of what God wants for us really matters. The Bible also says, *"Be careful then, how you live, not as unwise people, but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (Ephesians 5:15-17)"*.

C.T Studd (who I had not realised was born in Spratton) put the bible verse above in his own poetic language, 'only one life, t'will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last.'

Have a really great Christmas and may God lead you and be with you through-out the new year.

Best wishes *Andy*



Contact Andy Lloyd-Williams on 07958 604961



Outdoor Christmas Nativity

Sunday 16th December at 4 p.m.

Come and join us as we celebrate and act out the Christmas Story. If you have children they may like to take part! Dress them up as an angel or a shepherd or a king and we will include them in the Nativity (great photo opportunity!)

We hold it outside the Library and Community Centre and Brixworth primary school choir will be singing.

Normally over 400 folk Attend. Look forward to seeing YOU this year.

Hot mince pies and hot chocolate served FREE after the Nativity.

P.S If the weather is inclement we will be holding the Nativity at the School at the same time.



Light Party October

The last week of October Dynamites Children's club and TNT (truth 'n' Teenagers) celebrated everything that is light and good. We had a Pizza party with all the frills including disco lights. Great party games including dangling doughnuts, marshmallow tower building, balloon banging and good old musical statues, not forgetting the near fluorescent green slime, mixed with sweets to be delved into and found. As always a big thanks to all who helped make it happen, great fun!



Brixworth Shoe Box Appeal

Things have changed this year for us with the shoe-box appeal, we are now a drop off point. People can still leave their shoeboxes at the community centre as normal, but the boxes will now be processed in Coventry. This is still a great cause that helps millions of children across the world. Big thanks to you all, we hope you will continue to support this worthy course.

The Olive Branch

Your Community Coffee Shop, the Olive Branch is the place to meet, be kept informed of Village life and receive a warm welcome. If you have never tasted the fine coffee and food – why not try it!

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Wed 10-11.30

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Brixworth Remembers

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The Olive Branch

If you haven't been into the Olive Branch Community Coffee Shop recently, then you have missed viewing the refurbishments - light grey walls, twinned with pistachio curtains and a large modern clock on the wall. The welcoming volunteers are still there plus a good selection of hot and cold food, and choices of cakes and scones.

By the way, The Olive Branch will shortly be accepting card payments including contactless payments to make your purchasing even easier.



Christmas Day at Brixworth Community Church

You can be sure of getting your Christmas Day off to the best start! Meeting in the school from 10:30-11:15 we celebrate together the birth of Jesus in Carols, Readings and much more. Children bring one of their Christmas presents to show. A warm welcome awaits.



Brixworth Community Church Weekly Events

Sunday:	10:30 – 11:45	Main Service of Worship (Brixworth School) (including Junior Church and Creche)
Monday:	19:30 – 21:00	Prayer Meeting in the Olive Branch
Tuesday:	19:30 – 21:00	TNT – for Teenagers*
Wednesday:	13:30 – 15:00 19:30 – 21:00	Home study Group Home study Groups
Thursday:	10:00 – 11:30 19:45 – 21:30	Olive Shoots – a Mums & Tots group* Home study Group
Friday:	17:00 – 18:00 18:15 – 19:15	Dynamites Children's Club – age 5-7 years* Dynamites Children's Club – age 8-11* (*held at the Library & Community Centre)

You will always receive a very warm welcome at any of our Services on a Sunday at 10:30, at the school. As we share together in worship, we also provide a Junior Church for children of all ages. Come and join us!

If you would like to know more about anything in Brixworth Matters or to know more about the Christian Faith, then phone Andy on 07958 604961

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Advent Hope

Now that we're into December, things really start to hot up for the Christmas season. But we're still not quite there yet. The beginning of December brings the wonderful season of Advent. It's a season all about expectation and also, hope. We wait for the arrival of Jesus, and look forward to the hope he will bring: hope that evil and injustice will be overcome by good—that the darkness will be overcome by light.

It's my prayer that we can all take a moment during this busy month to remember what the season is really all about--that the advent of the tiny baby in the manger is for us a symbol of hope, peace and love.

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Our Autumn Flower Festival

Pattern of Services: (Please see our website for more details)

- 1st Sunday of the month at** 10.30am All -Age Worship
11.45am Said Eucharist
6.00pm Choral Evensong
- 2nd Sunday** 7.45am Said Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist
- 3rd Sunday** 10. 30am All -Age Communion
6.00pm Taizé Service
- 4th Sunday** 10.30am Sung Eucharist
- 5th Sunday** 10.30am Sung Eucharist

Weekday services: Tuesday at 9.30am : Holy Communion and at 10.00am 'Coffee Pot'
Thursday 2.30pm : Celtic Service of Wholeness and Healing (2nd Thursday of the month)
Thursday at 7pm : Candlelit evening prayer with Communion



ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 1st December

2-4pm

In Brixworth Church

Father Christmas will turn on the tree lights at 3.30pm

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

1st - 16th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

ADVENT CAROLS

Sunday 2nd December at 6.00pm "From Darkness to Light". Carols by candlelight

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday 16th December at 10.30am. Informal service with communion. Join the celebration and support the work of the Children's Society.

CAROLS ROUND THE BEACON

December 18th at 7pm. (jointly with BCC). Mince pies, mulled wine and lighting of the Millenium Beacon

CRIB SERVICE

December 24th at 2pm
An 'instant nativity' and a chance to dress up as a character in the Christmas story

MIDNIGHT MASS

December 24th 11.30pm
Traditional Communion Service

ALL-AGE COMMUNION

Christmas Day at 10.30am
An informal communion service for all the family

3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.30am

An All-Age Celebration with Communion

A Celtic Service of wholeness and healing

Second Thursday of the Month at 2.30pm



Chairman's Chat



As we moved into winter months, the council had been busy arranging the delivery and installation of a commemorate bench and silhouette to mark the Centenary of the end of World War 1. These are located in the Millennium Garden, which is now

looking very good after a major tidy up. Following an enquiry regarding poor lighting of the Millennium Garden the Parish Council will be looking at solutions.

As residents are aware, our first speed indicator sign has been installed in the village. This is providing useful data which is currently being analysed. The Parish Council will share this information with you through social media in the coming months. We have approval from the Highway Authority for the sign to be relocated to other areas of the village and this will be doing so on a regular basis from now.

It seems that no sooner do we start the new fiscal year then it's time to commence the process of preparing a budget to set the precept for 2019-2020. The Finance Working Group has started the process by meeting to oversee how the current budget is progressing. The Group meets regularly to compile draft proposals, which will be submitted to the Parish Council meeting on 20th December. The final sign-off of the budget will take place at the meeting on 31st January to enable submission to Daventry DC before the council tax setting which normally takes place in February. The good news is that current expenditure is in line with our existing budget and we continue to deliver important local services.

Meet SID - our new Speed Indicator Device

Our new 'Speed Indicator Device' (SID) is our mobile sign which accurately measures oncoming vehicle speed and displays this to the driver. The speed will only be indicated if it is less than 40 mph. Exceeding this receives a 'slow down' message only. As SID is mobile it will be used in a variety of locations throughout Brixworth. It records data which can then be used to determine the need for introducing other methods of enforcement such as the Speed Camera Van. From studies elsewhere in the country, there is concrete evidence that Speed Indication Devices reduce speed and reduces the chance of a collision and therefore could save lives.

SID has been installed as a result of feedback from the Brixworth residents and was financed from the Brixworth Parish Council 2017/18 precept at a cost of £3,600. Please drive safely and slowly.

We still have funds available from the Parish Council Community Grant Fund. All applications must be in accordance with the guidelines contained within our Grants Policy. The application form can be downloaded from the council's website at www.brixworthpc.org.uk.

On behalf of the Parish Council may I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stephen James, Chairman

Remembering the Fallen



To commemorate 100 years since the World War 1 Armistice, the Parish Council has bought a "Tommy" silhouette.

The silhouette is intended to help educate all generations about the ultimate sacrifice. The sale of the silhouettes also raised substantial funds to help heal those suffering from the hidden wounds of war.

The 'Tommy' silhouettes can be seen in villages across the UK. Brixworth's has been displayed in the Millennium Garden and has already featured in many stunning photographs taken on Remembrance Day.

The Parish Council Council has also installed a new memorial bench in the gardens. This was supported by Daventry District Council was one of a number of initiatives taking place across Daventry District this year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

The statue and the bench will remain as a tribute to Brixworth's fallen.

Would you like to be a Parish Councillor?

This is a rewarding volunteer role within the community and by contributing just a few hours per month you can be involved in the local decision-making process. The Parish Council meets monthly in the Village Hall (usually the last Thursday of the month) and we have a friendly team of Councillors who work together for the benefit of Brixworth.

Parish Councillors decides which activities to support, based upon feedback, where locally raised money should be spent, what services should be delivered and ensure that the Council operates within its powers. The Parish Council comments on local planning applications and it is also the sole trustee for the Community Centre.

Training, development and support is offered to new Councillors. The meetings are jargon-free and usually finish by 9.30pm.

This is a great opportunity to volunteer and get involved. Younger people could also reap the benefit of having community involvement on their CV!

Applicants should be on the electoral register and be over 18 years old. You must have lived in the Parish, owned land, or worked in the Parish for at least 12 months.

If interested you can access the application form on the Councils web site at www.brixworthpc.org.uk. Alternatively for more information about the role you can contact the Parish Clerk, Peter Rowbotham on 079 8314 1786

Planning Matters

Apart from the usual applications for works to trees with preservation orders or those which are located within the Conservation Area, we have dealt with a small number of applications for house extensions. None of this is really remarkable, but there is one exception.

The proposed relocation of the Co-op to the site of the closed Red Lion pub has attracted a lot of interest from Brixworth residents. Although the general feeling is that we need a larger Co-op, it is felt that the proposed site in unsuitable. Highways issues are of prime concern, especially as the site is on a bend in the road with limited visibility and the parking of cars in the

vicinity is already a problem. With only twelve parking spaces proposed, and no designated staff parking, the concern is that the car park would not be adequate for the potential increase in customers using what will be a bigger store. The delivery lorries will also have to park on the road, thus adding to the concerns about road safety. Another issue for the Parish Council was the impact a modern building will have upon the character of the Conservation Area. The Parish Council sent in its objections following the Planning Committee on Monday 24th September and the District Council refused this application on 29th October 2018.

Frances M. Peacock, Chair of Planning Committee

What is important to you?

We asked over 100 residents what was important to them. The top two priorities indicated ensuring the sustainability of the Library and Community Centre and working with the Police on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). Do you agree with the findings?



Other comments included: Improving local services for residents, Organising events to promote the village and cohesion of village life, Verges on road leading from Pitsford Reservoir roundabout up into the village need a huge tidy up, The Welcome to Brixworth sign on Northampton Road should be placed further towards the roundabout, Footbridge across the A508 to the Country Park from the Ashway end, Helping the elderly including building more bungalows for elderly residents wishing to downsize, Better road surfaces, Getting a bigger supermarket, Provision of more car parking spaces, Preventing the village from growing as infrastructure is too stretched, Provide more youth services, Expanding amenities into the new estate such as a new park and shop, and Cut back trees and hedges.

Paint Means Poo

The Parish Council is continuing to support the highly successful Dog Fouling Enforcement Scheme from Daventry District Council. A key part of the programme is the spraying of poo with biodegradable aerosol paint, shortened to "Paint Means Poo". The scheme was adopted for Brixworth in 2015 and spray-painting dog poo proved amazingly successful. During a period back in 2015 fouling incidents in a section of the village fell from 146 to 6! Now new members of the spraying team have been recruited to carry on the good work. Councillor Bob Campbell joins Sandra Moxon and Jackie Bird amongst many others.

Bob's view on the programme is a little different in that he is a dog owner - actually so are several of the current Parish Councillors. "When I first saw poo sprayed with fluorescent paint I was a little taken aback and felt as though all dog owners were being picked on. Most of the dog owners I come across were and are very responsible. They clean-up after their dogs and often clean-up after others. If you think about it though, the idea of highlighting poo stops you

stepping in it (!) and helps highlight the size of the problem and really makes dog owners focus on the problem. (No more popping out for a late night last minute poo and forgetting those poo bags!). The net effect of the programme is embarrassing those who don't clean up. I was embarrassed as a dog walker and I do clean up."

It's still a problem though, and like all successful programmes it still needs to be re-visited regularly to remind new walkers and those who 'slip up' (no pun intended) to keep cleaning up. Councillors Moxon and Bird were in at the start of the programme in 2015 and it was just one part of the scheme that Daventry developed and Brixworth adopted. It is the most visible part however. As new councillors and volunteers come on board it's the task of the 'pioneers' to hand their skills over to the newbies. Campbell continued: "I'm hoping Jackie and Sandra pass on their skills; like the best way to remove the top from the spray can and the most efficient way of applying just the right amount of paint to each poo without too much wastage!"

Brixworth Parish Council



Stephen James
Chairman



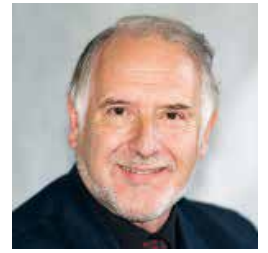
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Parish Council meetings December to March

Full Council

(Thursdays, Village Hall)

20th Dec.....7.15pm
31st Jan.....7.15pm
28th Feb.....7.15pm
28th Mar7.15pm

Planning

(Mondays, Comm'ty Ctr)

17th Dec.....7.30pm
7th Jan.....7.30pm
18th Feb.....7.30pm
11th Mar.....7.30pm

Media & Comms

(Weds, Comuni'ty Ctre)

19th Dec.....6.45pm
23rd Jan.....6.45pm
27th Feb.....6.45pm
21st Mar.....6.45pm

Surgery Dates

(Sats, Community Ctre)

5th Jan.....10am
2nd Feb.....10am
2nd Mar.....10am
6th Apr.....10am

Ex Brixworth player Jack Marriott heading for top flight football



Some 12 years ago, Jack Marriott played for Brixworth Junior. At the age of 13 or 14 he was spotted by Ipswich Town who took him to their academy. From there, he followed his dream, playing for

teams such as Luton and Peterborough. At Villa Park, he scored the goal that knocked Aston Villa out of last year's FA Cup.

More recently he joined Derby County. Under Frank Lampard he has absolutely shown what he can do: goals against Manchester United saw them progress to a Carabau Cup last 16 match where again he scored a superb goal to push Chelsea all the way. Sadly that was the end of the Cup run, but Derby

County flying high in the Championship will hopefully see Jack playing premier ship football at some stage in his career.

Tennis Club hopes to move up the league



Earlier in the year Brixworth Tennis Club decided to enter the competitive world of County League Tennis. Brixworth's Mixed Team was pitched against ten other clubs where each game was hard fought – most ending in glory and one or two not. Every game, every set and every match was vital and, in the end, we drew with Rushmere Tennis Club to claim joint second position in the division. However, we will not know if we have been successful in achieving such a great feat for a few weeks yet, but fingers (and racquets crossed)!

On the back of this great achievement, Brixworth Tennis Club decided to enter a dedicated Men's squad and Ladies squad into the Winter League, and at the time of writing the Ladies were third with four matches to go and the Men were second after just two games.

If you would like to be part of Brixworth Tennis Club, whether as a beginner looking to learn or an expert looking to compete, please contact the Club Secretary, Sandra Moxon, on 07434 621395.

– Sandra Moxon

Juniors football with added bacon (and brollies)

Standing at the playing field – rain or shine – watching your kids play football can be hungry work. Indeed, I have often dreamed of the smell of bacon wafting over St David's on a Saturday morning.

Turns out sometimes dreams come true: you can now get something to eat and drink whilst watching the youngsters play football. Pop into the clubhouse for a bacon sandwich and a cup of tea and know that you are helping to raise funds for Brixworth Juniors whilst satisfying that second breakfast urge.

Umbrellas

"But what if it's raining?" I hear you cry. Well, you can keep your bacon sandwich dry with one of our super awesome Brixworth Juniors FC umbrellas and it even has the club crest on it! They are sourced locally; you can request yours at fundraising@brixworthjuniors.co.uk.

Bingo & disco

There is also going to be a bingo and disco event for children in Brixworth village hall on Sunday 9th December. Tickets are available at the above email address. Come along and support your village junior football club and have some fun too!

Sponsors

We would like to thank the many sponsors who support the club. They include but are not limited to: The Dental Practice, Watson Fuels, Millers Consultancy, The Shared Ownership and Xtremepush. The latest addition are Ironstone Ltd (who to support the U11 Girls, who are always looking for new players to get involved please). Scot Bennett Engineering now support the boys U11's Jaguars, while the U7s have TBB, Euro Scaffolding and Midland Machinery.

Thank you all! – Rob Kelly



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