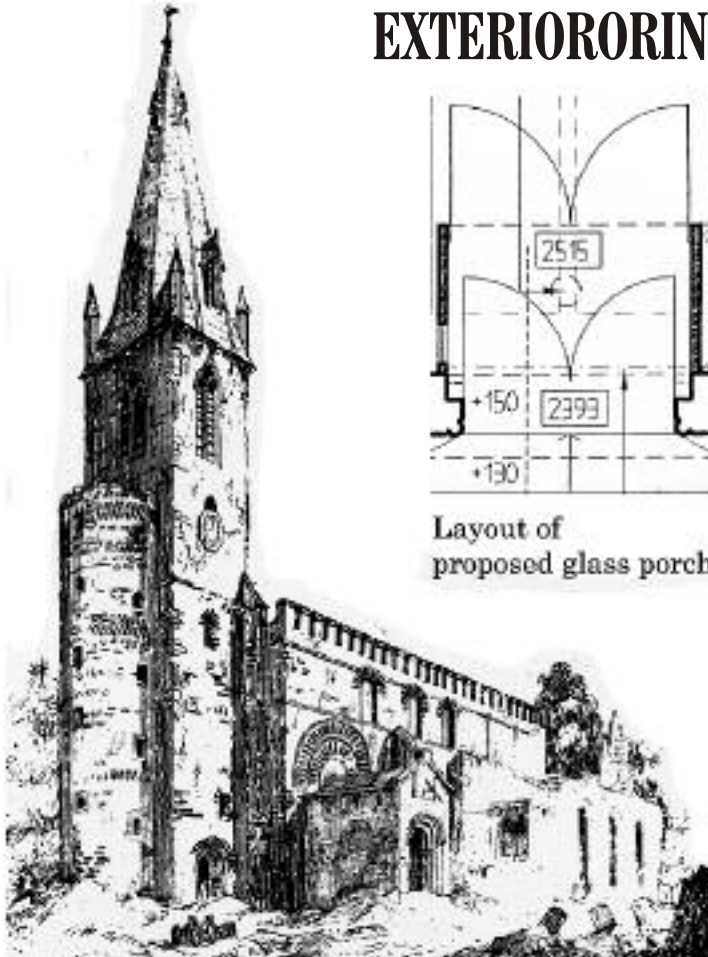


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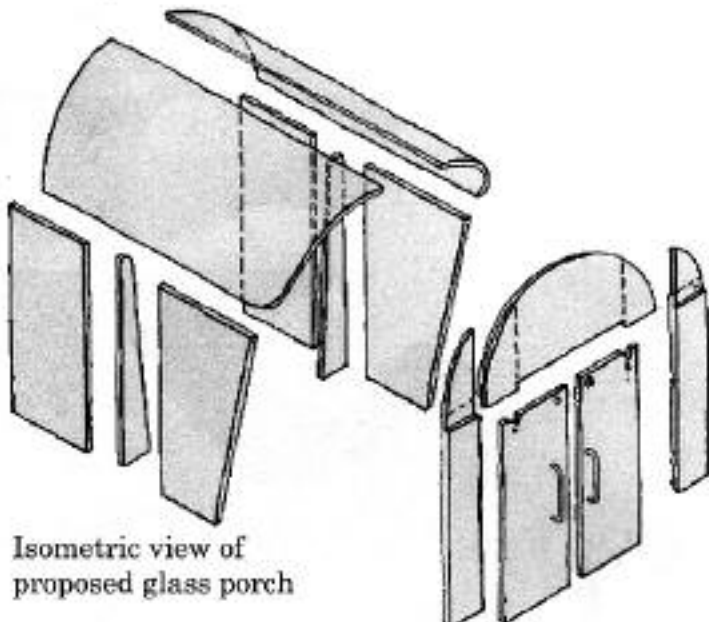
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BRIXWORTH ALL SAINTS' CHURCH PORCH DEBATE EXTERIOR OR INTERIOR?



Layout of proposed glass porch

Etching of Church made in 1825



Isometric view of proposed glass porch

W. H. Bartlett, Architect and Artist made this etching of All Saint's Church Brixworth in 1825, just before the Reverend Charles F. Watkins began his restoration of the church, which was originally built in 680 AD, from the dilapidated 13th century rectangular chancel into its present form of a polygonal apse surrounded by a ring crypt which is believed to be close to the original design.

It can be seen from the etching that there was a substantial outer porch to the entrance on the south side of the church. The Rev. C.F. Watkins had this porch removed, but it is not known why it was removed as there is no mention of the demolition in his book, published in 1867, which chronicles the restoration work. However Dr David Parsons, formerly of Leicester University is reasonably certain that the porch was added in the late 12th century and demolished in the early 1860's.

The present incumbent, the Reverend A.J. Watkins together with the P.C.C. are considering the possibility of building a glass porch within the church and removing the felt covered inner doors which hinder easy access to the church. Plans have been drawn up for a glass porch with a domed roof and the proposed layout is shown below. This porch is relatively small in order to avoid being too intrusive to the interior of the church.

However there is a body of opinion which favours an external porch, but it is recognised that the planning approval process would be long and daunting, involving English Heritage, the Diocese, and Daventry District Council. An external porch could be more spacious and could be attractively designed in keeping with the existing architecture.

As the church is part of our local heritage, anyone who has a view on this subject is entitled to express it to the P.C.C.

The Bulletin would be interested to receive any comments regarding the issues raised in the Vicar's letter which can be found on page 13.

DAVENTRY COUNTRY PARK Micro Wind Turbine Demonstration



Daventry District Councillors have given planning permission for the construction of a free-standing micro wind turbine adjacent to the Visitor Centre in Daventry Country Park in order to assess the impact, the technology and the viability of a micro wind turbine.

The turbine will complement the existing renewable energy sources already in operation at the Visitor Centre for example photovoltaic panels and solar thermal capabilities.

The Energy White Paper (2003) outlined the Government target of 10% of energy to be from renewable sources by 2010, this figure currently stands at just 3%. Wind generation is seen as a key technology for achieving the 2010 target and is supported by two key factors, the availability of the technology and the UK'S favourable wind patterns.

Micro wind turbines would generally fit on to a house and plug directly into the main electricity supply. In theory, they could reduce electricity bills by one third, although this has to be verified.

TRAFALGAR WEEKEND - NATIONAL EVENT

200th ANNIVERSARY OF ONE OF OUR GREAT TEST AND VICTORIES
Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd October 2005



The Battle of Trafalgar took place on October 21st 1805, when the British fleet under the command of Horatio Nelson saved our country from Napoleon's planned invasion by defeating a combined larger French and Spanish fleet. This great naval victory ensured that Great Britain remained the world's major naval power for the next hundred years.

Horatio Nelson was a true hero commanding tremendous loyalty and affection from those he commanded. He was brave, considerate and a born leader and was, unlike many of his contemporaries, a great humanitarian to both his sailors of all ranks and to the enemy. Sadly he was killed at the point of victory and, with national mourning, was buried in St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

The Parish Council, the Parish Church and the Christian Fellowship have all decided to participate in this national event with the following planned:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21st 2005 CHURCH CAR PARK 7pm. - 9pm.
LIGHTING OF THE BEACON & RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS
Refreshments are available.
SUNDAY OCTOBER 23rd 2005 COMMEMORATION SERVICES
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH 10.00am
B.C.F. Service at Community Centre/Library 11.15am.

We look forward to residents supporting these events at this anniversary Trafalgar weekend. We hope that other organisations can arrange other events so that this weekend is truly memorable, particularly at this time of conflict.

David Hymas

LIVING WELL WITH THE EXPERT PATIENT PROGRAMME AT BRIXWORTH HERITAGE CENTRE

People with long term illnesses will be able to learn how to manage their health conditions to best effect, thanks to Daventry and South Northants Primary Care Trust's Living Well Expert Patients Programme.

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The next course is planned to be held at Brixworth Heritage Centre starting Monday 12th September from 10.30 to 1pm to run for 6 weeks until 17th October. Places are limited but to register, please contact Catherine Fitzhugh, on 01327 708147 or 0800 587 0879.

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DRAUGHTON NEWS LAMPORT NEWS

We were blessed with wonderful weather for our two money raising events this year and they were both very successful.

The May Fayre in aid of the proposed Club Room extension raised £660.

The Church Fete raised £708. We hope to get the church rewired and heating installed as soon as possible as we have been using temporary heating for several years.

We are delighted to hear that the Rev. Mary Garbutt, presently Curate of the Desborough group of parishes, is to be our new Priest in Charge of the 7 parishes. (These include Lamport, Maidwell and the smallest parish, Draughton.)

The garden group thanks our own Ann & Dave Sharman for a very enjoyable evening and refreshments in their lovely garden and on a lovely evening too.

The Mobile Library will, after all, be continuing to visit Draughton on alternative weeks. The day and time is changed to Tuesday at 11.40am starting on September 13th.

Anne Block

The keen eyed amongst you will have noticed that the author of this report has changed. As Judith and her husband John Davidson have now moved to Brixworth, she no longer feels it appropriate to submit our news to the 'Bulletin' and has asked me to take over – many thanks to Judith for her past endeavours in keeping us all informed of the news from Lamport & Hanging Houghton.

A Barn dance was held at the end of June at Manor Farm, Hanging Houghton with about 80+ locals attending including many families with young children, all of whom joined in with the dancing, which was great to see. A local band 'Hobson's Choice' played and provided a caller. The evening was such a success that the P.C. is considering a repeat for next year.

The P.C. is also planning to run the very popular Bonfire Night again this year, to take place on the 5th November at Manor Farm.

In an attempt to slow down the traffic through Lamport, 'pinch points' have been erected on the eastern approach to the village to draw attention to the 30mph speed limit. It is too early to say if this is having the desired effect, although this seems unlikely.

Mike Philpott

OPEN STUDIOS NORTHANTS 'WITNESS ART IN THE MAKING'

As part of Northamptonshire's annual 'Open Studios' fortnight, when artists invite you to visit their studios, Mandy Dawkins & Angela Holmes will be at the Village Hall, Welford Road, Thurnby (opposite the pub) from 11am to 4pm – 3rd/4th, 10th/11th and 17th/18th September.

Brochures are available in local shops and at the Information Centre.

BRIXWORTH CENTRE PRE-SCHOOL

Brixworth Centre Pre-School is about to start its 25th year and we would like to celebrate this event by gathering as much information about the Pre-School over the years gone by. This is where we need your help. Did you ever go to Brixworth Centre Pre-School? Maybe you helped start it, by being a founder member, committee member or a member of staff. Were you ever a pupil there? If so, Liz would like to hear from you. You can contact her by phoning 889467 or e-mail bcps-jubilee@supanet.com There is also a web site you may wish to look at www.bcps-jubilee.supanet.com

It would be great to have a reunion of past members to recall how things have changed. All the information, photos etc will be on display on Saturday 24th September, when we hold a day of celebrations, starting off with an activity afternoon 2.00-4.30pm, for our younger age groups. You will also be able to purchase celebratory mugs, which will be a limited edition and sold only on that day, priced £4.50. This will be followed by an 80's disco in the evening for everyone, starting at 7.00pm until 11.00pm. Prices for the disco tickets will be:- Family-£8.00 (2 adults & 2 children), adults £3.50 and children £1.00, with children aged 2 and under free.

SUPPORT FOR THE AIR AMBULANCE

A summer BBQ organised by Mr. and Mrs. David Tuckley in their garden at The Lake House, Brixworth Hall Park raised nearly £3000 for the Warks & Northants Air Ambulance, which is in great need of financial support in order to keep the helicopter flying. Rose Tuckley thanks all her neighbours and friends for their magnificent support and to Ken Troop who donated food, chef John Davidson, barman Keith Oliver, the girls who put a rhythmic dancing display and the Sunday morning clean up team!

HAYWARD'S BARN CLUBHOUSE EXTENSION REFUSED BY DDC

Planning permission has been refused by D.D.C. for the following reasons:-

The proposal would result in a large extension and alterations to a building that lies in a prominent position in the open countryside and in a Special Landscape Area. The original planning permission for the change of use of this building, without extension or significant alteration, to a clubhouse for use in connection with community facilities was granted on the basis that it would be acceptable under Development Plan policies – especially having regard to history. The proposed extension of the building, changes its character and appearance, increase in its height, bulk and massing and need for increased car parking would cause harm to the character and appearance of the building and surrounding area thereby being contrary to Development Plan policies AR1, EN1, EN19, EN20, RC4, EN5 and RC6.

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Hi, I'm Margaret Lawes, the new Parish Nurse for Brixworth Christian Fellowship. I have had experience in working in Africa and Northampton Primary Care Trust as well as Daventry and South Northants. I am a registered nurse and health visitor. This is a very new concept, although in the early 20th century in most churches they had deaconesses who visited the sick and offered help, advice and prayer.

We are now in the 21st century and it is more accepted that there is a need for integration between health and spiritual wholeness. The deaconesses who visited in the early 20th century were replaced when the N.H.S. came into being in 1947 and, for many, it meant the loss of cohesive care in the community.

The Parish Nurse is one who works within a faith community who is to offer not just health advice but prayer and counsel, using a variety of skills that are relevant today.

How will I seek to help people in Brixworth?

- Raising awareness of health in church and community.
- Supporting by visits, advice and help – especially those who are elderly and mums with young children.
- Encouraging health and fitness by suitable group activities.
- Putting people in touch with organisations and people who can help them.

I will be working with other health professionals in the parish and the pastoral team at B.C.F.

Come and visit me on the Parish Nursing stall at the Community Centre on Saturday September 3rd and get your blood pressure checked too!

I actually start on Monday, September 26th and will be publishing my phone number and details of individual activities.

Margaret Lawes

Confidentiality.

All communications and conversations with the Parish Nurse will be treated in a confidential manner, in accordance with NMC Code of Conduct.

PROBLEMS AT ST. DAVID'S CAR PARK

'Something must be done'

At a recent Parish Council Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting attended by about thirty local residents, the main item on the agenda was the increasingly troublesome range of problems surrounding the current unsatisfactory state of the car park at St. David's Recreation ground which in the opinion of The Police Crime Reduction officer, is an open invitation to youth congregation and accounts for the increasing levels of rowdiness created in particular by motorbikes racing around the area. In his view, urgent consideration should be given to the closure of the current vehicular entrance off Froxhill Crescent with the creation of a new main entrance off St. David's Close. In his opinion the entire area should be 'remodelled' with the removal of the hedge behind the pavilion and siting of dedicated parking bays at the car park, which should deny motor cyclists the opportunities to create mayhem with their spinning wheels and raucous noise.

Several residents whose houses border the southern extent of the car park and recreation ground described their frequent experiences of the incidents of vandalism, intimidation, noise and lack of privacy, not to mention sleepless nights. One resident particularly mentioned his concerns about the language used by the youths outside his property, so bad now that he cannot let his small daughter play in the garden. He and several other residents pleaded for 'something to be done'. Police call out response to the problems is allegedly 'poor'.

Another resident recommended the installation of a 'kissing gate' at the side of the main barrier thus preventing motorbikes and scooters gaining entrance whilst still allowing access to pedestrians, wheelchairs and buggies. The main gate is supposed to be locked after use by various sports clubs – a system which is proving unsatisfactory.

At a later meeting of the full parish council and after lengthy debate it was resolved that:

- a. The Crime Prevention Officer be requested to carry out a full survey of the area and its attendant problems and to submit his written recommendations to the Council for further examination.
- b. That the hedge behind the pavilion be removed and the area tidied (hedge has now been removed).
- c. That quotes be obtained for the installation of a 'kissing gate' beside the main entrance.
- d. That the sports clubs be urged to find better methods of ensuring that the main gate is kept locked when the car park is not in use.

If you have an opinion or some good ideas on how these current problems should be satisfactorily resolved, please share them with the Brixworth Bulletin.

Paddy Fox

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
15th-21st MAY 2005**

The amount raised in Brixworth was £1756.66. Total for the Deanery was £11,952.58.

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Stephanie Arnold and Vanessa Crooks (Organisers)

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PROFILE — JONTY MYLES



Rosminians being an Order with a very modern, genial outlook to life and teaching. At that time in the 50's the emphasis was very much on teaching the sciences and so Jonty was unable to develop his love for art and design. Therefore, on leaving school and despite the fact that his sister, Belinda, had followed their father into medicine, Jonty joined the Birmingham School of Architecture.

He qualified in 1964, having meanwhile met his friend's sister, Gill, who was 5 years younger and at the Birmingham School of Art. They were married in Solihull in 1968 and produced three sons, Dominic, Alex and Sebastian in 1969, 1972 and 1973 respectively, with a daughter, Alice not coming along until 1987.

After qualification, one of the first jobs that Jonty had was in London, in Gloucester Place, with a firm who were master planners for Kirkby, Newtown, famous in those days for the filming of the TV show "Z-Cars". From there he went on to work at London Zoo where one of the projects was to redesign the Main Entrance and the Ape & Monkey House. Thus, he became well acquainted with the famous gorilla, Guy, who was an incredible character and caused much concern over how he would react to his new enclosure (in fact he was fine). Lots of awards were received for the design of the Ape & Monkey House particularly as it was the first one in the country to include an outside enclosure that could be viewed by the public at the same time as the inside. Thus preventing

the frustration of entering the Ape & Monkey House only to see the animals disappearing outside where they could no longer be seen. He also designed many other projects both at Regent's Park and Whipsnade.

In 1973, Jonty and Gill moved to Northampton where Jonty worked for the Northampton Development Corporation who was developing the Eastern District. When that work came to its natural end in 1981, Jonty became self-employed and having moved to Brixworth several years earlier, he decided to set up his own practice with Leslie Sims in Kennel Terrace in 1984. Jonty has received many awards for his work, including the Good Design Award in 1980 for housing at Southfields, Northampton and a Civic Trust Award in 1982 for the Rectory Farm Meeting Hall.

In the village, Jonty has been involved with the Friends of All Saints' Church for many years, including six years as Chairman. He was also a Governor at St David's Catholic Middle School up to its closure last year and President of the Northampton Catenian Association in the year 2000.

Having now retired, Jonty is hoping to spend more time in France as well as with his 5 grandchildren, four of whom arrived together 18 months ago to his oldest son, Dominic, being unusually naturally-born quads. We wish him all the very best in his retirement and hope that he and Gill enjoy many years ahead.

Jane Neill

Following his recent retirement from Myles & Sims earlier this year and after over 40 years as an Architect, The Bulletin decided to find out a bit more about Jonathan Myles (or Jonty as he has been known since birth, the nurse in the hospital maintaining that Jonathan was too much of a mouthful for such a little thing!)

Jonty Myles was born in Northampton in 1939 to an Irish Catholic father who was a GP there and an English mother who was well known in the local repertory theatre as a dancer. At the age of 9 he was sent to Radcliffe College, a Roman Catholic Boarding School in Leicester, where he was taught by the Rosminian Fathers. Jonty loved it right from the beginning, the

MADE IN BRIXWORTH - LYDON NEWITT



Lydon Newitt, aptly named after an Ancient Greek Military hero, was born 2½ months premature. You certainly would not know that now as he has more than made up for any lost growing time! He has lived in Brixworth since he was 10 years old (He is now 20) and

went to Brixworth Primary and Moulton Schools.

He has always taken an interest in the army and was in the Army Cadets from 12 – 16 years of age. He trained as a welder and now feels he has "the best of both worlds" as he has been in the Territorial Army for 2½ years and as well as attending for 2 hours every Tuesday covering fitness, weapons, British Army vehicles, map reading and field training, he is also out on manoeuvres one week-end a month. He is at present a private but hopes to become a lance corporal after attending Catterick Military Base for two weeks followed by a test.

His most recent, highly admirable exploit was a project this April in Granada in the Caribbean entitled Operation Spice Relief. He was one of 12 T.A. members from the East of England Regiment to join 100 from the Bermuda Regiment to repair hurricane damage in the area from December 2004. The tasks, taking only a remarkable two weeks included rebuilding St. David's R.C. School, a library and a kindergarden, also a Community Centre Nursery, a doctor's surgery and even a local's house. Lydon's

endurance in the hot and humid conditions as well as his building skills were sorely tested. The regime was strict with frequent drugs tests and the necessity of drinking 6/7 litres of water per day as well as long working hours of 6.30am to 7.00pm. They were billeted at an old police compound where chefs from the Bermuda Regiment provided four hot meals a day.

He found the whole experience very rewarding, particularly when the local children were so thrilled by the result which was opened by the mayor. He also enjoyed the last two days of R & R (Rest & Recreation) in a hotel by the sea. Most importantly he says he has "learnt how other people live". He is hoping to go out on subsequent projects – there is usually one per year.

Brixworth should be proud of owning such an enterprising young man who is keen to give of his time to help others in a different part of the world. There are unfortunately too many young men who have "lost their way". Lydon certainly knows his. Good luck for any future projects

Louise Cramp

DRAMAGROUP'S PLAY-MIXED DOUBLES



Back Row: James Skeggs, Robin Armstrong
3rd Row: Amanda Bird, Heather Pool, Stuart Cooper
2nd Row: Jean McDonald, Elaine Musgrove, Andy Knight
Front Row: Mike Culverhouse, Eileen Truby, Libby Bowers

Around the end of June, Brixworth Drama group presented a performance of Mixed Doubles, a series of monologues and duologues linked by the themes of stages of life, ageing and partnerships. Each episode was penned by a different author, but with high quality scripts from the likes of Alan Ayckbourn, George Melly, Fay Weldon and David Compton, the group were able to display a high standard of performance throughout.

Opening with a scarily convincing vicar with homage to Rowan Atkinson by James Skeggs, the first duologue featured a very twitchy bridegroom by Robin Armstrong and a very calm detached partner played by Amanda Bird on her debut. Mike Culverhouse and Eileen Truby made a totally plausible silver wedding couple whose spark had well and truly gone out. Elaine Musgrove and Andy Knight gave a very natural performance as a couple still talking after 18 holidays in the same tent!

The second half saw Heather Pool and Stuart Cooper do a great interpretation of a classic Ayckbourn scenario of the grumpy northern corrie-style couple, leading into a lovely performance by Jean McDonnell and James Skeggs again as a couple reminiscing in a cemetery as the sun went down over their lives. Very touching and you can collect your free bus pass on the way out, James.

In between, Elaine Musgrove as a doctor, Andy Knight as a salacious solicitor, Robin Armstrong as a batty headmaster with a Napoleonic complex, Libby Bowers as a

traditional nanny and Stuart Cooper as an analyst in need of therapy, all gave strong cameos on the apron, with minimal props. For the duos, a simple set designed by Leslie Kelly set the scene for the cast to shine, under the excellent direction of Sue I'Anson. It's fair to say that the quality material moved the whole group to a higher level. Well done everybody.

Brixworth can now look forward to Dick Whittington at the end of January 2006. As ever the group would like to hear from aspiring thespians, especially the younger ones and you can meet them at the festival of organisations in the library on Saturday September 3rd. *Robin Pool*

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

In the last Bulletin on page 5 there was an advertising feature covering Brixworth Dance Class and local photographer Kate Green. We neglected to include the following: 'If you would like to find out more or arrange a photo shoot then please contact Kate on 01604 881460 or 07740 909882'.

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Brixworth Drama Group are looking for a pianist for their next production which is the pantomime 'Dick Whittington'

Performances will be on Saturday 21st January at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, Friday 27th January at 7.30pm and Saturday 28th January at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Involvement at rehearsals will also be necessary.

Anyone who is willing to help should contact Mile Culverhouse on 01604 881721.

50's / 60's MUSIC and DANCE EVENING

In a return by popular demand, after their tremendously successful Dance Evening held in May this year, JOHN & JEFF (from Brixworth's Top 60's Band 'The Kossacks') will feature in a 2nd 50's/60's music & dance evening, to be held at Brixworth Village Hall on Saturday 24th September, 2005, from 8.00pm to 11.30pm.

The evening will also include a disco, music quiz, raffle and licensed bar. This time, funds are being raised for the Brixworth Under 11's Football Club. Admission £5, is by ticket only. Telephone Ann or John Wilson on 01604 882715 for tickets.

A further 'Christmas Party' dance is being planned for Saturday 10th December 2005.

BRIXWORTH WALK FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Each year over 100 women are diagnosed with breast cancer every day. By taking part in the annual Brixworth Country Park Walk, you, your family and your friends can enjoy a fun event while doing something positive about breast cancer. This year the fundraising event will take place on Sunday 30th October at 10.30am. The 12km walk starts at the Country Park Visitor Centre and takes you on the Pitsford Water Trail around the reservoir. There will be prizes awarded for the 'Best Dressed' group and individual on the day, as well as incentives given to any child (16-) who raises a minimum of £50 sponsorship money.

Visit www.cancerresearchuk.org/breastcancer or call your local fundraising office on 08701 60 20 40 Sharon Marsh UK Cancer Research

THOMAS ROE CHARITY

The Thomas Roe Charity has funds available to persons aged less than 25 years and resident within the parishes of Brixworth and Scaldwell. Cash grants are available to any qualifying person for use for educational purposes. Grants can be made to assist in the purchase of school uniforms, books and course materials, musical instruments, computer equipment and travel expenses linked to an educational venture such as a school trip.

The next meeting of the Trustees is scheduled for the 4th October 2005 when the Trustees will have approximately £1000 available for distribution. Any person wishing to apply should either pick up an application form from the Brixworth Library or the Information Centre. Alternatively ring the Clerk to the Trustees Ursula Morris on 01604 505554.

HOW TO DRUG PROOF YOUR KIDS

This four evening course starts on Tuesday 4th October and runs to 25th October from 7.30 to 9.00pm in The Olive Branch Coffee Shop at The Library Community Centre.

Research shows that parents and families can be a vital factor in keeping children from becoming involved in the harmful use of drugs including alcohol.

The course is open to all parents and is based on the successful Care for the Family course produced with Hope UK. It is run by a local drugs education worker in association with Brixworth Christian Fellowship.

The four sessions together with a Parents Handbook cost £15. To book a place or find out more, please phone Mike Nice on 01604 880086, or come along to the Festival of Organisations and ask for a free brochure.

BRIXWORTH GARDENING CLUB

Friday 30th September – Kathy Brown
'Bulbs for all seasons'

Friday 28th October – Stuart Dixon
'Alpines' – with slides

Friday 25th November – AGM and party

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AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS AT HAYWARD'S BARN

A great deal of work has taken place since the last issue of the bulletin. The square has been painstakingly laid and the outfield has been seeded, so the whole area now looks like a cricket ground. Next steps as far as the ground is concerned are to look at further landscaping and the positioning and construction of practise facilities.

Alongside this has been the process of drawing up of plans for the clubhouse following discussions on our vision for the type of club and facilities we want to create. At the time of writing these have been approved by the Parish Council and are soon to be put before DDC. We aim to be playing at the new ground in April 2007.

Our objectives today remain consistent with those we put forward when this project was first proposed back in the October 2003, as featured extensively in the Brixworth Bugle issued that month. As stated, 'the structure of the clubhouse is already in place which will provide a stunning venue for players and supporters, not only on match days but throughout the year for functions and events. A successful sports club becomes the focal point for a community' And that's really what is driving this forward – the overriding objective being to provide something that the whole village can use and be proud of.

Using the existing structure of Haywards Barn, the two storey clubhouse will provide an impressive backdrop to cricket and tennis. The ground floor will house changing facilities, clubroom, bar and kitchen areas.

The second floor will be given over primarily to a function room which will provide the occupants with access to balconies to the front and rear as well as stunning views over the ground, tennis courts and the reservoir. In addition to social and business events, the site would be used throughout the year, for a whole array of sporting activity in addition to cricket and tennis. For example we are talking to local hockey clubs about using the club as their post match base. Indoor bowls is also an attractive option and there will be plenty of space for fitness classes (with the benefit of on site changing and bar facilities).

There is real potential to make this a vibrant club for the benefit of Brixworth and the surrounding area. We have come a long way already to reach this stage, the hard work will doubtless intensify over the coming months but there is no doubt that exciting times lie ahead. *Chris Timm*

See page 3 for Daventry District Council's decision on this planning application.

POLITICS MATTER TO THEM TOO



On Wednesday 6th July I visited Philip Hollobone, MP for Kettering, at the Houses of Parliament.

During the election campaign all the main candidates visited Bishop Stopford School and gave talks to interested students. After Philip's talk I emailed him saying how good I thought his talk was and wishing him every success. I also asked whether it would be possible to visit him in parliament. After the election, which he won, I contacted him again and we arranged my visit.

When my family and I got to Parliament we met Philip in the very impressive Central Lobby. Wednesday, being Prime Minister's Questions, meant that we watched the speaker parading into the chamber – all dressed up in costume and marching to time – and then we sat in the public gallery watching the show!!

Lunch, courtesy of Philip, was then on the terrace where we watched the Red Arrows fly past to celebrate winning the Olympics!!

Following lunch Philip took us to the House of Lords – a much grander place than the Commons – where he was referred to as the 'Member from Below'!!!

All in all I had a fantastic and memorable day out and I am now feeling even more inspired for the future – Thank you Philip! *Christopher Monk*

COUNTRY EYE

By Brian Webster

An old photo, taken many years ago during my time as a warden at Pitsford Reservoir, shows a little butterfly, tiger-striped in tawny orange and black, feeding on the nectar of a scabious flower. At that time the wall butterfly was a common sight wherever there was a sun trap, and there always seemed to be plenty of them as I made my way around the water in course of my work. Its nondescript greenish caterpillar fed by night on the common grasses in the area, hiding by day among the roots.

Looking at my notebooks I realised that it had been twelve years since I last saw one of these insects, and that was among the dunes of East Anglia. There are still a few places in our county where it may yet be found, but it has become a decidedly uncommon species. It is just one among a whole raft of plants and animals that have either disappeared altogether or become much rarer both locally and nationally.

This is not just a matter for regret to those of us who care about our wildlife and wild places. In current parlance it is a clarion 'wake-up call', a warning that things are going badly wrong with our own environment. Why is this so?

Well, whether we like it or not, we are still tied inextricably in to the wider world of nature. Surely the recent run of record-breaking hot summers, of globally unusual weather conditions, should be enough to alert us that things are going awry. Although the weather of recent past hereabouts seems to have returned to a more normal pattern, the wider cycle of severe weather events continues.

To return to the wall butterfly, as I mentioned, it thrives on hot weather, so one would think that global warming would favour it. The fact that this has not been the case indicates that there are other things about its habitat that are not right. What these may be I must confess I have no idea. I do know, however, that we have only a little time, maybe no more than ten years, left to start lessening our own impact on the wider environment. The stark choice is that we either take matters in hand ourselves, or we leave nature to do it for us. I know which choice I have made, for I believe more than ever the solution lies in large part in our hands as individuals. Choose to walk to the shops, rather than hopping into the car for a two minute drive, shop locally rather than in the retail parks; these are just two things we could do that would help immeasurably.

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Dear Brixworth Bulletin

Please could we have some things to play on at the Ashway field. It's a bit boring there at the moment. Could we please have a roundabout, slide and five swings and a football net. It would be good if there was a tree house.

I go there on my bike or to kick a ball around with my dad but it would be good if there were other things to do there.

Thank you

Jasper Broxton age 6

Dear Sir

With regard to Paddy Fox's article in the last issue of the Brixworth Bulletin concerning the possible need for new play equipment in the village, I was very surprised to read that "there is inconclusive evidence to suggest that such a facility is either wanted or needed by the Ashway residents"

As a resident of Damherst Piece with two children aged six and one, I feel that the area is in desperate need of some good quality play facilities and I know of many other parents and children who agree.

The Ashway playing field is surrounded by residential dwellings with plenty of young families and to me seems to be the perfect location. I am therefore astounded by the suggestion that there may not be a need. Please, we need more areas for constructive recreation for our younger village residents!

Ms M Norton

P.S. I would be interested to know where information to substantiate the above quote from Paddy Fox came from as we as a household have never been consulted.



There is Life after Divorce or Separation !!

It is a sad fact of life that many marriages and partnerships end in divorce or separation. When a relationship breaks down, either one or both of the partners will inevitably go through an emotional rollercoaster that can be traumatising. Feelings of anger, rejection, failure, self pity, lack of confidence in the future, are all likely to be experienced. If this wasn't bad enough, there are practical issues that need to be dealt with; dealing with the ex partner; arrangements for children; living as a single person, to name but a few.

All of this can often be overwhelming and leave people feeling helpless. Well, help is at hand. Divorce Recovery Workshop (DRW) is a UK charity that facilitates self help groups by offering courses that enable participants to have a better understanding of what they are going through, whilst providing support from others who are in the same situation. BCF run these courses in the Community Centre, and the next course is due to start in October. For further information, visit www.drw.org.uk or phone 0700 781 889.

VANDALISM IN BRIXWORTH

I am sure that many residents of Brixworth must walk around the village and be as dismayed as I am with regard to the amount of pointless vandalism that occurs.

When I say pointless, it is totally unnecessary and causes harm to the motorist, the walker, and more importantly, children and the elderly. I have no doubt that these acts are being carried out by a small minority of youths but I would love to know what they actually get out of it.

What is the fun in destroying signage on the shopping area which advises motorists of alternative parking at weekends. This is the second time this sign has been vandalised. Daventry District Council paid for the first replacement but will not pay for this second sign. This is now the responsibility of the shop keepers and they have my sympathy.

Again what joy can these vandals have from destroying the hand rail and supports leading from the Spratton Road Recreation ground to Spratton Road. This has been vandalised four times this year already. I hope these vandals realise that this hand rail is needed by the elderly (most of who live in New Street). How would they feel if it was their grandmother or grandfather using the rail for assistance and now can no longer access Spratton Road to get to the shops by that access until it has once again been replaced.

New play equipment that was placed on St David's Recreation ground has been covered in graffiti and the basketball arena has a panel removed probably by the use of a hacksaw. Damage has also been incurred to the safety play areas. An accident waiting to happen to a young child until it has been repaired.

These thoughtless vandals have parents and I ask them, how they would feel if their property was constantly vandalised. I am sure they would not like to keep paying out for repairs, but what I would point out is that they are paying through their Council tax, because each time vandalism occurs, it costs the Parish Council or other authorities to put it right and make it safe.

I ASK YOU THOUGHTLESS VANDALS TO THINK AGAIN AND HAVE SOME PRIDE IN YOUR VILLAGE.

Elizabeth WiiG
District Councillor

At the PC meeting dated 26th July, the chairman reported that the Police had arranged for certain youths in the village to visit Wellingborough Prison. During the visit the youths will be given talks on drugs, vandalism and anti social behaviour.

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ANOTHER GOODYEAR FOR BRIXWORTH SCHOOL



One of the stalls at the Summer Fete

As the second year of my Headship at Brixworth CEVC Primary draws to a close there is time to reflect on the academic year 2004/2005.

During the Autumn Term curriculum evenings for parents were provided in literacy and numeracy. Life Long Learning sessions have been provided for parents to gain training in supporting their child's learning in English and mathematics. Art classes have been available to all members of the local community. The school's website has been redesigned and further enhanced, and with its comment board, supported by a school email address for parents has improved electronic communication between home and school.

The school continues to provide a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and activities after school or at lunchtimes, during the academic year. The clubs are as diverse as drama, skipping, football, sewing, computer, mathematics, dance, IT, sailing and a wide range of music and performance. French language classes, paid for by parents of pupils who attend, have been made available to pupils from Year 1 upwards, during lunchtime and after school. Two major improvements were made to the school facilities. The library has been refurbished and transformed into a learning centre incorporating the latest technology in ICT; and, Foundation Stage has had an uncovered outdoor area developed for Early Years activities for our youngest children.

Classes have presented assemblies to parents during the year and ministers from local churches, Father Watkins, Reverend Walter and Reverend Taylor have led whole school assemblies. During the course of the academic year all classes and pupils have had the opportunity to take part in a service at All Saints Church in the village. The school also honoured the fallen of the two wars, through the participation of Year 5 pupils and the laying of a wreath at the village memorial.

The Country Park was the venue for a whole school fundraising walk in support of the Tsunami appeal. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils walked halfway round the recreational part of the reservoir while the juniors completed the whole circuit. Reverend Walter conducted short services at the water's edge, which involved the whole school.

The school continued to achieve highly in the performing and visual arts. This success was evident at the Northampton Music and Drama Festival where Brixworth pupils gained many awards and commendations. Pupils also took part very creditably at the Young Performer of the Year finals. In the Summer

Term, the School Recorder Ensemble, travelled to the South Bank Centre in London to take part in the National Festival of Music for Youth, which is the largest of its kind in Europe. They performed a ten minute programme and had an excellent adjudication. An art week celebrating India's creative and cultural traditions was undertaken in the Summer Term. The activities produced a wide range of imaginative and visually impressive work by the children that was displayed in time for the school fete.

The Parent Teacher Association organised a number of fundraising and social events during the year. In addition to the Summer Fete the events have included a Family Disco, Christmas Bazaar, Ice Skating and an Easter Bingo. The PTA contributed £4000 towards the purchase of reading books for the pupils and a further £3000 towards the development of an outdoor uncovered activity area for Foundation Stage.

We can all look forward to the Autumn Term.
David Boucher Headteacher

EXTRACT FROM P.C. MINUTES

'The Chairman reported that Cllr S Mabbutt had requested that the Council approve his absence for approximately six months due to heavy workload. This was agreed.'

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PETER FLETCHER



Whilst attending the commemoration at All Saints' Church Northampton marking the 60th anniversary of the ending of the second world war, Peter Fletcher died of a heart attack at the age of 84. He was secretary of the Northampton branch of the Burma Star, having served in Burma with the RAF from 1941 to 1945 as an engineer defending the airstrips.

Born in West London, he settled in Brixworth in 1975, where he joined the District Council in 1986 and served as Chairman from 1989-1990. He served on the Parish Council from 1988, acting as Chairman of Finance and Planning for a number of years until his retirement from both Councils in 1994/5.

As Sales Manager for Crompton Parkinson, he travelled widely and was given the Freedom of the City of London for charity work with the Lightmongers Association.

Always a keen sportsman, he played golf regularly in his retirement at Chapel Brampton.

Peter leaves his wife Beryl, two children, Richard and Lindsay and four grandchildren. His funeral service took place at Milton Malsor on July 19th and was given a guard of honour by the Burma Star veterans.

CLOCKING UP THE MILES



Close friends, Juliette Keeping from Brixworth and Alison Robinson of Moulton are continuing to clock up the miles for charity. The pair is regular fund raisers for Macmillan and Marie Curie Cancer Care. They met on a Macmillan trip to the Rocky Mountains and became firm friends.

Following on from Canada, Iceland and the Sahara, the pair has just returned from South America after doing the Inca Trail to Macchu Picchu. Juliette also did Poland last year cycling from Krakow to Warsaw for the 100th Anniversary of Marie Curie. Juliette is now training for the follow up ride – London to Paris – on August Bank Holiday.

The pair is planning their next challenge which is the Great Wall of China. They are planning a series of fund raisers during the next few months and would appreciate any sponsors and donations to help them continue this amazing record. They can be contacted on 01604 704784 or 646451

They would like to thank everyone for the support they have received. A special thank you is made to Lovell's Hardware of Brixworth whose contribution raised £300 during the last year and to the Moulton Massive Bikers Club who donated £700.

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PLANNING STATUS REPORT

FORMER TEXACO SITE MAIDWELL HOMES



As residents can see, building work is well advanced on the 12 two/three bedroom homes being constructed on the site of the former Texaco garage.

Maidwell Homes hope to have the show house operational by the beginning of October. Completion of this first phase should be achieved by June 2006. The two bedroom homes will cost between £150,000 and £155,000 and the three bedroom homes will start at £175,000.

Discussions are continuing between the developer and the owners of the land adjacent to this first phase with a view to building a further 12/13 homes as a second phase.

RIGIFLEX SITE

We reported in the last Bulletin that planning permission had been granted for John Wilcox Homes to build 34 units subject to a 106 Agreement.

John Wilcox told the Bulletin representative that the negotiations were going well and all conditions including the footpath through the site to the school, would be settled by early September.

LAND AT HOLCOT ROAD LEIGHTON CONSULTANTS LTD.

Nearby residents were in favour of developing the site but had these concerns:

A proposed mini roundabout and ramp would not be effective in slowing traffic sufficiently and would lead to an increase in traffic noise.

The street scene would be improved if the houses were set back sufficiently to permit trees to be planted.

The P.C. had no objection to the application but requested consideration be given to neighbours concerns.

REF NO. & DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	P.C RECOMMENDATION & D.D.C. DECISION
DA/2004/0707 29 Burrows Vale. First floor extension and single storey rear extension.	Subject to Appeal.
DA/2004/1583 34 Froxhill Cres. Two storey extension to side of dwelling.	PC 25/1 Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/0121 Rigiflex, Northampton Rd. Demolition of existing factory and construction of 34 residential units.	PC 29/3 Objection. DDC Approved subject to a 106 agreement.
DA/2005/0140 Land at Holcot Rd, Brixworth 14 dwellings, estate road, highway alterations and ancillary works.	PC 26/7 No Objection.
DA/2005/0171 The Grange, Kennel Terrace. Convert existing office building into leisure facilities and build new indoor swimming pool.	PC 26/4 DDC Refused. Subject to Appeal.
DA/2005/0135 16 The Ridings. First floor extension over garage to provide additional bedroom. Amendment to roof.	PC 29/3 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/0164 88b Northampton Rd. Conversion of existing garage into habitable room.	PC 29/3 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/0167 1 Church Street. Single storey rear conservatory.	PC No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/0296 12 Tantree Way. Two storey extension to side of dwelling	PC 26/4 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/0163/F Sywell Aerodrome Sywell. Construction of an all weather surface to the existing runway 03/21 with associated taxiway apron areas and earthworks.	PC 26/4 No Objection.
DA/2005/0345 5 Hunt Close. Two storey extension to side of house and single storey extension to rear.	PC 24/4 Objections. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/0347 Adjacent 'Sangria' Harbourough Rd. Outline application for new dwelling.	PC 26/4 Objection. Extra traffic would be dangerous. DDC Refused.
DA/2005/0409 18 Kennel Terrace. Alterations at second floor to provide an ensuite shower room.	PC 23/5 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/0472 27 Pytchley Close. Two storey extension to eastern elevation, garage to western elevation.	PC 25/5 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/0487 4 Eastfield Road. Two storey extension and loft conversion.	PC 25/5 No Objection. DDC Refused.
DA/2005/ 0497 79 Northampton Road. Detached two bedroom cottage with two parking spaces.	PC 25/5 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/0518 20 Brackenborough. Two storey extension to side of dwelling.	PC 25/5 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/0531 21 Holcot Road. Felling of oak tree subject to preservation order.	PC 25/5 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/0574 6 Horseshoe Close. First floor extension to dwelling.	PC 28/6 No Objection.
DA/2005/0580 36 The Ashway. Relocation of existing fence and wall on side of dwelling.	PC 28/6 No Objection.
DA/2005/0583 24 Froxhill Crescent. Revised plans for conservatory.	PC 28/6 No Objection.
DA/2005/0628 Land at Holcot Road. 14 dwellings, est. road, highways alterations and ancillary works.	PC 26/7 No Objection.
DA/2005/0652 33 Shelleycoates Road. Relocation of boundary fence.	PC 26/7 No Objection.
DA/2005/0659 The Old Bakery, 112 Northampton Road. Change of use to residential and single storey extension.	PC 26/7 No Objection subject to conditions.
Change of Licence – Coach & Horses, Harbourough Road.	PC 26/7 Concerns over variations to the licence.
DA/2005/0704 2 Knightons Way. Single storey side extension to form breakfast room and utility.	PC 26/7 No Objection.
DA/2005/0719 Haywards Barn, Northampton Road. Extension to club house	PC 26/7 No Objection but with recommendations. DDC Refused.
Renewal of Community Premises licence –	PC 26/7 No Objection.

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FROM THE VICAR

Dear People of Brixworth,

Where do you see these words displayed on high in this village— CAN WE HELP YOU? Above the counter in the Co-operative Stores of course. Waiting for one's turn to be served with mounting irritation and impatience, these words seem some sort of cruel joke.

Indeed it seems to me that those serving need the help — our needs as customers count for little, what with unfilled shelves, the absence of basic commodities for days or even weeks, queues that extend at least half way around the shop, inexperienced school-children at the counter and no-one visibly in charge. No wonder the shop was recently subjected to an armed robbery!

Most of the young serving behind the counter (with one or two surly and ill-mannered exceptions) cope very well under the circumstances but are treated very shabbily by the firm with poor payment and little training or direction. Is this the best that can be



done for a community the size of Brixworth. Surely we deserve better.

It is high time we villagers took some action, perhaps collectively boycotting the shop for a month or two — even at great inconvenience to ourselves. Come on Parish Councillors — DO SOMETHING about this situation. Call us together at least and demand a confrontation with the Co-operative chiefs in this area, so that we can register our complaints.

They were quick enough to take over Brixworth's main store with its virtual monopoly of customers and saw to it that no-one else moved into their former premises to sell food. If they can't provide a better service to this village they should give up and let other try. Already far too many in Brixworth have been driven to shopping outside this village in sheer exasperation.

Some people might well think that Christians should just put up with things as they are, smiling indulgently and welcoming this training in patience. I DON'T. There's a popular prayer that runs — 'God grant me the courage to change what I can change; the serenity to accept those I cannot change and the WISDOM to know the difference'. This community matter is surely something that can and ought to be changed with energy and acuity.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony J. Watkins

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CALENDAR FOR AU TUMN 2005

Sept. 4 th	Sunday: Trinity 15	Services at 7.45am. & 10.00am. No 6.00pm
Sept. 11 th	Sunday: Trinity 16	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
Sept. 18 th	Sunday: Trinity 17	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
Sept. 23 rd	Friday: Friends' Event	See Overleaf
Sept. 25 th	Sunday: Trinity 18 (Harvest Thanksgiving)	10.00am. at Brixworth & 6.00pm. at Holy Cot.
Sept. 29 th	Thursday: Michaelmas Day	12noon Holy Eucharist
Oct. 2 nd	Sunday: Dedication Festival (Anniversary of the Consecration of All Saints' Church in c.680AD)	Services at 7.45am., 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
Oct. 9 th	Sunday: Trinity 20	Services at 10.00am only. No evening Service
Oct. 16 th	Sunday: Trinity 21	Services at 10.00am & 6.00pm.
Oct. 23 rd	Sunday: Trinity 22 (Battle of Trafalgar Commemoration)	Services at 10.00am & 6.00pm. There will be a special Commemoration at 10.00am.
Oct. 30 th	Sunday: All Saints' Day (Patronal Festival)	Services at 7.45am., 10.30am. and 6.00pm.
Nov. 6 th	Sunday: Commemoration of All Souls	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
Nov. 13 th	Sunday: Trinity 25 (Remembrance Sunday)	Services at 7.45am., 9.30am. & 6.00pm. Annual Remembrance Service at 10.45am.
Nov. 20 th	Next before Advent (Feast of Christ the King)	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm
Nov. 27 th	Sunday: Advent	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm 6.00pm. Advent Carol Service in candlelight
Dec. 3 rd	Saturday: 2.00pm.	Annual Christmas Bazaar in the Brixworth Community Centre

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BRIXWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL UNDER 10'S



Saturday 21st May 2005, Brixworth Juniors Under 10's march out on to the playing field at Six Fields Stadium. They are in the semi-final of the Northants 92 cup. They are playing Duston Dynamos in a fiercely competitive match that could go either way but manage to come away with a 1-0 win and go into the final later that day. The boys are to play old adversaries, Cogenoe Diamonds and just as the match begins, the

heavens open and within the players are all soaked. This seems to spur the boys on and they played some of their best football of the season, running out deserved winners 2-0 to retain the cup they had also won the year before as Under 9's. This was the highlight of a long and hard season, so congratulations to all within the squad for their hard work throughout the year and we look forward to next season as Under 11's.

BRIXWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Once again the Fund Raising Day was another very successful event. May I thank all stall-holders and all other help given on the day. Without your continued support, these days would not run so smoothly and efficiently as they do and long may this continue.

Also the club would like to say a big thank-you to our sponsors for their continued support – Atkins, Den-Driver Kitchens, Merry Bros. and Ray Bell & Sons.

We are grateful to the managers, coaches and committee members who give many committed hours of their time to their teams and we wish good luck to them for the forth coming season. *Dave Coleman*

UPDATE ON THE ASHWAY PLAYING FIELDS

As many of you may be aware, Brixworth Parish Council have been granted planning permission for changing rooms and a new car park to be placed on the Ashway playing field.

It was hoped that work could have commenced in May of this year but unfortunately, this has been hampered by the reluctance of David Wilson Homes to transfer the parcel of land over to the Parish Council and the matter is currently in the hands of solicitors. There is a 106 Agreement in place dated 5 November 1999 which clearly states that the open parcel of land will be transferred to the Parish Council with a sum of £12,000 together with all rights to connect services. However, at present David Wilson Homes are refusing to honour this agreement until such time as the roads have been adopted by Northamptonshire County Council as they believe that any works carried out to connect services could severely jeopardise their ability to secure adoption.

Therefore, until this matter is resolved between the solicitors, the Parish Council very much regret that work on the changing rooms and car park cannot commence. *Liz WuiG*



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BRIXWORTH CRICKET 1st XI

At last a good run of results has given Brixworth's 1st XI some breathing space in the top flight of the Northamptonshire County Cricket League. Two draws and a victory over bottom club Bedford Town, have lifted the side to 72 points clear of relegation, a haul which should be enough for safety. It's been a tough season, where a lack of a professional and injuries to key bowlers have always kept ambitions low. But recent performances from bowlers Richard Foster and Paul Gardner as well as continued excellence from batsmen Paul Blakemore, should mean Premiership cricket in 2006 for Brixworth.

BRIXWORTH A. S. F. C.

A new season is starting for B.A.S.F.C. on the 20th August with our first fixture against Spratton at home.

The first team remains under the management of Chris Gathercole who welcomes Carl Ward as his new assistant. The reserves are under a new manager Mark Linnell. We also welcome Dave Franklin to the club who has taken over training which is proving to be very successful and popular with all players and newcomers. We hope this continues and anyone wishing to join the club can come along to St. David's playing field at 7pm on Wednesday evenings.

The end of last season presentation evening held at the Elizabethan, Welford was a very enjoyable night. The awards were as follows:

First Team Manager's Player: Michael Forskitt/Craig Spraggons

Players' Player: Michael Forskitt

Reserve Team Manager's Player: Pete Anscorb

Players' Player: Scott Eveson

Young Player of Year: Craig Spraggons

Clubman of Year: Keith Dolman

We'd like to thank the committee for all their hard work throughout the last season and wish the players a successful new season.

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BRIXWORTH CRICKET 2nd XI

The 2nd XI has continued to find the going tough this season in Division 4. Whilst recent performances have been a massive improvement on the first half of the season, the first victory is still elusive, despite coming extremely close on a couple of occasions against Wellingborough Town and Kettering. The bowling has lacked consistency and penetration, with injuries and the absence of key players a major factor. On the positive side we're delighted to have attracted new players throughout the club. Stu Peters has joined from Earls Barton and slotted well into 1st team cricket. Keith Waters, from Sussex and James Tutte from Scaldwell have bolstered the 2nd XI and taken an active role in coaching and helping with junior cricket. Five players have joined us from town league side Primrose Hill (the Town League disbands at the end of this season), providing valuable additional playing resource for the last few weeks of the season.

BRIXWORTH CRICKET UNDER 15'S

With one match remaining, victory could guarantee a top 3 or 4 position this season – a great achievement in a highly successful campaign. The enthusiasm, dedication to training and commitment of the squad has been brilliant, ensuring that all the players have made significant progress in technique and knowledge of the game. The manager would like to congratulate the players and thank the very supportive group of parents, umpire Peter Oliver, scorer Ben Dewey and Keith Waters for his invaluable input as coach. The team has been selected from Tom Chapman (Capt.), Adam Shulver, Ashley Hammond, Fraser Bennett, Sam McCallum, Matthew Molds,, Richard Slinn, Matthew Ireland, Gary Cox, James Chapman, Pete Donohue, Richard Bussey, James Mabbutt, Luke Tolworthy, Nick Herridge, Ian Simmonds and Matthew Farmer.

A celebratory evening for all junior cricketers, parents and supporters is planned for September.

BRIXWORTH JUNIOR CRICKET UNDER 11'S

An enjoyable season ended with the resurrected under 11's, 8 a-side team finishing 6th in their league. Congratulations to all the players, but especially to Alistair Duncan, Danny Higgerson and Joe Curtis who were selected to represent Northampton District in two 40 over matches. Manager Chris Timm has great hopes for all the squad at Under 13 level next season

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