

MP opens new surgery

The new Saxon Spires Surgery was officially opened on 23 March. The day marked the end of an eight-year long mission to bring to Brixworth a modern fully equipped General Practice Surgery functioning in a state-of-the-art purpose-built building. The opening of the new Surgery was originally scheduled for June 2018 but technical difficulties in high speed data transfer dogged agreement between BT and the NHS until much later.

Dr Julia Railson opened the meeting with thanks to the superb support, commitment and teamwork of everyone involved, including the new practice manager Claire Deare, who was indisposed. She lauded the new Brixworth Surgery as an exemplary establishment, the realisation of Dr Twigg's dream eight years ago in 2011. Dr Railson introduced the three main guests, Chris Heaton-Harris, MP for Daventry District, Councillor Chris Millar, Leader of Daventry District Council and Mike Parsons representing the Patient Participation Group.

Mike Parsons said that it had been obvious that the practice had outgrown its previous building in Northampton Road. Barratt Homes agreed to fund building a new medical centre as part of their plans for the Saxon Spires residential development. Mike thanked Bob Chattaway's leadership of the Parish Council Steering Group through the process of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan which concerned itself with the views of local residents, Tom James, Principal Planning Officer at DDC, Simon Gould of Assura, Chris Heaton-Harris MP and Councillor Chris Millar Leader Daventry District Council.

Councillor Chris Millar, who chaired the group of interested parties said that key to success had been navigating the multiple



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managerial layers of the NHS and ensuring the new building could be delivered at no cost to the NHS. But he emphasised that the driver for the whole endeavour was the energy of the many individuals and organisations such as the Parish Council, Brixworth Community Group, BRANE, the Patient Participation Group.

Chris Heaton-Harris MP noted that from a Government perspective, the new surgery was an example that people power and localism works. He then cut the red ribbon and declared the surgery open.

According to parish councillor Ian Barratt, negotiations are underway about relocating the bus stops on the Northampton Road nearer to the Surgery entrance, though there would be issues of practicality and cost to resolve. – Geoff and Valerie Thomas

Village groups get stuck in for 20th anniversary

Over 40 village organisations took part in 'This is Brixworth' in April to mark the 20th anniversary of the Library and Community Centre.



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At the front of the building, the Harrington Company of Medieval Knights and Archers (pictured, below) mingled with Krystle's Dancing Troupe, who in turn were joined by Brixworth's own volunteer fire crew which were parked alongside the mobile police station. Meanwhile, BBC Radio Northampton broadcast from the event.

The whole building was filled with local voluntary groups showing what opportunities there are to participate in our community – from the Angling Club to First Responders and from Brixworth Velo (the cycling club) to the two churches. A steady stream of people from the village dropped by to see what was going on, and perhaps to discover some new activities they did not even know about.

Don't let anyone tell you that there is nothing happening in the village!

Mike Nice, the Community Centre Manager, has updated the contacts list of local groups that is provided in the Welcome Pack and it is printed on page 18 and 19 of this edition of the *Bulletin*.

– Mike Nice

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Best Boot Forward

Three ladies from Brixworth Community Church set off to participate in an organised charity walk along the 102 miles of the Leicestershire Round. Deirdre Daish, Lynne Topham and Cynthia Fay (pictured, left to right) walked for five days from Wednesday 27th to Sunday 31st March to complete the course.

They suffered a crop of blisters and a selection of aching joints during their trek around the footpaths and byways of Leicestershire, but their spirit remained undiminished.

Overall, the participants in the Leicestershire Round walk raised over £28,000 for the Laura Centre, Headway and Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY). – Ian Topham

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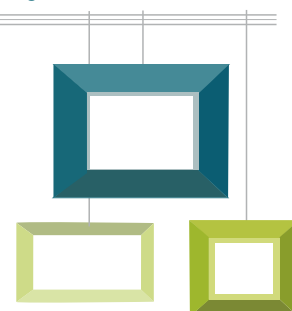


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Brixworth Finds go on show

Some of the archaeological finds excavated by Cotswold Archaeology from the Barratts site are now on display at the new Saxon Spire Surgery.

The dig, which took place on the Saxon Rise development from June to October 2016, was a requirement of the planning permission before Barratts took over the site.

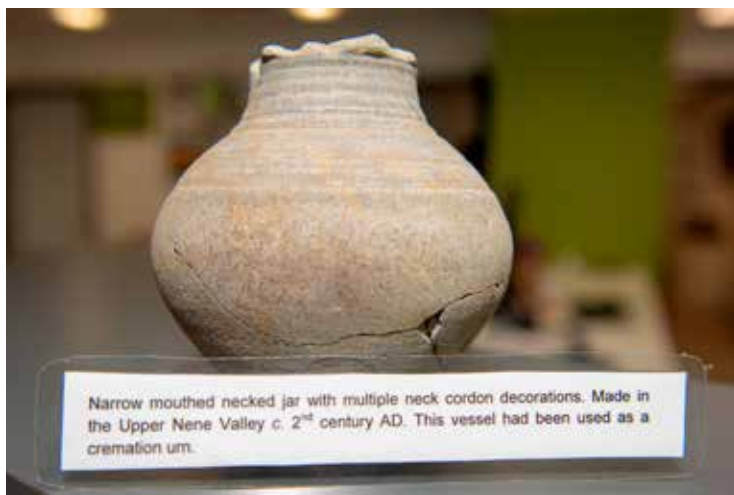
Cotswold Archaeology found a significant amount of material from the mid-Iron Age right through to the late Roman Period. This included a Neolithic pit containing some pottery, an early Bronze Age pot, an iron sword, enclosure ditches for a settlement, two round houses, three grain drying ovens

and a regulated system of Roman fields and ditches. There was also a full Iron Age skeleton and human remains from the Roman period.

The destination for all of the artefacts was to rest in the hands of the County Archives and Records Department, but following lengthy negotiations, certain items have been released for loan to Brixworth Heritage Group. These include a beehive quern for grinding corn, and a Roman cremation urn. The items were all discovered a matter of yards away from the new surgery building and the group thought an effort should be made to keep some in Brixworth. Thanks to a successful bid to the National Lottery Community Fund,

a display cabinet has been purchased for the items to be displayed in the surgery foyer. In the longer term, the display can be transferred to Brixworth Heritage Centre.

The arrangement of the display is one of three aspects of The Brixworth Finds Project, which also includes the funding of a public presentation by the



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archaeological team at the Village Hall on Thursday 20th June and an Archaeological Workshop session for Brixworth Primary School pupils in this Summer Term. – *Mike Nice*

Establishing Brixworth Cinema

In 2018 Brixworth Village Hall hosted a cinema night with a showing of *Far From The Madding Crowd*. This was such a success that the Village Hall committee decided to host another event a little while after, this time showing the Hollywood blockbuster *The Greatest Showman*.

Due to the huge success of both cinema events the Village Hall committee wishes to establish a regular community cinema where it will keep films affordable, offer a wide range of films designed to appeal to all and run entirely by volunteers. And this is where you come in!

There's nothing more complicated than deciding which film is to be shown and when, and setting up some tables and chairs. There is already a volunteer in place to do the admin stuff of sourcing the film and getting the equipment to the Village Hall, so it is all very simple.

If you are interested in helping create Brixworth Cinema, please get in touch with Dennis Coles mail@denniscoles.net or go to the Brixworth Village Hall Facebook page and leave your contact details.
– *Dennis Coles*

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Bypass on Brampton Valley Way during bridge work

Walkers and cyclists using the Brampton Valley Way between the Windhover and Chapel Brampton station in June and July should take note that a temporary diversion will be in place on that stretch while essential works are being carried out on Bridge 11.

The work is due to start on Monday 3rd June, and volunteers constructed temporary steps down either side of the bridge embankment, and a bridge over the stream, so that the public can bypass the bridge (on foot) whilst it is closed.

The bridge restoration, described in detail in the March issue of the *Bulletin*, is part of a project to extend the Northampton and Lamport Railway south towards Boughton and the Windhover pub. Volunteers will remove all track and fencing, strip the bridge fill material, lay a new concrete slab and waterproof the structure, and then reinstate the fill material and relay the track. The work is scheduled to last five to six weeks and will be completed entirely by volunteers.

Anyone interested in helping restore a piece of our local heritage is most welcome

to join; no experience is needed. The group also accepts donations at <https://www.goldengiving.com/fundraising/boughton-extension>. Alternatively, you can send cheques payable to 'Northampton and Lamport Railway CIO' to Southern Extension Appeal, Northampton and Lamport Railway, Pitsford Road, Chapel Brampton, NN6 8BA.

Elsewhere, the Northampton and Lamport Railway is looking forward to the summer season. Upcoming events are:

- 4th, 5th, 6th May – Brampton Bear Specials – any child up to 16yrs accompanied by a cuddly toy rides free!
- 25th May – Brake van rides – experience the novelty of riding is an old guards van
- 2nd June – Cream Tea Specials – advanced booking essential
- 9th June – Brake van rides
- 16th June – Fathers Day Cream Tea Specials – accompanied fathers travel free, advanced booking essential

On all other Sundays, trains run on the hour between 11am and 4pm.



With two steam locomotives arriving soon on loan, the volunteer team hopes to have plenty of steam days this year.

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Cricket and Tennis Clubs gear up for Festival Weekend

Brixworth Cricket & Tennis Club will be hosting its fourth annual Beer and Music Festival Weekender from Friday 21st June – Sunday 23rd June. The event proves popular every year with 500 people from the village and surrounding area attending. There will once again be a choice of over 20 beers and ciders, along with prosecco, wine, Pimm's, and soft drinks.

Friday 21st June will be the family night. From 6pm, join us for junior cricket coaching, a live band, BBQ and the bar will of course be open.

Saturday 22nd June sees the main events. The bar will be serving from 2pm, a cricket match will be taking place from midday, there will be live music from 7.30pm and there will be a hog roast and vegetarian option. Evening admission on Saturday 22nd June is by ticket only, adults £12 (includes hog roast), under 12's £7 (includes hog roast). It will be a brilliant night and to purchase tickets please contact Will Haxby on 07912 267988 or by email: brixworthcc@outlook.com

Sunday 23rd June is the ladies' cricket festival, starting at 1.30pm. The bar will once again be open from 2pm serving the marvellous selection of beers and cider and there will be a tasty BBQ.

Everybody is welcome to come along to the Festival Weekender, all ages, the more the merrier. We would love to see you there, it guarantees to be once again a terrific weekend.

New players welcome

As one of Northamptonshire's biggest clubs, we're constantly on the lookout for players of all ages (from 14 up), experience and ability. The only constant is a love of the game and a desire to be part of a club that wants to play the game in the right spirit and is lucky enough to have two outstanding grounds in Brixworth. With four senior men's

teams, our 1st X1 play in the Premier Division of the Northants Cricket League, and our 4th team in Division 13, so there's cricket available for every level. Training takes place every Tuesday evening from 6.30pm.

We have the largest ladies section in the county. They play a mix of hardball and softball cricket with qualified coaches overseeing training every Thursday evening from 6.30pm. The section participates in a mixture of festivals and tournaments throughout the summer.

Volunteers needed!

On another note, as the club continue to grow, Brixworth Cricket Club relies on its volunteers. From coaching to the bar team, those who run the BBQ to the grounds team, umpires to scorers there is a wide range of roles the club needs support with.

We are currently looking for a Junior Cricket Club Coordinator to help run Friday nights from April to early September. The role involves organising a bar and BBQ rota, liaising with the club's welfare and registration officers and being a point of contact to ensure the smooth running of the off the field activities at the club on a Friday evening.

We'd also like to call on anyone interested in umpiring – maybe ex-players who still love the game and want to stay actively involved on the field of play? There are also courses available – depending on levels of experience, which the club can provide funding support for.

If you'd like to get involved in any capacity at the club, contact Will Haxby (brixworthcc@outlook.com) or Russ Parsons brixworthcricket@btinternet.com know. Come and be part of our team. – Will Haxby

Explore our Saxon Church

The Friends of Brixworth Church are offering tours of Brixworth's historic church on Saturday and Sunday afternoons throughout the summer months.

The tour includes a video explaining the history of the church, which was built in 680 AD, a guided tour, and optional refreshments. The visit and guided tour cost £3 per person and start at 2.30 pm at the Heritage Centre opposite the church. Pre-booking is required – to book contact Kate Knight on 01604 881810 or email kate.knight1a@hotmail.co.uk



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Country Park update

Since the last update in Issue 58, September 2018, there have been a few changes at Brixworth Country Park. Ranger Vikki Austin was transferred to Barnwell Country Park and there have been additions to the Volunteer A Team. Through team meetings, phone calls and task days, Rangers maintain contact with each other, so Senior Ranger Debbie and Ranger Andy know and are pleased to report, Vikki has settled in well – a successful move for her.

Consequently, the Brixworth Country Park and Brampton Valley Way Ranger team is reduced to two Rangers, Debbie and Andy, who continue to manage both Brixworth Country Park and the Brampton Valley Way. Debbie and Andy hope to continue to maintain both to a high standard. More than ever they would value the assistance of the community and users of the Park and the Brampton Valley Way, such as regular dog walkers, to act as “eyes and ears” to inform them of any issues or causes of concern.

A welcome addition to the Thursday Volunteers was extended to Valerie Thomas, who with her husband Geoff relocated to Brixworth to be nearer their family. Valerie and her husband greatly value the well-maintained Country Park, the Brampton Valley Way and beautiful surrounding countryside and village life of this area. As does their dog, Kitty. Getting to know Rangers Debbie, Andy and Vikki on enjoyable, daily visits to Brixworth Country Park inspired Valerie to volunteer help with the Sensory Garden. Valerie also joined the Brixworth Bulletin team following their appeal for volunteers which puts her in an ideal position to write the quarterly Country Park Update for the Bulletin.



Picking litter around the country park: Leslie, Marilyn, Sarah, Mary, Debbie, Andy and Mark (with his own litter picker!!)

Maintenance and Renovation

Although weather delayed completion of renovation work, we have finished the Sensory Play Garden Project. The decking on the top pond platform and safety fencing was finished 11th April. The garden is well used by visitors of all ages and abilities and the Rangers receive lots of positive comments.

Over the Winter the focus was pruning, thinning and coppicing woodlands. A lot of good work was carried out on the “Food for Free” orchard and hazel coppice woodland nearby. Moulton College work placement students from the Countryside Management and Arboriculture courses assisted with most of this work which was greatly appreciated by the Rangers. The skills they have learned whilst actively working on a live site will be beneficial to them during their studies.

Lecturers and students from Moulton College Arboriculture helped us with much needed thinning of pine and spruce trees to encourage better growth of remaining trees and emergence of ground flora. The timber from this work has now been relocated and stacked up as a new log stack habitat pile. This will be used by birds and small mammals to search for food and take shelter from predators.

Ranger Andy led a team of corporate volunteers from Barclaycard in managing shrubs and hedgerows in the car park. Thank you to all who assisted with this vital work.

Despite calling a festive respite for the weekly volunteers during Christmas week, they still turned up to help install a new memorial bench at Folly Pond. Some old benches can be replaced with new memorial benches, with a few spaces remaining at the park. If you are interested in donating a memorial bench, please contact the Rangers.

Around the same period, the park hosted a successful explorer orienteering event. With over 200 attendees, it appears it's not only the volunteers who needed to get out and about for some fresh air.

For over a year now, the Northampton Pagans have taken ownership of the stone circle. They have raised funds for materials to maintain and look after it. They continue to enjoy meeting there for their festivals.



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The old bird hide area is in the process of being re-imagined into a wild play space for children. Work is ongoing so ideas for further development would be welcomed by the Rangers.

Other projects for this year are replacement of two story boards on the Little Grey Men Trail and rebuilding and reinstalling some wooden leaf seats.

Great British Spring Clean

Over the Easter holidays, the Rangers ran three litter picks as part of the national Keep Britain Tidy campaign. The last of the picks took place on 23rd April, following a gloriously sunny Easter Bank Holiday Monday. It was a very productive activity, being well supported by seven people from the local community and regular volunteers. One volunteer was helped by her little dog to cover the appropriately-named “Dog Walk”! Debbie and Andy were greatly encouraged by the response to their appeal for volunteers and would like to thank Marilyn, Leslie, Marc, Sarah, Mary, Amelia and Val for their support.

Events

Across the summer, the park will host several charitable events and Ranger-led activities. Details can be found at he Park, on the Northamptonshire Parks website and on the Parks Facebook pages.

Paint means Poo

Some readers may remember the “Paint Means Poo” campaign organised by Daventry District Council (DDC). The Country Park also took part to raise awareness of dog fouling and alert its many visitors to the remains left by owners not picking up after their pooch. With the support of another dog walking volunteer from Pitsford, the campaign has been rekindled.

Regular walkers will be aware of a particular stretch of the Dog Walk next to the footpath into the village that is a significant problem area. On one patrol, the Rangers found over twenty marked piles of dog fouling. While a campaign like this raises awareness, it can only



be effective if action is taken against prolific offenders. Should anyone witness or have information about owners who don’t pick up after their dog, please pass it on to the Rangers who can forward it to colleagues from DDC Environmental Health to investigate.

Brampton Valley Way

Bird nesting began in February so, our winter programme of tree maintenance was completed in March with new hedge laying in Boughton Car Park. Arboriculture students supported us by thinning young woodland at Martin Moore Wood.

Date	Time	Event	Location
May 29th	11.00 – 15.00	Xplorer Orienteering	Brixworth
May 31st	11.00 – 12.30 13.30 – 15.00	Family Treasure Hunt	Brixworth
June 15th	10.00 – 16.00	Brixworth Volunteers	Brixworth
June 19th	10.00 – 11.30	Nature Tots	Brixworth
June 22nd	13.00 – 15.00	Mini-beast Safari	Brixworth
July 7th		Go Beyond Triathlon	Pitsford
July 13th		Jog 4 James	Pitsford
July 14th	11.00 – 12.00	Keep Britain Tidy Love Parks 5K Healthy Walk	Brixworth
July 17th	10.00 – 11.30	Nature Tots Northants 5K Series	Brixworth Brixworth
July 20th	10.00 – 16.00	Brixworth Volunteers	Brixworth
July 31st	10.00 – 10.45 11.15 – 12.00 12.30 – 13.15	Butterfly Conservation Big Butterfly Count	Brixworth
August 7th	11.00 – 15.00	Bushcraft for Kids	Brixworth
August 8th	11.00 – 12.30 13.30 – 15.00	Naturally Playful	Brixworth
August 9th	10.30 – 11.15 11.30 – 12.15 13.30 – 14.15 14.30 – 15.15	Bugs of Brixworth	Brixworth
August 13th & August 21st	11.00 – 12.00 12.30 – 13.30 14.00 – 15.00	Underwater World	Brixworth
August 24th	19.00 – 22.00	Batastic Tunnel Walk	Brampton
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A volunteer from the Northampton and Lamport Railway has also helped us out over winter by selectively felling small trees between Merry Tom Lane and Spratton Road Car Park. This is a long-term task in preparation for the proposed northern extension.

Spratton Car Park

Rangers and volunteers have been busy pollarding willow trees, coppicing hazel and thinning the copse to improve safety. More recently, volunteers replaced safety bollards in the car park. The Rangers responded to a report of an obstruction in the road, by cutting back overhanging trees at Kelmarsh Station Car Park.

We spent a couple of our volunteer days cutting trees back from the road, clearing scrub, coppicing Hazel and repairing steps, which it is hoped will improve safety in this car park.

Kelmarsh and Oxendon Tunnels

Volunteers carried out annual maintenance clearing rain water gullies. Some work remains to clear leaf litter and debris from the tops but should be finished soon. If you would like to help out, please contact the Rangers.

Sheep in the meadow

Lastly, but not least we welcomed a flock of new residents at Triangular Meadow. This development is the final stage of a wildflower management plan provided by the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire (BCN) Wildlife Trust, "Inspiring Meadows Project". In partnership with a young, local farmer with an interest in improving wildflower diversity, the ewes will graze the meadow until October. All users of the Brampton Valley Way, especially dog owners/walkers are politely requested to keep dogs on a lead and under control to protect the sheep.

– Valerie Thomas, with appreciation to Senior Ranger Debbie Samwell

Brixworth & District U3A

Our group meets in Brixworth Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm with a variety of speakers and an opportunity to sign up to new groups.

The Weekend Group meet once a month generally towards the end of the month. The idea is to get together at a weekend and enjoy social interaction and visit local events, including watching a movie. Some of the films enjoyed included *st* and *Mama Mia, here we go again*.

The Garden Group have started their summer programme of outdoor visits with a trip to Greywalls at Farndish, a mature two-acre garden surrounding the old vicarage. Features include an alpine house, stunning water features and natural ponds with views over open countryside. The May visit will be to Evenly Wood Gardens in Northamptonshire. This is a 60-acre private woodland garden with unusual trees and shrubs.

Craft Group Two have started doing wet felting and block printing and have lot of ideas for the whole year.

The photography group took photos of a variety of subjects for a competition to choose one for the front page of the Brixworth U3A website. The one chosen by the committee can be seen above. The photo will change with each new season.

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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The Foundation of Thomas Roe is a small charity that provides grants for the purposes of education to people under 25 years of age and who are resident in the parishes of either Brixworth or Scaldwell.

The charity meets twice a year in Brixworth, usually in March and September.

The charity is seeking a Clerk to administer the grants process, take notes at their meetings, and prepare the accounts and Annual Report.

The fee for this work is £220 p.a. plus allowable expenses.

The candidate should be able to demonstrate that they are numerate and literate and have experience of successfully undertaking administrative duties.

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What a great week we had at the Soccer and Netball school. So different to last year, this year we had sunshine! The Sportsreach team arrived on Tuesday evening, we met as always at the community centre where they had food at the Olive Branch and then gave a quick briefing while handing out, to all the volunteers, team shirts and track suits.

The theme this year was Mission Possible, inspired by Luke's gospel, where Jesus said: "What is impossible with man is possible with God." The plan was to look at different characters from the Bible and see how God made what was impossible for man, possible!

We had the best numbers so far for the Netball school, which enabled the children to have more fun as they learned new skills and techniques. This year they had a new warm-up routine to music which was great fun fitness-wise but also was good to work with co-ordination.

In the football, we had similar numbers to previous years. The "senior" teams had young people join in who clearly had some great skills and a love of football. Then in the juniors we had various skill levels – some who had skills and then others who were new to football. The great news is that whether new to soccer or netball, all went home learning something new. One parent said "my sons had the most fantastic time with you all at Sportsreach, they have developed a love for football that they certainly didn't inherit from me. They were very sad when it all came to an end."



Saturday was a big day for all, as all the parents and carers were invited along to watch their children play in the Cup matches and then enjoy a free BBQ in the sunshine. For those who were feeling fit and up for it there was a chance to get involved and play in a coaches vs parents and carers match. It seems that the word had got out this year, and that maybe the parents had even put in a little extra training especially for this match, and it was great fun for all!

As always to make this or any other event that we as a church put on, we need to give thanks to many. First of all, our friends at Sportsreach, for their team and expertise. Thanks also to our friends at Brixworth CEVC Primary School for the use of this amazing facility. Thanks to the Olive Branch coffee shop for organising and supplying the BBQ. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped make it happen, and last but by no means least, big thanks to the parents for our continued support and choosing to let your children come to our event. We thank God for this great community that we live in.
—Your friends from Brixworth Community Church

1st Scaldwell Guides

The guides have had a busy term as usual. The Chinese New Year was celebrated by making creme egg pigs and plastic bottle piggy banks. Shrove Tuesday actually fell on a Guide night so the girls learnt how to make, toss and, needless to say, eat pancakes! Several Guides attended a basic first aid and defibrillation workshop during March learning what to do in emergency situations. Lastly, the 1st Brixworth Brownies and the Scaldwell Guides took part in the Rotary Swimarathon end of April.



Letters to the editor: Take pride in the village

I write as a Brixworth resident and dog owner. I would make a polite request to dog owners: whilst I know the majority of owners are responsible, could everyone please keep an eye on their dogs and pick up their mess? We walk regularly to the country park and see more and more dog mess down the path to the country park and to the left off the pathways.

It's not pleasant to see as you will all know. As a football coach, as well as setting up goals, placing respect barriers into place, finding refs, warming up the children etc, we also have to spend time picking up other people's dog mess in order that the children can play a game of football in a clean and safe environment. Is that fair? — Simon Compton

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Selling in tougher market conditions

If you're planning on selling your home it's crucial to choose the right estate agent and, I don't mean the company, I mean the person! You need to make sure that they are passionate and enthusiastic about your house – someone who sees, and will sell, the positive aspects of your property and your location.

Try asking friends and neighbours for their recommendations and try researching estate agents who are selling property similar to yours. You could even select a few different agents to come and give your property a valuation.

A key aspect to consider when choosing an estate agent is that you will be working with them on a regular basis, so it's important to instruct one that you get along with. Make sure to check whether the person who initially

values your home would be the same one you go on to work with throughout the sales process.

A professional agent will also give you honest advice about what you will need to do to your home in order to capture the imagination of a prospective buyer. This is especially important when there are lots of similar houses on the market. It may be necessary to make some small changes, such as repainting walls in neutral colours, or changing out furniture to decrease clutter and reduce over-personalisation. They may also advise you to make some slightly bigger changes if there are rooms that could do with an update – especially if those are either your kitchen or a bathroom. These rooms are crucial selling points for a home so they should look as good as they possibly can.

Finally a good agent will not try and win your business by over-valuing your property. It can be tempting to choose the highest valuation you receive when putting a property up for sale but, in a tougher market, this may not always be the wisest decision. It's important to ask your agent on the valuation for comparable evidence of properties that have sold recently. This gives you the reassurance that the price the agent is suggesting is truly reflective of similar properties in the current market, not just a ploy to win your business. Price is a critical consideration for potential buyers – most are looking for the best value for money, so you'll need to make sure that the price is right for both the market and the style of properties you're competing against.

Don't be afraid to do some research yourself before inviting agents out. Check the prices of similar style or nearby-located properties to see what price they are being marketed for. You could employ an undercutting technique – value your home slightly below the properties you're competing against to appear better value. Remember, the internet can give wonderful exposure but can also make a house look stale very quickly. Setting a lower price will attract more interest and increase the chance of getting some competitive bidding.

So, if you're planning to sell your home in the current market, you'll need the right estate agent to help you on your selling journey – a person that understands the market and is an experienced negotiator, able to get you the best price for your prized asset. – *Stuart Little*



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Roger Brown 1948 – 2019

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Roger James Brown who died on 25th February 2019 following a short illness.

Roger was a proud Yorkshireman with a ready smile and a wonderful sense of humour. He and his wife, Christi, have lived in Brixworth for 34 years and took a great interest in the community. Roger became a Trustee and then Chairman of The Friends of Brixworth Church, a role in which he served until December 2018.

Over the past three years, Roger – always a dedicated and able fundraiser – worked tirelessly to raise a total sum of £6127 towards the refurbishment of the church organ, which was completed in April 2018. To celebrate this achievement and to thank the many sponsors, he and his wife Christi

organised an Organ Recital which raised enough extra to re-gild the organ pipes.

Roger had a great interest in historical architecture, so it was appropriate that he became a tour guide for Brixworth Church. He enjoyed taking visiting parties around the church and pointing out the historical points with interest and passion.

Roger was a keen musician. He played the banjo and founded a folk group called M62. He was also a morris dancer with the Moulton Morris Group and enjoyed playing the Turkish Knight in the Moulton Boxing Day mummers' play.

For 20 years, he served as a magistrate right across Northamptonshire. A firm believer in restorative justice, he always made every effort to help and offer practical support to those who found themselves alone and in difficulty.

Together with his wife he had ran his own consultancy business giving advice on customer service and business change. He was a keen Leicester Tigers supporter and season ticket holder. He and his brother Christopher were both very proud of being Queen's Scouts.

One of his last achievements was as Chairman of the Brixworth Centre in



Church Street when he and the Committee secured funding to have the whole centre refloored. The 'floor' was opened by the local MP at the beginning of December 2018 just after Roger had been diagnosed with a serious illness.

He is very much missed, not just by his colleagues in The Friends but by the whole community – not least his wife and cat! –
Kate Knight and Christi Seyd Brown

Tribute to Mark Waller



Along with many friends and family, the staff and customers at The Olive Branch Coffee Shop in Brixworth were deeply saddened to hear of the sudden death of Mark Waller, at the age of 45.

Mark, married with two children, had many links with Brixworth, particularly with the cricket club where he played and then later coached and umpired.

Mark had worked as a volunteer in the Olive Branch for the last four years. He always served with a smile and took time for all who came in. His gentle manner was hugely appreciated and will be sorely missed.

The funeral at Kettering crematorium on 28th March was a warm and friendly occasion. Mark would have been amazed to have seen so many friends, colleagues, customers and club members as well as family there to remember him. He was always unassuming, but left a mark on all our lives.

– Helen Nice



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Panto: Dick Whittington

January in Brixworth means Panto Time. When I first moved to the village some umpteen years ago, one of the first village pantomimes I went to see was Dick Whittington. I recall a wonderful evening full of fun, laughter and innuendos galore. I did wonder if my memory was accurate or tainted by time but this year's offering didn't disappoint.

As a mother of young children, we had opted to go to the opening matinee performance with family and friends. Programs purchased, drinks and sweets in hand we settled down ready to be entertained. Whilst we were waiting for the performance to begin, the band (Les Evans, Linda Twohey, Andy Knight & Sam Cooper) kept the atmosphere light with music playing in the background whilst people happily chatted with friends and neighbours and the children grew ever more excited for the show to start.

This year's panto, "Dick Whittington", was written by James Skeggs, who, after a brief sabbatical, had returned to both direct and star in one of the principal roles as King Rat. James' wealth of knowledge is an asset to the company, and it was immediately obvious that the cast and crew had enjoyed themselves over the previous months rehearsals as there wasn't any hint of anxiety or anxiousness despite it being the opening performance.

Act 1 saw the arrival of Fairy Bowbells (Sue MacAspurn) together with King Rat and his son Prince Roland Rat, played by seven year-old Alexander Farrow. Whilst Alexander had appeared on the stage in last year's performance, this was his first proper acting debut (with words and everything!). I once again think it's a testament to the relaxed atmosphere of cast and crew that this young boy was confident enough to perform in front of an audience without nerves and grow in his abilities to respond to the audience with each performance.

Another young aspiring actor was Tommy the Cat, played by Thomas Coe who, whilst having no words, managed to express his feelings through expressions and body language alone. We also had Bella Mills entertain us with her Fairy Rap. It must have taken a lot of courage to stand at the front of the stage and perform in front of an audience, ignoring what was happening behind her. And let's not forget the continued interruptions by Snow White (Elizabeth Coe) who had obviously stumbled into the wrong Panto! These children are the future of the drama group and it is comforting to know that they



Photos: Paul Moxon

are being encouraged and mentored by such an amazing group.

Sam Pickles as the principal character Richard (Dick) Whittington of Brixworth, was matched beautifully to Alice Fitzwarren (Charlotte Holmes), who both gave increasingly confident performances, and with their strong singing voices it was a pleasure to hear them sing together.

A personal favourite of mine was the character Matey (Eileen Truby) who engaged the audience from the minute she stepped on the stage and was complemented wonderfully by The Captain (Alex Coles) and Alderman Fitzwarren (Allan Pope) who kept us entertained with their slapstick comedy. It takes talent to interact with an angry chicken (Caroline Monk).

Now what to write about Sarah the Cook (Tony Farrow)... Well, there is nothing like a Dame! As a very British tradition, the purpose of a Dame is to be our crossdressing, continually colourful and cheerful guide throughout the performance. Taking us on a journey as the story unfolds by way of innocent slapstick and innuendo reminiscent of the Carry On films of the 1960s/70s, Sarah did not disappoint. Her performance and interaction with the audience helped with the atmosphere of the whole performance and keep the momentum going with each



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scene she was in. I was lucky enough to attend again and see an evening performance (the final night) and it was noticeable that the pregnant pauses and interaction with the audience differed from the matinee but Tony managed the changes and heckles effortlessly.

Act 2 introduced the Sultan (Stuart Cooper) and his wife Sultana (Libby Bowers) together with the Vizier (Amanda Pilgrim). We all cringed when the Sultan and the Sultana decided to have a dance of the Seven Veils from the ladies of the hareem, especially once it dawned on the audience that Sarah the cook had recently been sent to the hareem. More slapstick ensued with ghost chases (Ben Hollands) and the remainder of the cast (Hazel Wilson, and John and Bobbie Wardell) who made up the chorus.

For an amateur drama group, the production team are professional with scene changes, lighting and sound, costume changes working together to ensure that the audience at the front are unaware of the work going on behind the curtains, like a duck on the water.

The Brixworth panto has become a tradition within my household and we cannot wait to see what next year's production will be. If you haven't been to a performance, why not? You won't be disappointed! – *Lenette Warren*

Drama group seeks new talent

Many thanks to the hundreds of adults and children who came to see Brixworth Drama Group's production of Dick Whittington at the beginning of the year. It seems so long ago now, or as we say in panto: "It's behind you!"

With your support, we were able to donate £500 to Mighty Magnus' Medicine, and we understand that volunteers from the Mighty Magnus Army raised an additional sum in the region of £250 from their fundraising at each performance.

We're so grateful to our loyal audience. We love entertaining you, and it's fantastic to be able to contribute to good causes in our community at the same time.

We're always pleased to welcome new members, so if you're interested in any part of production or performance, message us on Facebook at facebook.com/brixworthdrama or email: interest@brixworthdramagroup.org.uk.

We publish details of our open auditions and upcoming productions on Facebook, so follow our page to find out what's next!



Draughton's big summer

Draughton may be a little village, but it has big plans. The mission is to hold a year of events to raise the funds to raise the church roof – or rather, to re-cover it after the theft – and to run the little village Club Room.

Events start at 3pm on Sunday June 23rd with Afternoon Tea and Jazz in the Big Tent. Join us for the full Afternoon Tea or for a Cream Tea or even for a Knickerbocker Glory from the ice-cream station. Jazz will drift across the teacups from The Eddie Cockram Quartet to further enhance the, now legendary, Draughton teas – with the addition of a summer Pop up Pub and an assortment of stalls and games to browse and enjoy.

No booking necessary, but if you'd like to reserve a full afternoon tea table, ring 07850 018069 or email kate@katemoonmanagement.com.

On Saturday 13th July we move to the Mediterranean for Tapas in the Tent. From 6pm, join us for sangria, cava, rioja or sherry with a plate of delectable tapas treats as the sun goes down over the Sierra Nevada... aka Draughton fields!

Other events to come during the rest of the year: Pop Up Pubs; A Sponsored Walk; Quiz and Chilli; and a Christmas Tree Festival

Watch out for more information and do join us for any or all of the above.

– *Kate Calnan*

Grants available for young people

Are you under 25? Would you like a cash grant for educational purposes?

The Foundation of Thomas Roe is a registered local charity that provides small cash grants for young people who live in the parishes of Brixworth or Scaldwell.

Grants have previously been provided to help young people buy school uniform; books and course materials; musical instruments; computer equipment; and to fund travel expenses linked to education, including school trips.

Application forms are available from Brixworth Library and from the Information Services, located in the foyer of Brixworth Library. They can also be downloaded from Brixworth and Scaldwell Parish Council web sites.

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Chris Heaton-Harris MP's WESTMINSTER REPORT

Policing and crime prevention

You might remember that in March's issue of the Brixworth Bulletin I raised the issue of crime and policing in Brixworth given the number of concerned constituents getting in touch with me.

As promised, I recently met with Northamptonshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Stephen Mold, who updated me on the current situation and the action being taken to combat crime in the area.

Generally, crime remains fairly static in Brixworth with bicycle theft and drug offences on the rise but I am happy to say that much of the crime that constituents have contacted me about is falling with burglary down 11% on last year, criminal damage down 41% and theft of motor vehicles down by 60%.

Despite this, Mold has ring-fenced £3 million this year. Part of this is being used to implement a 'Force Burglary Team' of nine officers supported by intelligence, forensic and proactive resources, who will work underneath the banner – 'Operation Crooked', to tackle the issue.

The team will be led by a Detective Superintendent, Detective Chief Inspector and Detective Inspector and will be overseen by Detective Chief Superintendent Mark Behan.

As part of 'Operation Crooked', the Force will also be sharing crime prevention advice, since 25% of burglaries are caused by unlocked doors and windows. They will also be issuing wanted appeals of known offenders they want to put behind bars for burglary offences.

Taking a wider look across the county, Northamptonshire Police will recruit more than 200 new officers over the next two years, increasing numbers from 1227 police officers to 1310. The goal is to have more deployable officers in the county than the force had in 2010.

Considering those who retire or leave each year, this means that there will be nearly 100 more police officers on the streets of Northamptonshire in two years' time.

I do hope that the measures he has laid out help to allay some of your concerns and rest assured I will continue to follow this matter closely.

To take a look at everything that the Commissioner had to say and all the crime statistics for Brixworth take a look at my website: <https://www.heatonharris.com/news/update-crime-brixworth>

Chris

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Country Eye

Opening a can of worms

This article was originally written for the *Brixworth Bugle*, the *Bulletin's* predecessor, in 1998. Could it be relevant today, in the wake of the Extinction Rebellion marches?

If the bottom of your garden is like mine, you will have a collection of stones – for that rookery you intend to build one day, perhaps a few paving slabs left over from the patio and, I hope, a thriving compost heap. Turn over any of these, and in the damp darkness a host of tiny grey beasts will start hopping about in panic.

They are springtails, insects among the oldest living things on earth, with a pedigree going back into the fossil record for hundreds of millions of years. When nature designed them, they were so good at the job they do, there has been no need to change them. They are part of nature's great clean-up brigade, taking organic debris, bits of dead plants and so on, and passing it through their bodies to be returned to the soil as humus.

I find it a sobering thought that these creatures have been around for so long. They have managed to get along very nicely without us. Yet we, who have been on the planet for just the last few minutes of 'earth time', could not survive without the springtails and their kin to perform this vital function.

I suppose we humans would have been a bit of a puzzle to aliens in their spaceship, if they had chanced to be passing a few weeks ago, on the day when the Country came to London. This great demonstration of country folk, said to be aimed at focusing upon a wide range of countryside issues, threw up some unlikely bedfellows. Among the issues that I managed to unravel were: pro-hunting, anti-hunting, the lack of public transport, building on green belt land, the lack of affordable housing, countryside conservation (whatever that

may be), the ravaging of our landscape by sand and gravel extraction and so on. Forgive me if I chance to have missed out your particular issue, but there were so many. The farmer stood shoulder to shoulder with his workers. Townsfolk, some wearing rose-coloured wellies, alongside those who know and respect the countryside as it really is, warts and all. As a bemused bystander, or should it be backslider, watching one faction trying to outdo the other in the scramble for the limelight, I thought I detected some reason when one group withdrew their support, amid the glare of publicity, complaining that the whole shebang had been hi-jacked by their opposite number.

The real issue is a simple and chillingly frightening one. The GLOBAL countryside is truly under threat and from so many different directions that action is required on a huge scale. Despite the rhetoric and tub-thumping about biodiversity – I still prefer the word ecology if only because it's shorter – and the global environment, little is being done. There are still too many who think that all they need to do is to throw a few words at it and the problem will go away. I remember talking to students about these same issues in 1966, while those in power were making the same soothing but meaningless noises. Then, as now, I am convinced of one thing. The solutions, when they come, will emanate not from politicians, but from ordinary folk, like you and I, who refuse to be bamboozled any longer.

So where do the springtails come into all this? In my opinion we need to constantly remind ourselves of the essential part that nature and natural systems will always play in our lives. We ignore this at our peril. And maybe the best place to start is at the end of the garden...

– Brian Webster



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Foundation Stage visit to a farm

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"We saw the pigs and piglets in the pigsty and were amazed how huge the mum and dad were. We were also lucky enough to stroke a baby goat, rabbits and guinea pigs. We were able to run around and play in the new indoor play barn. There were secret hideouts and lots of different places to climb and slide down. We had a fantastic time and a few of us were so tired that we fell asleep on the coach on the way back to school."



Years 3 and 4's visit to the Country Park

We walked to the Country Park, and Police Officer Kevin guided us across the busy road. When we got there, we did some map reading. I was a fantastic map reader. After that, we did orienteering where numbers were scattered over an area of grass. We also played in the playground and went to the sensory garden.' - *Reuben Sanders Yr 4*

While at the Country Park we made dens. We had loads of ideas to build walls, triangles and even a music room. We also built fires and seats. - *Lily Brooks Yr 4*

Cross Country Championships

On 26th March, Mrs Devereux and Mrs Varrier took a group of KS2 children to Daventry Sports Field for the Cross Country Competition.

"Year 3 went first, they had to run 900m. The races were split into boys and girls. Next were the Year 4 children, they had to run 1100m. We were doing really well. Year 5 were up next and we were trying even harder at this point. The final races were up and it was Year 6. We were all tired and it was nearly time to hear the results but we found the energy to take part in one final race.... The Fun Run!"

"It was the last two between Moulton Primary and Brixworth Primary. And the winner was...Brixworth! We were all so happy we had won the competition for the fifth year in a row. We took a big group picture and made our way back to school. "

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It celebrated its anniversary at the 'This is Brixworth' event in April with a celebratory birthday cake, seen here being cut by Sue Verallo and Jill Barber.

Sue was Chair of the Parish Council 20 years ago and was instrumental in obtaining the finance to build the Library and Community Centre, and with it, the Coffee Shop. Jill Barber was Library Manager for over 17 years.

The Olive Branch has been serving the village six days a week since 1999 and is run by volunteers from Brixworth Community Church and the wider community. Its purpose remains to serve residents by providing excellent quality and value for money food and drink in a welcoming atmosphere. It has been a particular be-friending place for the lonely and isolated. It hosts a Monday afternoon knitting circle, the Wednesday Senior Citizen's Lunch Club and has inspired 'Olive Shoots', the weekly mums and tots group which meets upstairs in the Community Hall.

The Olive Branch has around 26 volunteers helping in an average week and several have served through all 20 years of its existence.

– Mike Nice

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Planning update

PD/2018/0065 Thornton Place, Pitsford Construction of agricultural building and formation of access track	DDC Withdrawn
DA/2018/1076 21, Windmill Glade Demolition of existing conservatory. Construction of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2018/1070 The Cedars, Station Road Installation of replacement windows to front and side elevations	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2018/1061 Land Adj 22, Spratton Road Construction of detached dwelling with associated amenity and parking (revised scheme to DA/2018/0367)	BPC Objection DDC Withdrawn
DA/2018/0944 14, Eaglehurst Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) for a single storey lean-to extension	DDC Approved
DA/2018/1149 Land North West Of Merry Tom Lane Construction of agricultural barn	BPC No Objection subject to conditions DDC Approved

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Brixworth Village Organisations

Summer 2019

Type	Name	Contact	Telephone	E mail/ Website	Venue
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Youth	Cubs & Beavers	Bob Pickles		brixworth_gs@btopenworld.com	Brixworth Centre
Youth	Scouts & Explorers	Bob Pickles		brixworth_gs@btopenworld.com	Brixworth Centre
Youth	Brownies	Michelle Coles	880024	www.girlguiding.org.uk	Brixworth Centre
Youth	Guides	Jill Gunnett	880929	www.girlguiding.org.uk	Brixworth Centre
Youth	Rainbows	Elaine Coe	7771985867	elainecoe@hotmail.com	Community Centre
Youth	Little Acorns Pre-School	Supervisor	07534 426594		Village Hall
Youth	Olive Shoots (Mums & Tots)	Mark Palmer	07917 573784	bcf.cw2012@btinternet.com	Community Centre
Youth	Rhymetime (under 5's)	Jill Barber	0300 126 1000	Jbarber@firstforwellbeing.co.uk	Library
Youth	Dynamites	Mark Palmer	07917 573784	bcf.cw2012@btinternet.com	Community Centre
Youth	Brixworth Primary School	Kathryn Young	883900	head@brixworth.northants-ecl.gov.uk	School
Youth	Brixworth Centre Pre-School	Julie Tear	07791 906305	brixworthcentrespreschool@yahoo.com	Brixworth Centre
Youth	Mighty Oaks (After School)	Jo Bailey	07508 659017	mightyoaksbrixworth@aol.co.uk	School
Youth	Krystle's Dance Academy	Krystle Gerrad	07791 852891	krystalgerrad@btinternet.com	Community Centre
Youth	Sunny Socks Nursery	Lesley Eaton	882155	www.sunnysocks.co.uk	Park Farm
Sport	Brixworth Juniors Football	Mandy Batchelor	07966 045231	brixworthjuniorsfc@gmail.com	St. Davids/Ashway
Sport	Brixworth All Saints Football	Ian Bandey	07812 609095		St. Davids Field
Sport	Brixworth Cricket Club	Chris Timm	07718 628895	brixworth.play-cricket.com	Cricket Ground
Sport	Angling Club	David Costam	7983387403	sec@brixworthanglingclub.co.uk	
Sport	Badminton Club	Trevor	843064	Trevitox@hotmail.com	Guilborough Sch.
Sport	Indoor Short Mat Bowls	Janet Hickman	880317	brixworthbowlsclub.com	Brixworth Centre
Sport	Circuit Training	Alison Cooper	077321 65546	info@act-ive.com	Village Hall
Sport	Pilates	Louise Arnold	07766 807184	pilateswithlouise@gmail.com	Community Centre
Sport	Tennis Club	Will Haxby	880715	brixworthtennisclub.org.uk	Cricket Ground
Sport	Sailability	Barbara Hogg	880552		
Sport	Brixworth Velo Cycling Club	Paul Jarvis	7515621130	paul.jarvis@networkrail.co.uk	
Sport	Yoga	Anne Widdup	07729 099206	change4good@annewiddup.com	Community Centre
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Adult	All Saints' Flower Guild	Sylvia Woodhead	880158		Church
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Adult	Weightwatchers	Organiser	0345 6777788	weightwatcherslocal.co.uk	Primary School

Adult	Art Group	Ray Coles	494160		Community Centre
Adult	Bridge Club	Andy Heaver	880721		Heritage Centre
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Adult	University of the 3rd Age	Sue Dodds-Smith	881950	u3asites.org.uk/brixworth	Village Hall
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Community	All Saints' Church	Rev.Chloe Wilson-Thomas	882014	chloe.thomas5@btinternet.com	Church
Community	Brixworth Parish Council	Peter Rowbotham	07983 141786	clerk@brixworthpc.org.uk	Community Centre
Community	Olive Branch Coffee Shop	Mike Nice	889030	mike.nice100@googlemail.com	Community Centre
Community	Saxon Spires Patient Part.Gp.	Barbara Hogg	880552	barbara.hogg@tiscali.co.uk	Surgey
Community	Brixworth Library	Sheila Jolley	0300 126 1000	Jbarber@firstforwellbeing.co.uk	Library
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IT Buddy

Our friendly volunteer, Ian, can offer free help with your IT queries. Ian is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only. Bring your own device or use one of our computers. Pop in and see us to make an appointment.

Blue Badge Applications

Our volunteer, Lynda, is here on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-12:30 to help with online Blue Badge Applications. Enquire at the library to make an appointment and to find out what you need to bring with you.

Library to You Service

If you, or someone you know, struggles to visit us because of age or disability we can bring the library to you. We have volunteers who will hand-pick items based on your tastes, deliver them to you in your own home and all for free! If you are interested in this service or would like more information please call us on: 0300 126 100 [option 5, then option 1, and ask to speak to us at Brixworth Library].

Free activities for Under 5s

Rhyme Time

Mondays 2:30pm
Fridays 10:30am

Play & Learn

Tuesdays 2pm - 3pm

Play & Learn for Under 1s

Thursdays 10am - 12noon

Includes baby weigh-in clinic with health visitor every fortnight (13th June, please check our Facebook page for further clinic dates).

POPs: Positive Outcomes for Parents

Community Nursery Nurse Trish Tetley-Jones will again be offering a series of workshops and support sessions for all parents of under 5s who would like a little extra help or advice. These are a great opportunity to discuss any problems you are having and to meet other parents who are going through the same thing. Please keep an eye on our Facebook Page for upcoming dates and topics. Book your free place by ringing or texting Trish on 07917574144.

Baby Massage

Leveta Lawson holds regular baby massage classes at the library. Leveta trained with the International Association of Infant Massage. The course is suitable for babies from six weeks onwards. A five-week course costs £60 which includes all your materials. Sessions must be booked and paid for in advance. Check Leveta's Facebook page for upcoming dates and booking information: www.facebook.com/infantmassagebyleveta/

Activities for 4 to 11 year olds

Saturday Club

From 11am-1pm, this is free fun for children aged 4 to 12 years. Every Saturday we have a different activity and theme, including crafts, quizzes, party games, scavenger hunts and lots more. No need to book just drop in. Check our Facebook Page to find out what we are up to this week.

The Summer Reading Challenge 2019: Space Chase

Every year, thousands of families all over the country take part in one of the UK's biggest reading events, the Summer Reading Challenge, run by The Reading Agency.

This year's theme is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children taking part in the Challenge will join our super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!

Children are encouraged to read any six books of their choosing from the library and will receive special rewards each time they finish a book. There is even a certificate and medal for everyone who manages to complete the Challenge!

The Challenge blasts off on Saturday 13th July 2019 but you can join any time during the summer holidays - the sooner you do, the longer your child will have to read their six books. The best bit? It is all completely free!

We will be running lots of exciting 'Space Chase' inspired activities throughout the summer holidays. Below are the events we have confirmed so far. Other sessions will be advertised in the library and on our Facebook page as we have more information.

'Space Chase' Messy Crafts for 4-11 year olds

Every Wednesday from 31st July to 28th August. Under 8s must be accompanied by a parent or carer. Free, but please book in advance either at the library or by emailing brixlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk.

Volunteer with us

Are you aged 14 to 24? Make a difference this summer! Become a **Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer**.

Every year The Summer Reading Challenge

engages thousands of children all over the country to keep reading during the long break from school. We need young people who can talk to children, encourage them in their reading, and who might be interested in helping us run exciting activities too. This volunteering role is a fantastic opportunity for you to develop new skills and gain experience for your CV or UCAS applications. You can even put your volunteering hours towards your Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Thinking of a career working with children, but need some experience first? We have volunteering roles for **Under 5s Activities Helpers and Leaders** and **Children's Crafts Activities Helpers and Leaders** and can offer you training, work experience and a reference. We run activities most days of the week, so hours can be flexible (a couple hours a week or fortnightly; term-time or school holidays only) but you must be available to help on a regular basis. We are particularly looking for Rhyme Time Helpers (no singing required!) and Rhyme Time Leaders.

We would also like to recruit more **IT Buddies** - we need volunteers to help customers with IT queries, getting to grips with new laptops, phones and tablets and also help with online applications for Blue Badges.

For any of the above roles, or for more information on volunteering at the library, pop in for a chat, email brixlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk or view our volunteering roles and apply online at: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/getinvolved.

Friends of Brixworth Library

The Friends of Brixworth Library are our wonderful support group who continue to run an ever-popular and ever-expanding series of events at 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?

Recently the Friends generously donated £1000 worth of brand-new books to Brixworth Library and they are still asking customers to do the same. If you have any new or nearly new books languishing on a shelf we would love to give them a good home! Please just drop them off at the library.

(Please note that the library is only able to add books into stock that have been published in the last 5 years and are in good condition. Anything we are unable to lend we will sell, with all proceeds going to the library.)

Upcoming Friends' Events

The Friends always have lots of exciting events on the horizon. Keep up to date with all their latest news via their Facebook page @ FOBXL.

Family Quiz Night

Friday 7th June 6-8pm

The Friends return with another of their popular quiz nights and this time the whole family is invited! Check their Facebook page for more details and booking information.

Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December 3:30-5:30pm

The Friends are already planning their next shopping evening and are looking for stallholders. If you are a local crafter seller and are interested in booking a stall, please get in touch via their Facebook page.

Other services available at your local library:

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

Apologies for not including an article last issue on the Casino and Burns night which was held in the home of Nigel and Sue Cole on 26th of January, 2019.

The Burns night part of the evening was conducted by a newcomer to Hanging Houghton: Fiona Barclay who carried out the celebration in her native tongue. The haggis was piped in and addressed with the whole Robbie Burns poem. The Haggis was then celebrated with the traditional tot of whiskey and served up.

The Casino part of the part of the evening was great fun and raised a lot of money for the church funds.

The winter just passed has proved to be very harsh on the older residents of Hanging Houghton: we lost Joyce Roberts in January, and Phillis Annis died in March.

Let us all hope for a much better winter next year. – *Mike Philpott*

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Friends of Brixworth Library

Since Christmas we have had a really busy and successful few months. We finished the year with a fabulous talk on "The History of the Pantomime Dame" by our local pantomime director James Skeggs.

In January we were able to buy £1000 worth of new books for the library, which are now stamped and on the shelves. In February, money raised by the Friends paid for the Care of Magical Creatures lesson where the owls visited the library as part of the Harry Potter season. At the start of March, we ran another brilliant Quiz and Chips night. Quiz master Steve chaired a sold-out night and we are looking forward to another on May 10th.

At our AGM in March, Lisa Raynes was voted in as chair and on the 23rd we held our Spring Shopping Spree which was supported by lots of local businesses selling hand-made goods and unusual items in time for Mothering Sunday. Look out for our Winter Shopping Event, which will no doubt be as lively.

Thanks to everyone who helps us to support our library, by donating gently used books for borrowing, bakes us cakes for our shopping cake stall, competes in our quizzes, borrows our books and loves our library as much as we do. – *Elaine Coe*

Brixworth History Society

The Society has arranged two day trips this summer for members and visitors. On Saturday 22nd June we'll be visiting Shrewsbury, while on Saturday 7th September we're heading to Uxbridge to view the Battle of Britain Bunker. There are a number of coach seats available on both trips if you are interested please contact Marian Coleman (marian.coleman211@gmail.com) for details.

The Societies first speaker following the summer break is Derek Blunt with 'To the Manor Born' on Thursday 19th September. – *Marian Coleman, Secretary*

First Responders at SSPG

Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group looks forward to talks by Brixworth First Responders - highly trained volunteers who save lives. Join us at Guilsborough Surgery on Tuesday 11th June at 7pm and at Brixworth Surgery on Tuesday 9th July at 7pm.

Carers Week 2019

Do you care for a relative or friend? Come to our Carers Coffee Morning at Brixworth Surgery on Friday 14th June 10am -12noon, where Northants Carers will offer advice and support. For more information email barbara.hogg@tiscali.co.uk or phone 880552.



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Scouts sleep rough for the Hope Centre

Our Scouts decided to help raise funds for people who do not always have somewhere to live and it was agreed that we would build makeshift shelters in the woods to experience sleeping without proper cover and warmth. The Scouts built their own shelters using ropes, tarpaulin and cardboard. They also cooked on an open fire. Two of our Scouts, Olivia and Freya, summed up their experience.

Olivia said: "Being at Overstone Scouts Camp for one night was really exciting. We all had to sleep in self designed shelters and under tarpaulins that we had to build ourselves. The planning bit was almost as much fun as actually doing it!

"We were soooooo lucky with the weather. We arrived in sunshine and had to start collecting the bits and pieces we needed for our shelter. It was not an easy job as there were only limited resources to do this with. Thank goodness for cardboard which we used to make sure we had something to insulate us when we lay down to sleep after a very busy time with lots of games and great fun. My favourite times were actually building the shelter and going down the steep slide built into one of trees.

"I learned something about what it must be like to live like this all the time – no real shelter, and no heating. I felt lucky that I was safe with caring adults to look after me. Not

all people are able to feel like this.

"We all raised money to give to Northampton Hope Centre and I will make sure that I think more about people both here and across the world who are not as lucky as I am."

Freya added: "The scout sleepout was an amazing experience and it really made us think about what homeless people have to go through every day of their lives. When we got to the camp, we started to build our shelters using tarpaulin and lots and lots of cardboard to keep ourselves warm, however it was very different to what we were used to as we usually use tents. A lady from the Hope Centre came and answered all the questions we had about homelessness and we all learnt lots about the lifestyles of homeless people. We had lots of fun cooking food on the fire and playing in the woods, and we finished off the night with some campfire songs and marshmallows, but when it got to night time the coldness began to kick in and we were soon to huddle up in our sleeping bags and survival bags! Luckily, we could still



feel the distant heat of the fire so we were kept warm and cosy.

"In the morning all of our survival bags were wet so we came out of our tents and sat by the fire to keep warm. I am happy I went and got to experience how it felt to be homeless, but I do not know how people do that every single night when it is cold and wet, it really opened my eyes and made me realise how privileged I am. But despite the coldness, it was amazing and I am thankful to all the leaders who helped to organise the camp!"

We will all be visiting the Hope Centre on 13 May to see how they help people in need and present our cheque for the funds raised by the Scouts. – *Steve Robinson*

Brixworth & Scaldwell Scout Group

Brixworth & Scaldwell Scout Group continues to provide a wide range of activities over the spring term to the young people in our village thanks to the volunteer leadership team.

Beavers had a great finish to the Spring Term with several of them taking part in their first sleepover at Overstone Activity Centre. They had great fun toasting marshmallows on the fire, playing games in the woods as well as craft activities. This term we have been trying to take advantage of the longer evenings to get outside for our activities, we have been planting up sunflowers and some salad seeds to work towards our Gardener badge. We have also had a trip out to Mini Meadows, a nature walk in the Country Park as well as practising our bike riding on St Davids. We will finish the term with the Beavers favourite activity of all, Water Games, which always ends in a big water fight between the Beavers and the Leaders!

Cubs ended another busy term and we handed out over 300 badges to the 30 Cubs to cover the various activities they completed between September 2018 and March 2019. Cubs have yet more activities term ahead. We're hoping for a good summer as most of the activities are outside including a nature walk around Brixworth Country Park, a photography activity around Sywell Reservoir, cycle ride round Pitsford Reservoir and the annual sports event at The Ashway. We'll also be trying out the new 'Clip n Climb' at Wicksteed Park.

Explorer scouts enjoyed a session of team building games, prepared and cooked a meal to celebrate Chinese New Year, ran a session on risk assessments to help plan our summer camp and, on a cold February night, we battled through unbelievably sticky mud on a night-time off-road bike ride. We are looking forward to getting out more as the weather gets warmer.

We always need the support and now everyone can help in a small but effective way. The Co-Op's local support fund has already raised over £750, if you would like to help us please visit: membership.coop.co.uk/causes/27843 and follow the instructions.

We also need leaders, assistants and admin support to help run scouting activities. If you can get involved, please get in touch. Commitment is flexible around the amount of time that each volunteer is willing to give.

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@bopenworld.com.

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

– *Bob Pickles*



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26-27 May	Festival of Country Life	Lampport Hall
30/5/19	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
31/5/19	Gardening Club: Chelsea highlights	Brixworth Village Hall
1/6/19	The Biz at the Church	All Saints Brixworth
1/6/19	Brixworth PC Surgery	Community Centre
2/6/19	Summer Fete	All Saints Brixworth
2/6/19	Cream Tea Specials	N'ton and Lampport Railway
4/6/19	Kevin Clifton - Burn the Floor	Derngate
4/6/19	Talk: Are We Protected From Gun Crime?	Ravensthorpe Village Hall
5/6/19	U3A: A Butler to Royalty	Brixworth Village Hall
6/6/19	Illegal Eagles	Derngate
7/6/19	RPO: The Planets	Derngate
7/6/19	Family Quiz Night	Brixworth Library
8/6/19	Air Ambulance Summer Charity Ball	Kelmarsh Hall
8/6/19	That will be the Day	Derngate
8/6/19	Chris McCausland	Underground
8/6/19	Air Ambulance Summer Charity Ball	Kelmarsh Hall
9/6/19	Britten and Bernstein choral workshop	Old Village Hall
9/6/19	Brake van rides	N'ton and Lampport Railway
10/6/19	Brixworth PC Planning	Community Centre
11/6/19	Talk by Brixworth First Responders	Guildsborough Surgery
13/6/19	Bonhams Valuation Days	Kelmarsh Hall
14/6/19	Carers Week 2019 Coffee Morning	Brixworth Surgery
15/6/19	Brixworth Volunteers	Brixworth Country Park
16/6/19	Northampton Symphony Orchestra	Derngate
16/6/19	Fathers Day Cream Teas	N'ton and Lampport Railway

20/6/19	As you like it	Lampport Hall
20/6/19	Reginald D Hunter	Derngate
20/6/19	Brixworth Finds Presentation	Brixworth Village Hall
21-23 June	Annual Beer and Music Festival Weekender	Brixworth Cricket Club
22/6/19	Explore Your Camera	Lampport Hall
22/6/19	Mini-beast Safari	Country Park
22/6/19	Visit to Shrewsbury	Brixworth History Society
23/6/19	Afternoon Tea and Jazz	Draughton
23/6/19	Old Time Music Hall	Royal
24/6/19	Adventures of the Yorkshire Shepherdess	Royal
27/6/19	Parish Council Meeting	Brixworth Village Hall
27/6/19	James Acaster	Derngate
28/6/19	Simon Weston	Royal
28/6/19	Community Choir Concert 2019	Royal
29/6/19	The ELO Experience	Derngate
30/6/19	Magnificent Music Hall	Royal
1/7/19	Brixworth PC Planning	Community Centre
3/7/19	U3A: Judith Allnatt, Local Author - The Silk Factory	Brixworth Village Hall
3/7/19	Jimmy Carr	Derngate
4/7/19	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Kelmarsh Hall
5/7/19	Solid Gold Rock and Roll	Derngate
5/7/19	RPO Film Music Gala	Derngate
6/7/19	Needle Felting Masterclass	Lampport Hall
5-7 July	Hollowell Steam Rally Heavy Horse Show	Hollowell
6/7/19	Brixworth PC Surgery	Community Centre
7/7/19	Cream Tea Specials	N'ton and Lampport Railway
7/7/19	Go Beyond Triathlon	Brixworth Country Park
9/7/19	Talk by Brixworth First Responders	Brixworth Surgery
13/7/19	Gaudi Mosaic Workshop	Lampport Hall
13/7/19	Jog 4 James	Country Park
13/7/19	Mediterranean Tapas	Draughton
14/7/19	Keep Britain Tidy Love Parks 5K Healthy Walk	Brixworth Country Park

17/7/19	Nature Tots Northants 5K Series	Brixworth Country Park
18/7/19	Gardening Club coach trip	Sandringham House
20/7/19	As You Like It	Lampport Hall
20/7/19	Brixworth Volunteers	Country Park
21/7/19	Trad Jazz in the Garden	Lampport Hall
21/7/19	Cream Tea Specials	N'ton and Lampport Railway
22/7/19	Brixworth PC Planning	Community Centre
27-28/7	Land Rover Show	Kelmarsh Hall
31/7/19	Butterfly Conservation Big Butterfly Count	Brixworth Country Park
3/8/19	Brixworth PC Surgery	Community Centre
4/8/19	Cream Tea Specials	N'ton and Lampport Railway
7/8/19	Bushcraft for Kids	Country Park
8/8/19	Parish Council Meeting	Community Centre
8/8/19	Naturally Playful	Country Park
9/8/19	Bugs of Brixworth	Country Park
13/8/19	Underwater Brixworth	Country Park
21/8/19	Bugs of Brixworth	Country Park
24/8/19	Batastic Tunnel Walk	Country Park
25-26/8	Antiques and Vintage Fair	Lampport Hall
28/8/19	Fires and Smores Kelly Kettle Challenge	Brixworth Country Park
7/9/19	Visit to the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge	Brixworth History Society
10/9/19	Learn About The Paintings of Anthony van Dyck	Lampport Hall
14/9/19	Outdoor Cinema Bohemian Rhapsody	Kelmarsh Hall
14/9/19	Justin Moorhouse	Royal
15/9/19	Jimmy Carr	Derngate
18/9/19	An Evening With Harry Redknapp	Derngate
19/9/19	History Society: To the Manor Born	Brixworth Village Hall
20/9/19	Aled Jones and Russell Watson	Derngate
21/9/19	Frisky and Mannish: PopLab	Royal
21/9/19	Nathan Carter and His Band	Derngate
22/9/19	RPO Tchaikovsky	Derngate

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A MESSAGE OF PEACE...

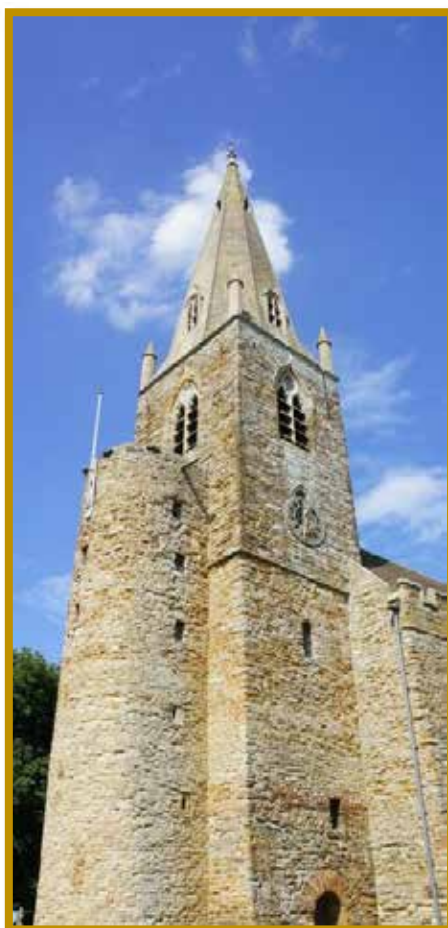
As I write this, it is Easter Sunday. Our Easter Day service, in particular, was very well attended, and there was a feeling of joy and warmth. We spoke of the importance of keeping the gospel message alive in an increasingly secular world—of passing it on to others.

By the time these words reach you, we will have come to the end of the Easter season, and in our readings will have learnt all about the growth of the early church in the book of Acts. It was a time when those who had been inspired by the witness of Christ's resurrection worked so hard to spread the message of good news to the world, despite violent opposition and persecution. And that opposition and persecution still takes place in our world today, as we have seen from the terrible massacre of Christians in Sri-Lanka on Easter Day.

The Good News is that Christ came to bring us a message not of violence—but of peace, love, inclusion, and equality. If that's the sort of message that you'd like to learn more about, then you are very welcome here----we'd love to share it with you.

Here at All Saints Church there is something for everybody. Our Summer Fete and Friends' Day celebrations are almost upon us. Do look out for details of our services and events on our website.

Rev. Chloe



OUR SERVICES

1st Sunday of the month

10.30am All-Age Service

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: 9.30am Communion

10.00 am "Coffee Pot"

Thursday 2.30pm

Celtic Healing Service

SUMMER FETE

Sunday 2nd June

1pm – 4 pm

“THE BIZ”

Saturday 1st June 7-9pm

Barbecue, bar and quiz in the marquee

Fairground organ and miniature steam engine

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

On 1st Saturday of the month

Meet At 10am In the churchyard

Please come – we need your help to keep our churchyard tidy!



CELTIC HEALING SERVICE

Music, mindfulness, meditation, and
time to just “be”

Second Thursday of the Month at 2.30pm

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

ALL-AGE COMMUNION

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY AT
10.30AM

SINGING SAINTS YOUTH CHOIR:

WEDNESDAYS AT 5-6PM

JELLYBEANS TODDLER GROUP:

WEDNESDAYS AT 1.30-3.00PM

Please see our website for more
details

ALL ARE WELCOME!

THE BRIXWORTH LECTURE

“FROM MERCIA TO ENGLAND:

Warfare and Conquest in the
Midlands c. 865-973”

Dr. Gareth Williams

26th October 2019 at 5.00pm

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 30th November 2pm-4pm

Stalls, games, raffle, refreshments
and of course, **Father Christmas!**



Chairman's Chat

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Stephen James reviews the current quarter's work with the Parish Council.

Summer Safety

We look at making your home safer this Summer, and deterring burglars.

Ask The Police

Check out the new police website. It's a mine of interesting information.

Speed Data (SID)

SID's been operating now for a year. What's it telling us about our driving?

Noise Complaints

A message on thoughtfulness. Dos and don'ts for a long hot Summer.

Your Councillors

Who's who and do you want to be one?

Recently we have seen the opening of the new doctor's surgery. "At last" I hear you cry; and it is a very welcome addition to the village. The previous surgery is currently being turned into a nursery and pre-school, another new addition to the village.

The official opening of the surgery took place on 23rd March and the opening ceremony was performed by our MP Chris Heaton-Harris, ably supported by the Leader of Daventry District Council, Chris Miller.

April also saw the 20th Anniversary of the Community Centre. The event was well attended by both residents and local organisations and several comments were made to the effect that "we didn't know there were so many organisations in the village". Many thanks to Mike Nice for his usual skilled organisation.

To complete a busy April the new play area on Saxon Rise officially opened only to be quickly vandalised. Many thanks to the residents who removed the tape and left the area safe the following morning.

During May the Council will be looking to finalise its spending plans for the coming year, especially in relation to Section 106 and CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) contributions received for new housing. Hopefully we can advise of these plans in the next edition of the Bulletin.

In the last edition we were awaiting the outcome of the Brexit and County Council reorganisation, well, no surprise, we are still waiting. Having said that, Daventry District Council, South Northants Council and Northampton Borough Council have started their discussion on the forming of the new unitary authority to prevent any unnecessary delays.

At present Village Organisations with projects in mind can apply for a Community Grant Fund from the Parish Council to help with overall funding. Applications must be in accordance with Parish Council guidelines before consideration. Application forms can be downloaded from the council's website: www.brixworthpc.org.uk.



Spring Daffodils on the Northampton Road village sign. Paid for by the Council and provided by Troops.

The Council is still looking to co-opt another Parish Councillor, anyone wishing to apply should contact our Clerk Peter Rowbotham at brixworthpc@gmail.com.



Crime Prevention. Summer Safety



It's great to hear from friends on their Summer hols? It's lovely for burglars as well!

They're soaking up a little more than the sun when they read a post like this. Now they've got your name, photo, length of time you're away, how to get in and where your keys are - not that they need them; you've left the FRONT DOOR UNLOCKED! First rule of home security. Don't tell people you're away. Burglars love to know they'll be the only ones in your house this Summer.

Make your house look busy. Invite a neighbour to park in the drive if you've left your car at the airport. Put some lights on timers so they come on and off during the night. Run them for a night or two so you get the timings right before you go. Go one better and buy yourself a FakeTV. Just Google 'FakeTV'. They project a flickering blue/white light onto a wall looking for all the world like a TV on in a room. I'd choose a bedroom or a room with semi-transparent curtains or blinds so people can't see it's a 'fake' tv.

Close a few curtains and open a few others. If you put a timer on a light on the landing open a few bedroom doors and leave curtains open to show the light. You don't need to close downstairs blinds or curtains, just make sure you hide valuables. Hide the computer, cameras (if you've left them in the house), hi-fi, handbags, my wallet(!), and the family silver.

Don't forget to cut the lawn. You may only do it once a year but if it's the day you go on holiday it'll look like you're in for a week or so.

AND: Don't forget to set your burglar alarm! If you've registered it with the insurance people, they won't pay-up if you get burgled and it's not set. Check it's working; try a dummy run. Turn it on, leave the house and open the door and set it off. It's the best way to know it's working. But please, PLEASE remember the alarm code. Don't be one of those annoying neighbours who don't know how to switch the alarm off in the Summer while I'm trying to sleep.

Last but not least, be a good neighbour. If you see anything out of place; like a strange car or van in a drive, people hanging around or you hear noises in an apparently empty house call 999. Better be safe!



askthe.police.uk

The official police resource for England and Wales is now available to browse, answer questions and reassure. With budgets constrained the police are keen to offer ways of giving advice remotely and this one works well. The site covers a whole range of questions from: What to do in a terrorist attack, through to; where you can legally use an electric scooter, hoverboard or Segway. It's a simple site and easy to navigate. If you can't find answers to your questions you can submit a specific question which is served by the Police National Legal Database. One of the more interesting items that we found was answered by typing "Burglary" into the search box. A series of pre-answered questions pop up and you can select one relevant to you. For instance what to do if you've been burgled and the police are on their way. Obviously, don't touch anything you think the burglars have touched - for finger prints - and leave everything alone as far as possible. Close and lock doors, and don't let anybody else in; even the police, until they prove who they are! The site also hosts the police YouTube channel with some snippets that help answer more questions and fill in some more detail.

Hot topics today are knife crime, explosives, firearms guns and more. They are all covered with a click and a selected question.

The site also clarifies using 101 or 999 depending on the seriousness of the crime. Take a minute to look at that; it will help enormously.

... and in case you can't find it:

999 for active emergencies

101 for non-emergency crime

SID

The Parish Council bought the village Speed Indicator Device last year and since then it's been recording information on speeds and times on the roads in and out of the village. It's all part of a programme to monitor traffic usage around the village so that we can more clearly assess if there's a requirement for permanent cameras some time in the future.

Peter Rowbotham, the Council Clerk said; "it's a great leap forward in checking speeds and reinforcing speed limits at all times of day. The information it records serves two purposes. To record actual speeds and record the times cars pass by. That serves to enable accurate plots of who goes where, when and at what speeds and that all means that we can help reduce speeds on the busiest roads and help ensure safety".

That doesn't mean we gather information on car registrations so we don't know the identity of a car but we can see how many are doing what, when.

Some of the information is blindingly obvious. There aren't many cars about at 3.00am in the morning! 7.00am to 8.00am and 17.00pm to 18.00pm are the busiest times of day on our roads. The busiest road is the Northampton Road in the morning and then back to Brixworth in the evening. People using the Holcot Road, Spratton Road and Creton Road often pass straight through, using Brixworth as a rat run.

We're actually a pretty law abiding lot as far as recorded speeds go. 56% were recorded at 30mph or lower and 2,696 were recorded at 10mph. (I didn't even realise pedal cars were allowed on the highway!) 31% were recorded at 35mph and 10% at 40mph. 1 person was recorded at 65mph in a 30mph area. **(YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE! SLOW DOWN).**

“Keep the noise down!”

Many people keep their windows and doors open during the Summer months, especially if it's hot and oppressive - especially at night.

Just spare a thought for your neighbours this Summer and keep the noise down. Loud TVs or radios as well as music systems can be a real problem for neighbours. Timmy's new career as a rock drummer or guitarist has the potential to make a lot of money in the long run but do us all a favour and turn the amp down; or better still, shut him in a sound-proofed room!

Just be considerate. Some people have early jobs to go to and many work nightshifts. Others might be under the weather and just need a bit more rest. It's not easy if there's incessant noise.

Don't let the dog out too early in the morning - especially if it's a “yapper”. Oh, and if you want an all night party invite the neighbours or warn them. A bit of forethought goes a long way.

Enjoy your Summer.

Full Council

Thursdays
30th May 7.15pm
27th June 7.15pm
8th August 7.15pm

Planning

Mondays
10th June 7.30pm
1st July 7.30pm
22nd July 7.30pm
12th August 7.30pm

Media and Comms

Wednesdays
19th June 6.45pm
10th July 6.45pm
21st August 6.45pm

Surgery

Saturdays.
1st June 10am-12am
6th July 10am-12am
3rd August 10am-12am

Please check web site and noticeboards to confirm dates and times.
Note: All meetings are in the Community Centre (side entrance)

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BRIXWORTH MATTERS

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We had a great time at the school this year on Easter Sunday. Nearly 150 folk saw the SportsReach team bring a great week of football and netball to a close.

However, on the same day many thousands of miles away Christians were specifically being targeted in the most horrendous and deadly terrorist attacks in the cities of Colombo, Negombo and Batticaloa in Sri Lanka.

Persecution of Christians in that country has been going on for many years. According to the National Christian Evangelical Alliance of Sri Lanka, last year there were 86 verified incidents of discrimination, threats and violence against followers of Jesus. Yet one couldn't help but be struck by how deadly this particular attack was. Hundreds died (including children) and many more have been very badly maimed and injured.

Our religious and indeed Christian freedoms is something we can, if we are not careful, take a little for granted in this country that we live in. The laws of the land that we live under in the UK allow us to live out faith in Christ with relatively little fear of real persecution. The persecution we experience can be more subtle. However, our context in Britain can lead us all, no matter our beliefs, again, if we are not careful, to become too comfortable and lax in our spiritual state before God.

May I encourage you? God loves us all and urgently wants us all to do something about his love. To love Him back through faith in Jesus Christ. It might not, but loving God might mean moving a little out of our comfort zones. Maybe even tweaking a few patterns and routines that we have found ourselves in as individuals and families in order to explore Church and faith. Are you willing to give it a try, give Him a try? You would be most welcome at Brixworth Community Church. We meet every Sunday at the school at 10.30. Whether there, or in and around the village, I'll no doubt see you about.

Many blessings *Andy*



Contact Andy Lloyd-Williams on 07958 604961



SOCGER & NETBALL SCHOOLS April 2019

What a great week we had at the Soccer and Netball school. This year we had sunshine! The Netball school enabled the children to have more fun as they learned new skills and techniques.

In the football the older teams had young people join in who clearly had some great skills and a love of football. Then in the juniors we had various skill levels. They all went home learning something new about sport and God's love for them. They were very sad when it all came to an end.

On Saturday All the parents/carers were invited along to watch their children play in the Cup matches and then enjoy a free BBQ for all. There was a chance to get involved and play in a coaches vs parents/carers match!

We thank God for this great community that we live in.





Baptism Service

April, was a huge month for us at Brixworth Community Church, as we not only celebrated the most important event in the Christian calendar (Easter), had fun running the soccer and netball school, but also held another baptism service in the village. We had a large number in attendance as family and friends came to witness 3 ladies from the village be baptised. Thanks again to the school for agreeing for us to hold this most important event on their premises. We look forward to holding more baptisms in the future as the Lord leads.



Walk of Witness

Good Friday saw us join with Brixworth's All Saints Church to remember the Crucifixion of Jesus. We met outside the Library and heard a Bible reading about Jesus crucifixion then sang an Easter hymn, before walking behind a cross to the Saxon Church. Rev. Chloe and Pastor Andy shared with us the Easter story and gave us opportunity to nail some prayers to the cross. Afterwards we made our way to the Church Hall for Hot Cross Buns and a warm drink.



St. George's Parade

On the 28th April the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Adventure Scouts joined us as a church to reaffirm the Cub/Scout promise. It was great to see all the children, young people, flag bearers and leaders in uniform on this annual occasion. Andy (Pastor) and Mark (Community Worker) brought to life some miracles in the gospels but also reminded us that Jesus has the miraculous power today to make us friends with God forever. May God continue to bless this great organisation and all those involved.

SUMMER 2019 HOLIDAY CLUB

July 31st. - August 2nd.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Sat August 3rd.

This years free Children's Summer Holiday Club will be held a little later this year starting on July 31st and finishing on the August 2nd, that being said brings a little extra excitement this year, as we invite our friends from Mississippi back to help us out. This year we plan to hold a family fun day at the end of the week on the Saturday with many activities free of charge. Please look out for registration forms in your children's school bags mid July.



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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!

Mon, Tue, Thur 10-3.00, Fri 9.30-2.30,
Saturday 9.30-1.00
Wed 10-11.30

Pensioners Luncheon Club Wed 12 noon*
*(membership currently full ask to be added to waiting list)

The Olive Branch,
Library & Community Centre,
Spratton Road, Tel 889030

Run by volunteers this non-profit making venture has a welcoming atmosphere.



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 www.brixworthcommunitychurch.org

Bowlers hold on to league trophy



Brixworth followed up last year's championship success by winning the Northamptonshire Independent Friendly Bowls League again for the 2018/19 season.

The last four games brought wins against Welford (home) Guilsborough (home), Ravensthorpe (home), and Kilsby (away). The Team finished on 50 points having won nine and lost three of their 12 games. Brixworth were crowned league champion six points ahead of second placed Ravensthorpe.

The Rose Bowl was presented to a very proud team captain John Wykes at the league annual general meeting held at Guilsborough in April.

The team are becoming a force to be reckoned with, having won two championships and been runners-up on the last three years. The team has not lost a home match for two seasons.

Short mat bowling is great fun and we have members of all levels playing so come and have a go, equipment and tuition is provided. We meet at the Brixworth Center in Church Street (entrance from the church car park) on Fridays at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

For more information the club chairperson can be contacted on 07762 211721, visit us on brixworthbowls.com or like us on Facebook. You can be sure of a warm welcome and may even make new friends. – *Martin Carnell*

A trip to the Borg-McEnroe era

Brixworth Tennis Club has started its 2019/20 season with a tribute to the rivalry between arguably the two best players in tennis history – okay at least the most entertaining! The club's "Look Back At The 70s And 80s – The Borg-McEnroe Era" saw members rock up in whites, headbands, mullets and wooden racquets – including an unused Billie Jean King made by Wilson.

In addition to holding fun family events such as this, the club offers junior development tournaments, monthly internal tournaments (our popular Super

Sunday Smash), a chance to compete in the Northants League, an opportunity to grab tickets to the Wimbledon Finals – this year the club was lucky enough to get its hands on four – yes, FOUR! – finals tickets!

On top of this, the club offers the usual coaching for adults and juniors, both group and individual, social tennis and most importantly a very friendly welcome.

For more details, contact secretary@brixworthtennisclub.org.uk or 07434 621395 – *Sandra Moxon*

Brixworth Juniors report

Our 2018-19 season has been a successful one, as we see yet another increase in the number of players who wish to join our village teams. Brixworth Juniors now has 280 players, with successful teams for both the boys and girls, and all the way from minis ages through to the u18s. We would like to say thanks to the parents for behaving themselves and watching the matches in good spirits as this limits the number of incidents where the club secretary may be called into the FA to explain teams behaviour. Thank you also to the coaches, all 45 of them, and our parent helpers! As you all know, without coaches there would be no football, and we are very fortunate to have so many volunteers.

So, how have the teams got on?

As you will know, we do not publish results for teams aged between 7 and 11. We think at that age, it's all about having fun playing and nurturing the enthusiasm for sport. The ethos of the club is to have children playing in multiple positions and understanding the games in more ways than one, so that at the age of 13 or 14 they can decide on two specific positions. In this age range though we have seen teams reach semi-finals. We also have an U8s team playing in a Cup Final at Rugby Town on the 18th May and the U11s Girls team make their second appearance in a final in the space of two years at Raunds Town pitch on the 25th May; good luck to these teams.

The u12s to u18s have had mixed fortunes this season. A good number of teams play in their top divisions for their ages, including the u12s, two teams at u15s, u16s and the u18s. For a village club, that is an exceptionally high level, given that the town teams hold trials and do not have an ethos where we push players to be the best they can be but also play with fun and freedom of expression.

Special mention to the u15s Panthers who have reached a County Cup Final which will be played on the 4th May at Sixfields Stadium, may the force be with you as you take on Ons!

One last mention to the U13s as they have had a real tricky and difficult season playing in the B league, it has been challenging for the boys but their coaches Tom and Darren along with all the players and parents have stuck with it remaining positive (well I hope that they have) and kept the team going and will be back next season playing matches which should be more competitive for their players.

On the 19th May we will have had our traditional fun day, we hope that you all came along and made it another special day. – *Simon Compton, Secretary for Brixworth Juniors*



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