

Decision on Co-op appeal imminent

Brixworth residents are keenly awaiting the outcome of the planning appeal about the plans to build a new Co-Op store on the site of the former Red Lion pub. The appeal will be heard on 11 September at Daventry District Council.

The plans to build a new supermarket on the site have met with fierce resistance from Brixworth Parish Council and village residents who fear that the new site does not have enough space for parking and that its location on a bend will pose a significant risk to traffic.

“The biggest issue for us is parking – the 14 spaces provided will be nowhere near enough, especially once you factor in members of staff who may want to park nearby too,” members of the local action group CTRL-NO told the Bulletin. “And then there’s the deliveries. There’s no plans for off-street delivery bays, so all delivery lorries will need to park on the road,

obstructing visibly on what is already a difficult double bend.”

Daventry District Council last year rejected the plans, on grounds that they were not in keeping with the area, did not make a ‘positive contribution’ to local conservation, and had insufficient parking.

The Co-op’s planners lodged their appeal, arguing that the 14 parking spaces they have planned for are sufficient and that their plans show that the proposed building will not compromise safety.



The architect's drawing shows the front of the proposed new shop, as illustrated in the plans

2020 Brixworth Calendar takes off



The theme of this year's charity calendar by the Brixworth Photographic Society is 'Brixworth from the air'.

Just to whet the appetites of the residents, here is one of the

photos from the selection, though this may not appear in the calendar. All of the images will have been taken by Sean Goodhart along with his drone. – Ian Topham

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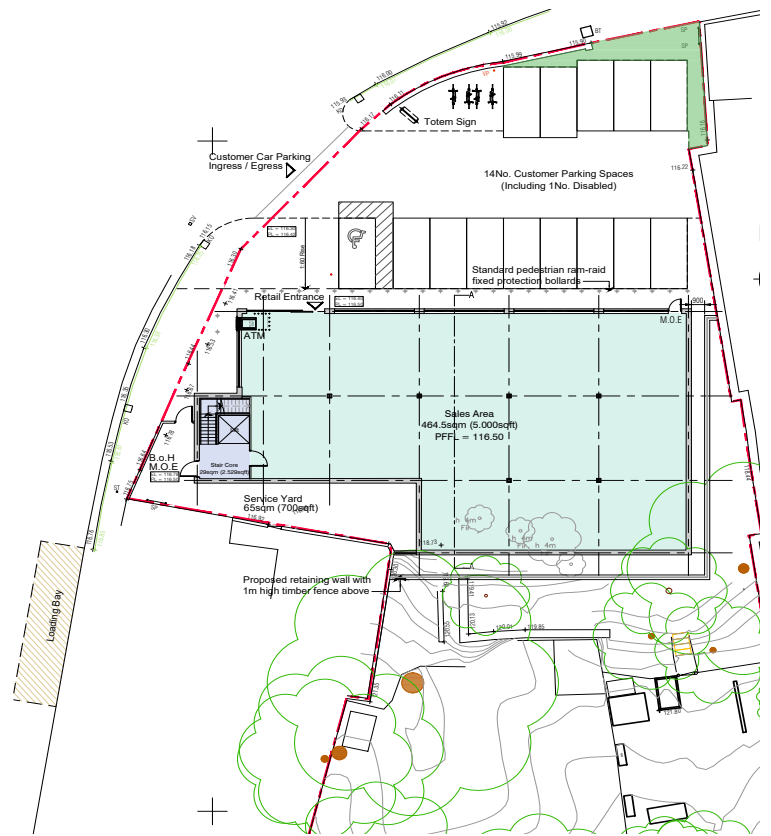
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It also dismissed the other grounds for rejection, noting that the existing pub has 'no historic merit' and only makes a 'negligible' contribution to the conservation area. The planners claim that in a previous consultation, three quarters of shoppers at the existing Co-op said they would welcome a new and expanded store.

The new Co-op would replace the existing store on Hunters Way. With 5,000 square foot of floor space it would be more than twice the size of the existing store and have considerably more storage space. That would allow it to significantly expand the range of goods on sale and make the shop more easy to manoeuvre with trolleys, wheelchairs or prams. There could also be space for more tills and self-service tills, cutting queue time, the Co-op says.



The architects drawings illustrate the site layout for the proposed new shop

CTRL-NO says: "We have had a lot of support from people in the village. Most will tell you that they would like to have a bigger Co-op, but that the proposed site just isn't suitable because of the parking and traffic issues." – Claudia Flavell-While



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Jonathan Harris, new DDC councillor: I want to hear from you!

Jonathan Harris, who in July was elected to join Daventry District Council (DDC) as one of Brixworth Ward's three councillors, is putting communication and engagement with the community at the heart of his agenda.

Listening Posts

Jonathan will hold regular 'Listening Posts' in Brixworth and the surrounding communities – open-door drop-in sessions where anyone can come and discuss any issues they have. The first Listening Post will take place in Brixworth on Saturday 7 September, from 10-11.30am, upstairs at Brixworth Community Centre and Library. Similar exercises will be held in other villages in the Brixworth Ward in the following months.

He says: "Councillors should make themselves accessible and listen to people's views. It's a good idea to put information on a website, and I will do that, but I want to be more proactive than that. People need a chance to ask questions and bring forward matters that concern them – it will be interesting to see what they bring to the table!"

Jonathan is keen to keep people informed of DDC activities, through the listening posts, by attending local parish council meetings,

and through newsletters and websites posts. "There's a lot going on that people should know about, even if they're not interested in politics – how the council spends its money and the services we receive, for example," he says.

Unitary Council

The biggest issue coming up will be the changes to DDC as it moves towards becoming a unitary council in 2021. At that point, Daventry and six other district councils will be abolished along with Northamptonshire County Council and two new Unitary Authorities created, meaning new elections. "It surprised me when I was campaigning how many people did not know about this. The information is available but only if you search for it."

Liberal Democrat

As a Liberal Democrat, Jonathan says he is the first non-Conservative to be elected for Brixworth Ward in some twenty years, since Sue Verallo served as an independent.



He filled a vacancy left by the resignation of Fabienne Fraser-Allen earlier in the year. "I have lived in Brixworth for 21 years which I think helped a lot," he says.

Jonathan Harris is now one of two Liberal Democrat district councillors at DDC, along with five Labour and 29 Conservative councillors. Having two councillors makes it much easier for the Liberal Democrats to raise issues formally. Harris has already attended his first council meeting and joined the planning committee.

"I stood for election because the only way to make a change is to get involved," he says. "I have no political ambitions beyond DDC and hopefully serving in the Unitary Authority, but if there's a legacy I want to leave it is to re-energise people and make them realise they can make a difference."

Jonathan Harris and his wife Christine bought their first house together in Brixworth 21 years ago and have lived in the village ever since. Together, they run a Learning & Development consultancy. The role takes them all around the world but gives him the flexibility to also carry out his DDC work.

He shares his house with two Italian Spinone dogs called Bailey and Florence. A third is due to join the household soon. "Having the dogs is great because you meet a lot of people while out walking and they keep us fit," he says. In his spare time, he enjoys music and photography.

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Brixworth Music Festival draws in music lovers



The Northampton Male Voice Choir opened the festival in front of a packed church

This year's fifth Brixworth Music Festival was held, as ever, in the Church of All Saints, thanks to Rev. Chloe, who has supported the festival from the beginning. This year's festival was the most ambitious yet, and its very mixed programme succeeded in drawing in music lovers of all persuasions. The attendance was excellent, the very reasonable "Festival Pass" proved to be very popular drawcard: for little more than the price of two concerts it was possible to go to a total of nine concerts! The psychology behind this was to tempt people to go along and hear music that probably wouldn't have been

on their wish-list – if only to get their money's worth (similar to these "All you can eat buffets"). And it worked. One of the aims of the Brixworth Music Festival is to get people interested in all kinds of music - "tasting and trying out" unfamiliar musical fare. The emphasis is on classical music, but there is also a copious offering of lighter entertainment.

The festival opened with a rousing start on the 10th May with the **Northampton Male Voice Choir**.

To a packed church, and in the very capable hands of conductor, Stephen Bell, the audience were treated to a feast of well-loved songs, ranging from musical theatre to folk songs and pop ballads, reliably supported by their regular accompanist, Andy Poole. Although the programme lasted for nearly two hours the audience were shouting for more at the end. This is one of the best male voice choirs in England, with superb part-singing, impressive dynamic range and well-trained voices.

Now becoming a festival highlight is the newly formed **Brixworth Festival Orchestra**, conducted by Peter Dunkley. And once more, on the 11th May the church was packed to hear this great ensemble.

After the sombre chords and drama of Beethoven's Egmont Overture came Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, with soloist Richard Roper, who is Head of Strings at the Northampton Music and Performing Arts Trust. This work is one of the most difficult in the concerto literature for violin. Praise must go to Richard Roper for his performance of this work which requires enormous virtuosity



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But perhaps the most stunning event of the evening was the performance of Beethoven's Eroica Symphony. It is universally agreed that this is one of the greatest (and historically most important) symphonies ever written. To have the opportunity of hearing it live in a small church in the Northamptonshire countryside is probably a once in a lifetime experience.

In contrast to the two larger opening events of the festival the renowned Northamptonshire Ensemble, **Fiori Musicali**, gave a more meditative concert on the 12th May. This was a beautifully balanced programme dedicated to "Our Lady of Fatima", which is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary, based on the famed Marian apparitions reported in May 1917 by three shepherd children at the Cova da Iria, in Fátima, Portugal.

The Fiori Musicali Choir is renowned for its purity of sound, and the Brixworth Church of all Saints proved to be an ideal acoustic environment for this superb vocal ensemble. Interspersed and providing a contrast to these choral works were songs from the Cantigas de Santa Maria, exquisitely sung by Hungarian born Judit Felszeghy who also accompanied herself on the Celtic harp.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening with a real community feel was then to be had on the 14th May. Graham Tear not only played flute in the **John Clare Wind Quintet**, which was formed at the very first Brixworth Music Festival in 2014, but also conducted the **Northampton Community Choir** which he founded four years ago. This programme was a well-chosen mix of popular and classical works. Soloists Amanda Giuliani and Sam Pickles gave beautiful performances of Mozart's Laudate Dominum and Brixworth composer Stuart Cooper's moving love song, "You mean to me (more than I can say)" The concert ended on a popular note, the choir communicating its enthusiasm to the audience who clearly wanted to join in with Highlights from Mamma Mia.

The **Evening of Poetry and Song** has become a regular feature of the Brixworth Music Festival and is an opportunity for the whole Brixworth community to join in an evening of fun and reflection. The programme on the 15th May concentrated more on the poetry aspect, interspersed with solos and duets sung by Chloe Willson-Thomas, Gwion Thomas and their daughter, Sian Thomas, all accompanied by pianist, James Bonsor.

The choice of poetry ranged from the humorous to more pensive reflections on life, and included poems for both young and old, all recited by members of the community. Special mention should be made of Roger Brandon-Jones who recited a number of his own



Robert Brandon-Jones enthralled the audience with his thoughtful works in the Evening of Poetry and Song

poems. These are thoughtful works and deserve to be better known.

For the sixth concert on the 16th May, we were treated to a something rare, a performance of **Caroline Chisholm**, a chamber opera composed by Vivienne Olive (co-founder and joint director of the Brixworth Music Festival) together with librettist, the well-known author and radio presenter David Saint. The chamber opera is scored for five accordions, two singers and narrator. A stalwart of the Festival, mezzo-soprano, Kay Soteriou, the "original" Caroline Chisholm, reprised her performance of the role with panache and

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The Brixworth Festival Orchestra, conducted by Peter Dunkley, wowed visitors with Beethoven's *Egmont Overture*, Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto* and Beethoven's *Eroica Symphony*.

passion. Gwion Thomas, baritone (also co-founder and Joint Director of the Brixworth Music Festival) put in a commanding performance as Caroline Chisholm's husband, Archibald, providing some moving moments, in particular in relation to Caroline Chisholm as the "emigrants' friend". David Saint delivered the narrative thread and the accordion ensemble, Timeless D'Accord came all the way from Nuremberg in Germany to perform. Their impeccable and sensitive performance added an unusual dimension to this small theatre group. The story of Caroline Chisholm – such an important Northampton heroine – is not as familiar to people as it ought to be and it was fascinating to discover what an incredible woman she was. Vivienne Olive conducted her own score, leaving us all with a very vivid impression and sense of great admiration for this "Emigrants' Friend".

The **Tedesca Tedesca String Quartet** (violinists Nic Fallowfield and Clare Bhabra, violist Richard Muncey and cellist Jenny Curtis) are now regular guests at the Brixworth Music Festival, and this year they were joined by pianist Charles Matthews for a concert on the 17th May. This ensemble of distinguished players performed to perfection works by Mozart and Schumann, as well as the winning work of this year's Brixworth International Competition for Women Composers. This competition was inaugurated last year with the help of private funding. Jury members included Master of the Queen's Music, Judith Weir. This year's winner was the English composer, Rosalie Coopman, who is now in her 87th year, a composer with experience in the field of film music and now, in later life, specialising more in chamber music.

Coopman's prize-winning work, *A Winter Collage*, for String Quartet and Piano, was chosen for its subtle mastery of tone colours, all contained within a slowly moving, almost static framework that hypnotised the listeners, many of whom were not well acquainted with the world of contemporary music. It says much for the work that it held the attention of the audience from beginning to end, and it was a fitting debut for the new festival piano

Oksana King's piano recital, on the 18th May, entitled "A Tale of Four Exiles", gave the audience insight into the lives of Chopin, Rachmaninov, Stravinsky and Bartok who were all forced to leave their native lands and forge a career in a foreign country. After Friday night's concert with the Tedesca String Quartet and pianist, Charles Matthews, we were now able to hear the new grand piano as a solo instrument.

Oksana King devoted the first half of her recital to works by Chopin (1810-1849) and in the second half gradually moved into the 20th century, with works by Rachmaninov (1873-1943), Stravinsky (1882-1971) and Bartok (1881-1945). The last piece in the programme was a first performance of Vivienne Olive's "Cyprus Wedding Song" which was written especially for the new piano and dedicated to the donor of this instrument who wishes to remain anonymous. This work was composed with the intention of showing off the capabilities of the instrument, with passages imitating the clanging of bells alternating with gentle *una corda* (soft pedal) sections which quoted from the original folk song of the same name. Oksana worked closely together with the composer and delivered a fine performance.

Our sincerest thanks go to not only the donor of this wonderful new instrument but also to Brixworth Parish Council who have contributed a grant towards its ongoing maintenance.

On the 18th May the **Northampton Musical Theatre Company Singers (N.M.T.C.)** entertained a once more packed church to an evening of Songs from the Shows. This was a cross

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section of well-known musicals, and the accomplished choir clearly has a great deal of experience in performing this style of music which often demands a good command of part-singing. Conductor, Paul Truman, was fully in control of this ensemble, and compere Robert Laurie guided the audience through the evening. Highlight of the show was the “Anthem from Chess” with a smaller ensemble giving a very convincing performance of this piece by Josh Groban. Particular mention should be made of the extremely good accompanist, Greta Maskova, who provided excellent support for both choir and soloists.

The last day of the festival, on the 18th May, came up with two very contrasting events: first of all, a **Lunchtime Concert** after the morning service. This was an informal, very enjoyable affair – informal because some of the participants were unable to perform. Thankfully, we had musicians on hand who were willing to step in, and the “Brixworth U3A Songsters” were also able to expand their programme. The Songsters have always participated in the lunchtime concert on the last day of the festival and this time they combined traditional folk songs with pop and gospel music, competently accompanied by pianist, Anne Cooper.

We then heard two of Brixworth’s “Singing Saints”, Amy Hodkin and Emma Beckett, giving a delightful rendering of “My favourite things”, followed by Sian Thomas – another singer who stepped in at short notice. They were all accompanied by pianist James Bonsor.



The U3A Songsters’ expanded programme combined traditional folk with pop and gospel

And at the end of the concert was a surprise: waiting at the back of church was the Northampton School for Boys Wind Octet, who had rushed to Brixworth with their tutor, Graham Tear, so that they could also take part. They had just been performing in the Northampton Eisteddfod where they had won a gold medal! This was indeed an unexpected treat and provided an ideal conclusion to this largely spontaneous concert.

This fifth annual Brixworth Music Festival, which proved to be extremely busy and well attended, was brought to a quieter, more intimate close on the 19th May with a concert of early music, performed by Brixworth early music specialist, **Sarah Small and Ensemble**. This took place after the Festal Evensong in the presence of the Bishop of Peterborough. In his sermon the Bishop made some very thoughtful comments about music, as did Rev. Chloe in her speech thanking all those who participated in this event. The choir, conducted by Robert Wakefield and accompanied by organist James Bonsor, rose to the occasion, providing a sense of festivity on this closing day of the festival.

After a short break Sarah Small (viola da gamba), Conor Gricmanis (baroque violin) and Jonatan Bougt (theorbo) played a programme of baroque French music. Sarah Small who comes from Brixworth has been studying in Germany, but is back once more in her home village. She has become a regular performer at the festival and always brings with her a group of expert, virtuosic players of early music. Much of this repertoire is very unfamiliar to the average music lover and this concert last night took the audience on a voyage of discovery. It was a fitting ending to a turbulent week of varied musical experiences

As always thanks go to the superb committee of the Brixworth



Jonatan Bougt on the theorbo, a large lute used in baroque music, who performed with Sarah Small and Ensemble during the closing concert

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Men's Breakfast fills the Olive Branch



In June, Brixworth Community Church held its second Men's Breakfast of the year.

After the most amazing free cooked breakfast, Prof Chris Collins from John Moore's University posed the question: 'The world we live in: randomly evolved or intelligently designed?'

The Olive Branch Coffee Shop was full to capacity and Chris, who is Head of the Astrophysics Research Institute at John Moore's, spoke really well on a very interesting topic. Chris concluded (with stunning photos) that there is strong evidence for intelligent design. Perhaps the Christian faith and science do not have to be at odds with each other after all? The Church will be looking to run another men's breakfast come October, keep an eye out for the details. - Vernon Salmon

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I would like to say a huge thank you to all the people of Briworth, friends and neighbours who sponsored and supported me on my recent 26-mile Macmillan Mighty Hike from Alnwick Castle to Bamburgh Castle, Northumberland.



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Take for example the pledge to move to net zero carbon emission by 2050. Climate experts, including the government's own advisers, say we are already falling behind on this target. But even the statement itself has weasely political doublethink in it. The key phrase is apparently net zero. This does not mean zero carbon emissions, as some might imagine, but means that any remaining carbon emissions we have are balanced by either actively removing carbon from the atmosphere, or by offsetting emissions in the UK against savings made elsewhere.

By the time you read this around five months will have elapsed since their declaration, and my bet is nothing will have been done to justify the declared emergency. Of course, MPs will have taken themselves off for their well-earned summer hols. And the climate breakdown will just have to go on without them.

The same may be said for the Brexit fiasco, which has dragged on for years and turned our political system into the laughingstock of the world. In both contexts I cannot avoid thinking of Nero. Indeed, Westminster just now seems to be packed with over 600 Neros.

Trouble is its not just Rome that's burning, it's the whole planet.

The need to turn the climate crisis around should have been recognised at least thirty years ago. Even at this late date our politicians have made it clear that they are incapable of acting with the necessary urgency, and so it is down to us. That's you and me. So let's start by looking at the merest sample of what we have lost



from our local countryside these past three decades. Skylarks, linnets, yellowhammers, tree sparrows, spotted flycatchers, mistle thrushes, and the beloved cuckoo, all are among the many birds that have gone, or all but gone. Butterflies like the small heath, the wall brown, the common blue are gone or are rarely seen. And the list goes on and on: corn buntings, whitethroats from our hedgerows, grasshoppers chirping on the grass verges. All are sights and sounds that have sadly never been experienced by our young people. And it matters, for with the demise of every species we are putting our own existence at risk. Each of them bears a stark warning, like the canary to the coal miner, that things are going badly out of kilter with this world, of which, like it or not, we are all a part, and on which we utterly depend.

A ray of hope for the future comes from our young people, the rising generation. They are looking around them and asking questions. With their original and fresh young minds, they are aware that things are not right, sensing that they are in grave danger of being catapulted into a catastrophic future that is not of their own making, and they don't like it. What's more increasing numbers of them are intending to do something about it. This wrinkled oldie can claim to have stood with them in their peaceful, law-abiding Extinction Rebellion movement since I became aware of them last December. Already they have been described as dangerous activists by an alarmed establishment. I have warned about our climate problems in my writing and teaching career since at least 1969, when I led over 30 in a WEA class at Kings Langley in Hertfordshire entitled "Man and his Environment." It has taken me a long time to become a dangerous activist, but it seems I have arrived! – *Brian Webster*

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Work to install a new waterproof concrete deck for Bridge 11 on the Northampton and Lamport Railway has been completed on time and even slightly under budget.

The works started on the 3rd of June 2019 and involved removing the existing railway track and fencing, digging down to the tops of the brick arches, pouring a new concrete deck over the complex and challenging contours of the bridge's interior, painting the new slab with bitument sealant, and finally reinstating the ballast and footpath.

The work was scheduled to take five weeks and was delivered on time, despite heavy rain when the volunteers were trying to pour concrete. The bridge re-opened to walkers and cyclists on Friday 5th July, as planned. The project required the excavation of 355m³ of fill material, pouring 70m³ of concrete and laying 450m³ of new ballast, as well as 20 tonnes of new footpath surfacing. Volunteers have given up over 700 hours of their time to come and help complete the project.

All the material excavated from the bridge was re-used elsewhere on the southern extension, meaning no material will be taken off site (helping to reduce our carbon footprint).

For further details and updates please view our Boughton Extension page here: <https://www.nlr.org.uk/boughton-extension/>

There is still a need to raise £18,000 in match funding to ensure our grant funding conditions are met. Please support us and DONATE today via our Golden Giving fundraising page here: <https://www.goldengiving.com/fundraising/boughton-extension>

If you want to help with the project or any role at the railway, visit www.nlr.org.uk/the-volunteers-at-the-nlr-need-you/ and join up as a volunteer working member, or to show your support by becoming a member of the railway.



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- 18th August – High Tea Specials – advanced booking essential
- 25th/26th August – PJ Masks character visit
- 31st Aug – Kids for a Quid and the 'Pitsford Fryer' (fish and chips special)
- 15th Sept - High Tea Specials – advanced booking essential
- 19th/20th Oct – Gala weekend (2 steam locos and a diesel)

All other Sundays are normal diesel running days with trains on the hour between 11am and 4pm

As ever, for more information, online tickets sales, details of train times, special events and more, please visit our website at www.nlr.org.uk or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

Educational grants for Lamport and Hanging Houghton

The Isham charities give grants to support the education, training and formal apprenticeships for under 25s in Lamport, Hanging Houghton and Faxton. Anyone applying must have lived in one of the villages for at least two years.

Grants can be used to help with the cost of uniforms, special clothing, tools, instruments, books, travel and computers that are needed for school, university or college, or to enter a trade or profession.

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Brixworth Primary School

Saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils

Our Year 6 children have had a busy few months in preparation for them leaving us and heading off to their selected secondary schools in September.

Once again the Year 6 pupils of Brixworth C of E Primary were well above the national percentage for children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics. This is an incredible achievement for the children and bears out the excellent teaching during their time at Brixworth Primary School.

Following their SATs in May, they headed off for a much deserved fun-filled week on a residential at Whitemoor Lakes in South Staffordshire.

The centre offers over 20 different indoor and outdoor activities where the children learn new skills, build relationships, conquer fears and have plenty of fun. For some of the children this was their first time away from home without family, and a chance to try new sports and activities that they have not done before and achieve things they never thought possible.

Activities included abseiling, archery, canoeing, fencing, high ropes, sailing, orienteering and raft building.

'In the problem-solving activity we learnt how to work together as a team and my team worked so well together during the trip. For



A group of Year 6 pupils ready to abseil at Whitemoor Lakes

example in canoeing we had to listen to each other to go forwards and backwards and make sure we were going in the right direction. And in the crate stacking activity which was very difficult to pass the crates to each other as the tower got higher – but we worked it out.' - Hollie

'I loved Whitemoor so much and I have overcome so many fears, especially heights. My favourite activity was canoeing. I can honestly say that I will never be stepping into a sailing boat ever again.' - Ruby

During the week they also visited the National Memorial Arboretum which is a 150-acre site dedicated as a tribute to those who have served our country. The park has over 350 thought-provoking statues and memorials which remembers more than 16,000 people.

A selection of children have taken part in Notivate, a songwriting, recording and music video production programme for children aged 9-13. This helps the children to express themselves, learn new skills and develop creativity.

'Year 6 was one of my best years. We went to Whitemoor and we had Miss Stockbridge. She made me have no fears for secondary school. I conquered all my fears with her and I know for sure I will miss this.' - Luke

Also, in addition to all the usual end of term occurrences, the Year 6's celebrated their final weeks at Brixworth with the annual assembly for presenting the school trophies, a Leavers Service at All Saints Church, and of course a Leavers Assembly where the Year 6 pupils showcased their skills in front of the school, parents and governors. This includes dances, singing, cello, street dance, guitars, drums, piano and poetry reading.



'This was the year when I cracked my fears because of my lovely teachers. I do not want to leave! Goodbye Brixworth. I will miss you.' - Elloise

Any goodbye would not be complete without a party. The children enjoyed a great evening with disco and games.

We wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best for a bright and successful future – we hope they look back on their time at Brixworth with fondness and happy memories. Good luck to you all!

'Thank you Brixworth for your amazing teachers and the opportunities to be a better person. Thank you for the friends I have made and best of all thank you for the lessons I have learnt.' - Nia

'... Now I'm in Year 6, And it has been such an adventure, Thank you to all those people, who have made it such a blast.' - Oliver P

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Drawn to All Saints Church

You could describe Barry Barlow as part of the furniture in Brixworth. He's been here a long time (seventy-odd years, some of them very odd!) and not much gets past him. Not that he's huge, he's just 'well-informed' – or



so he says! He knows all the local history of the place and

when I first met him ten or twelve years ago he made it very clear I was a newbie so I asked him for any information he had on Brixworth. With only around eight years in the village at the time, he thought that I could never hope to understand the village without his help. He started with the sad story of Merry Tom, who wasn't a local drunk, far from it; he was a local horse! He ran through the ironstone workings, battles with "Sprattonites" across "Spratton Brook" all the way up to advanced engineering at places including Ilmor and Mercedes where he worked for some years.

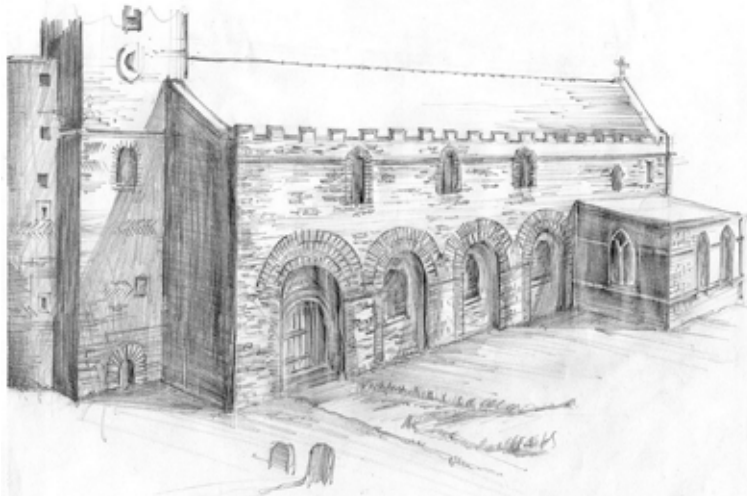
I'm pretty up-to-date on my Brixworth history now thanks to Barry. Some of it is accurate and a lot of it is Barry 'entertaining' a 'foreigner' with a few wild tales with absolutely no basis on fact. But then I've always been gullible, and I love a good yarn.

I didn't let on to Barry, but I'd actually known about Brixworth since I was seventeen – or at least the church. I studied art at school and wrote a thesis on a local church in a

place called Seighford in Staffordshire, where I lived at the time. It was essentially Norman with lots of adjustments and changes over the years as bits fell down and the rioting locals set fire to the tower. It had some bits that had gone but been recorded as Saxon so I needed somewhere I could refer to so I could de-scribe what they may have looked like. Enter stage right; Brixworth. I discovered it in Stafford local library in a book by Nicolas Pevsner and asked my Dad if we could pop over and take a couple of photos. Of course, it took us most of the day and night to drive there and back in dad's Morris Marina, but we made it; picked up a pamphlet, took some pictures and went home.

I decided to draw a picture of the church and here it is.... I left off the spire because I'd clipped it off the photo which I used as reference. Don't tell Ian Topham at the Photographic Society, he'd be appalled!

Anyway, from the little pamphlet I learned that Brixworth Church had used Roman bricks and roof tiles from a long-defunct villa and a lot of Saxon stonework and structure. I added as much as I could into the thesis and passed my Art A-level. That was all back in the 1974-75. When we moved to Brixworth from Holland 18 years ago I'd almost forgotten about the day trip, until I saw the church again.



Here's my original drawing of the church in the thesis c.1974 (age sixteen and drawn in a rush - must've been missing Z-Cars!)

The church looks better than ever today. With my "old guy" hat on I appreciate the ramshackle na-ture of the Saxon stonework and the decorative tiles around the windows and doors. As a seven-teen-year-old it all looked a bit tatty. Now it looks delightfully



The main door (far left) and the Bell Ringer's door (above)

quirky. A real historical marvel. And just to prove the point on what's turning into a lifelong (almost) obsession I decided to draw two of the doorways just for my own fun. It's the red Roman tiles around the doors and the lovely hon-ey coloured ironstone that appeals most. The drawings look a bit more 'mature' than my thesis sketch; which actually looks like a five-year-old did it! Still, since some forty-five years have passed I'd hope they'd be a bit better. You judge.

To my mind they are quite accurate representations, although I'm not sure the original builders would notice. Some of the stonework leaves a little to be desired; in fact, I'd got so far as to say it looks like the builders spent a lot of time in Brixworth's ale houses!
– Bob Campbell

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30 Years of Sunny Socks

Sunny Socks nursery school recently celebrated its 30th birthday with a great garden party, attended by over 120 current families. Staff all hosted games and activities for the children whilst the parents had a good opportunity to meet other parents and see all the recent renovations that have taken place to mark the anniversary.

To mark the 30th year the nursery has undergone an extensive renovation both inside and out. The nursery has a huge garden that is home to chickens, an allotment, a bug hotel and will soon be hosting a forest school. The farm still provides a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore their natural surroundings on nature walks, visiting the cows, seeing the tractors at work, watching the chicks hatch and feeding the lambs.

We consider ourselves to be extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful setting and are very proud that we are able to share it with so many children.

Sunny Socks Nursery school was created in the spring of 1989 in the converted stable block on the Turneys farm (Park Farm) in Brixworth. The Turneys have lived at Park Farm for over 100 years. The nursery was originally set up by Maureen Turney and her business partner at the time, who wanted to provide quality childcare in a rural setting where children can enjoy and explore the great outdoors through accessing the nursery's large garden and the family's 600 acres of farmland. When the nursery first opened we were one of only a few private full-day care settings in the county. Over the years and thanks to our fantastic team of staff we have gone from strength to strength. Sunny Socks is still very much a family business now run by the next generation; Cathy and Mark Turney who have seen their own four children have a wonderful start thanks to the care provided at Sunny Socks. These days the nursery is caring for



children from 3 months to 5 years and is open from 7.30 am to 6pm, 5 days a week 51 weeks of the year.

We have had 30 years of fun, love and nurture and have seen previous children who we once attended Sunny Socks now bringing their own children to us. – *Cathy Turney*

Volunteers needed to plan for 2020 events

Having helped organise Brixworth Carnival in 2000 and 2010, I have been seeking, without much success, to recruit a committee to run the event for summer 2020.

Recently the village has been approached by the national organisers of the VE Day 75th Anniversary Commemorations, who want to mark the occasion over the Bank Holiday weekend of 8th to 10th May 2020.

Clearly, we cannot support two large scale village-wide activities next year, but one is possible. Are there enough volunteers in the village to help run one of these? With outside public events, someone experienced in risk assessments and a skilled treasurer are vital. If you or your organisation are willing to help then please email mike.nice100@googlemail.com and we perhaps can start making plans. – *Mike Nice*

Brixworth and Scaldwell Guides and Brownies

The Rotary Swimarathon was much enjoyed by the guides and 1st Brixworth Brownies. Between them they raised £200 for the Rotary Club. Well done girls.

Several guides attended the Division Camp at Castle Ashby mid-June. A good time was had by all and we even had good weather! The favourite activity was probably making their own fires and cooking lunch. Three girls made their promise around the campfire on Saturday evening.



We had a very enjoyable evening meeting the alpacas at Pitsford. We learnt lots of information about these shy/timid animals including having to sit still and say quiet. – *Jill Gunnet*

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Brixworth & Scaldwell Scouts

Brixworth & Scaldwell Scout Group enjoyed the great weather in their summer term and spent as much time as possible in our local country parks.

Brixworth Beavers have been busy this term planting flowers, going on several nature walks, pond dipping and collecting mini-beasts at Sywell. They built on their cycling skills riding around St David's park, and participated in two sports nights on the Ashway playing fields. The great weather made the Ashway perfect location for a Beavers versus leader/parents water fight. Beavers ended the term with a joint 'Party in The Park' at Scaldwell with Cubs.

Cubs had a busy term and had glorious weather for their camp weekend at The Quarries in Milton Keynes in July. As well as being the first time 'under canvas' for some cubs, the adventure included air rifle shooting, backwoods cooking, pioneering, and the all-important camp fire and songs. The evening at the 'Click n Climb' was also a great success. Everyone had the opportunity to attempt increasingly more difficult climbs in the purpose-built facility at Wicksteed Park. Cubs can look forward to a busy autumn term with planning already underway for a night walks (with chips, of course), a fire station visit, a Lego challenge and a Christmas party.

Brixworth Scouts followed up on their earlier rough sleepout with a trip to the Hope Centre where they saw the great work done for homeless in Northampton. Huge thank you again to everyone for sponsoring our scouts in this activity. Scouts tested their map reading skills with an orienteering evening at Harlestone Woods, built dens and shelters at Brixworth Country Park, went bell-boating on Pitsford Reservoir and visited Adventure Ways in Boughton. Food has been a common theme this term with a barbeque/cricket evening at Brixworth Cricket Club, backwoods cooking at Overstone and a picnic and water fight at the Ashway fields.

Explorer Scouts have focused on outdoor activities too with an 'independent' camp at Overstone. They had remote supervision but were in charge of setting up, cooking, and packing down. They put their leadership and cooking skills to good use assisting scout with their backwoods cooking evening at Overstone.

Scouting activities and training extends to our leaders too and we were proud to welcome Irene Lockley, our District Commissioner, to our AGM in May to present our beaver leader Tom Mason with his woodbeads for completing his leader training (pictured, right). Well done Tom!

Scouting is about our community and our environment, and single use plastic is a huge environmental issue. Northamptonshire Scouts have pioneered a scheme to raise awareness and encourage the use of alternatives to reduce plastic usage. Cubs saw the programme first-hand while at cub camp, and we have signed up to the scheme as a group. Scout will learn how to reduce plastic usage and we will provide more information via our Facebook page and through our scouts at the meeting. For more information in the meantime please visit: <http://northantsscouts.org.uk/index.php/snapp>

Scouts Need You!

A big thank you to everyone who has signed up to the Co-Op scheme to support local groups. So far you have helped raise over £1,000! If you would like to help us please visit www.coop.co.uk/membership or membership.coop.co.uk/causes/27843 and follow the instructions to help Brixworth & Scaldwell Scouts.

If you would like to be more involved as a leader, assistant or admin support then please get in touch and we'll help you to find a role that you'll enjoy, and that will really make a difference to the young people in our village. 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 [BrixworthScaldwellScouts](#) on Facebook or contact the Group Scout Leader at brixworth_gsl@btopenworld.com.

To put your young person (boy or girl) on the waiting list for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers please contact brixworthbeavers@btinternet.com.

To find out more about Scouting in general, visit <http://scouts.org.uk>. – Bob Pickles



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For the first time this year we held a **Family Quiz**, with questions written by some of our cleverest Friends and ably hosted by our regular supporter James Skeggs. The event was really popular, with only one mark separating the two top teams – look out for more later in the year.

Our next **Quiz and Chips** will be held on September 20th 2019. These have been sold out for the past quizzes and so we expect this to be just as popular.

Stalls are selling very well for our **Prosecco Shopping Event** on Friday December 6th at 3:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to support local small businesses and artisan producers so come and join us and start off your winter celebrations and Christmas shopping.

The money raised from all of these events is used to support the work of our busy library, but especially to pay for children's events, including this year the **Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge**; with its inflatable planetarium and Astronaut training amongst many other exciting events to commemorate 50 years since the moon landings and encourage reading in our younger members.

We welcome new members with new ideas or time to share. So get in touch and join in. – *Elaine Coe*



Lecture: From Mercia to England

The 2019 annual Brixworth Lecture will be on the topic 'From Mercia to England - Warfare and Conquest in the Midlands c. 865 -973. It will be given by Dr Gareth Williams, curator of Medieval Coins at the British Museum and a key Viking Scholar, and take place on Saturday 26th October at 5pm in Brixworth Church. Team will be served from 3.30pm.

Tickets cost £10 and £8 and will be available from mid-September. For advance reservations please contact Kate Knight on 881810 or Kate.knight1a@hotmail.co.uk, or Gill Brunton on 880941.

Lecture: Eleanor of Castile

The Friends of Brixworth Church are proud to host a talk on Queen Eleanor of Castile on Saturday 16th November.

Historian and author Sara Cockerill's talk is titled 'Eleanor of Castile: English Queen, Cultural Influence, Northamptonshire Magnate'. The talk will start at 12.30 pm and take place in Brixworth Church.

Tickets cost £14 to include lunch and a glass of wine. A bar is available. For further details and tickets, contact Kate Knight on 881810 or kate.knight1a@hotmail.co.uk

Lampton early Christmas Fair

An early Christmas Fair will be held at the Lampton Swan on Friday 8 November, 10am to 2pm. There will be a variety of stalls. Tea and coffee are included in the £5 entry price. All proceeds will go to the Lampton Church Fabric Fund.

Hanging Houghton Safari Supper

Thirty residents from Hanging Houghton and Lampton enjoyed another Safari Supper in June, despite the rain showers between courses. There was a great atmosphere all evening, with everyone moving around from house to house for different courses.

As a result of the generous donations a grand total of £425, including gift aid donations, was raised for Lampton and Hanging Houghton church. Thanks go to the hosts for their hospitality at the starter and main courses, and to the desserts hosts, when we all met up in one house.

Thanks for everyone who attended, cooked and hosted and we are all looking forward to a similar event next year. – *Hilary Cox*

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History Society update

The last meeting of the Brixworth History Society before the summer break was on 16th May. Graham McKechnie, Sports Editor BBC Radio Northampton, gave a presentation on Walter Tull, an English footballer who played for Northampton Town (& Tottenham Hotspur) and Blair Swannell, an English-born international rugby union forward who played club rugby for Northampton. Both killed in action during WW1.

On 17th May, 22 members visited the Phipps Brewery Company in Kingswell Street Northampton. Alaric Neville provided an excellent and informative tour of the brewing process. Members were able to wander through the tunnels and cellars under the building and see the King's Well.

Members enjoyed a mouth-watering lunch and samples of ales, stout and their signature gin.

Our annual coach trip, on 22nd June, took us to Shrewsbury and was organised by Deni Willis. We seem to strike lucky with the weather and this year was no exception. Our members enjoyed visits to the Shropshire Regimental Museum, St Chads Church, shopping centres and a boat trip on the River Severn.

Finally, on 12th July a small group enjoyed a gentle cruise on the Grand Union



canal from Market Harborough to Foxton taking in the picturesque countryside to Foxton Locks (pictured). We moored at the Foxton Locks Inn for a splendid pub lunch before returning in the afternoon. This is a popular event with our members planned by Dennis Coles.

For details of the Society and the remaining programme for 2019 please visit our website www.brixworthhistory.org or see posters around the village.

Everyone is welcome! – *Marian Coleman*

Brixworth & District U3A

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

The Painting and Drawing group is now at the beginning of its third year, and still has a loyal group of eight enthusiasts. The group meet at 2pm on the second Tuesday of the month at Pitsford Pavilion. A variety of subjects are covered each month, which have included mountain landscapes (from a photograph) and still life. Items included are carpenter's tools, glass ware, spring flowers and many more.

The Weekend Group meet once a month, generally towards the end of the month. One visit was a train trip to Birmingham where they visited the Jewellery Quarter and the Museum. They had a guide who demonstrated some of the lethal-looking machinery, all without guards that were used.

The May meeting of the Art Appreciation group continued their study of British artists. One of the members gave an illustrated talk on Derbyshire painter Joseph Wright. Another presentation was on another 18th century artist William Blake, painter, poet and printmaker. The group meet the second Wednesday of the month at 2 pm in the Brixworth Heritage Centre.

Some 26 members of the Local History Group met at Sulgrave Manor for a guided tour by their senior guide, Thea (see photo). After the tour of the house some of the members enjoyed a walk around the gardens and orchard.

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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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 1000 [option 5, then option 1, and ask to speak to us at Brixworth Library].

Supporting Independence Programme

The Supporting Independence Programme provides up to 12 weeks of individual support based on a comprehensive assessment of your needs. A range of support is available, from help accessing local classes, events or exercise opportunities to advice on good nutrition, healthy lifestyle or managing long term conditions. Support can be face to face or over the phone depending on your preference.

Katheryn will be based in the library on a weekly basis. If you feel you have slowed a little, are feeling less confident getting around or need someone to help on a regular basis please call 0300 126 1000 to book an appointment or complete a self-referral form at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/sip.

Brixworth Workbox

Brixworth Workbox has found a new

home at Brixworth Library. They are a small friendly group of crafters who are keen to welcome new members. They meet every Thursday between 1.30 and 3pm. Bring along your current projects, enjoy a cup of tea, learn from others and share your experience. Just drop in.

For the Love of Books

In October an all new adult reading challenge: 'For the Love of Books' is coming to Northamptonshire Libraries. The aim is to read (or listen) to 25 books over the year. Every two weeks there will be a new mini-challenge to add a bit of variety to your reading. Pop into the library to find out more and join in.

Free activities for Under 5s

Our under 5s sessions are returning after their summer break and some of them have new names. All sessions are free and there is no need to book. (Please note that some sessions only run during term-times, more information is available on our Facebook page.)

Rhyme Time (under 5s)

Mondays 2.30pm; restarts Monday 9th September

Toddle Time (under 5s)

Formerly Play and Learn for Under 5s. Tuesdays 2pm-3pm; restarts Tuesday 10th September

Toddle Time (under 1s)

Formerly Play and Learn for Under 1s. Thursdays 10-11am

Includes baby weigh-in clinic with health visitor every fortnight (next on 5th September, please check our Facebook page for further clinic dates).

Rhyme Time (under 5s)

Fridays 10:30am

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 challenges you are having and to meet other parents who are going through the same thing. Book your free place by ringing or texting Trish on 07917 574144.

All sessions run on Wednesdays 1-2.30pm. Upcoming dates and topics include:

- 4th September – Understanding and managing your child's sleep
- 11th September – Behaviour and attachment
- 18th September – Introducing solids to your baby



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- 6th November – Understanding and managing your child's sleep
- 13th November – Behaviour and attachment
- 20th November – Introducing solids to your baby

Trish also offers sessions at Guilsborough Surgery.

Infant Massage

Leveta Lawson holds regular infant massage classes at the library. International Association of Infant Massage courses are suitable for babies from 6 weeks old. A 5-week course costs £60 which includes all your materials and must be booked and paid for in advance. Check Leveta's Facebook page for all upcoming dates and booking information: www.facebook.com/infantmassagebyleveta




For anyone who would like to give infant massage a try before committing to a full course Leveta is offering a free one-off session on Wednesday 4th September, 11am-12noon. Places are limited and must be booked via her Facebook page.

Activities for children aged 4 to 12 years


Saturday Club

Free fun for children aged 4 to 12 years. Every Saturday from 11am-1pm we have a different activity and theme, including: crafts, quizzes, 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.



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Messy Crafts

Every Wednesday afternoon in the school holidays we run our popular Messy Crafts session. We have a different theme each time with lots of different projects to choose from for ages 0-12 years. Our next session will be on Wednesday 30th October at 2-3pm. Booking opens a couple of weeks beforehand in the library or via email.

Volunteer with us

We welcome any young adults volunteering for their Duke of Edinburgh award. For more information about 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.

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.

Quiz and Chips

On Friday 20th September, gather your

teammates (4-6 people per team) for another popular quiz and chip night, starting at 7:30pm. Tickets are £7 per person and include a fish and chip supper. Buy your tickets at the library or via the Friends' Facebook page.

Prosecco Christmas Shopping Event

Get in the festive spirit on Friday 6th December, 3:30-5:30pm with a spot of Christmas shopping right on your doorstep. Free entrance with Prosecco and sweet treats to buy and sample. Stalls are just £15 for those who wish to sell their goods.

Other Services

Other Services available at your local library include:

- Bus passes – new, lost and renewals
- DVD hire
- Checking service for online Blue Badge Applications
- Computer use – free on Fridays (charge for printing)
- Photocopying
- Laminating
- Library shop – lovely new stock for children. Perfect for presents.
- Room hire – please speak to staff or go online for our full list of charges

Contact us at brixlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk

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

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Planning update

DA/2018/1121 39, Broadlands Single storey side and rear extension	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2018/1095 Land At Pitsford Water Treatment Works Lawful Development Certificate for installation of ground-mounted solar PV array, underground cabling, fencing, gates and switchgear housing	DDC Approved
DA/2018/1044 12, Far Brook Construction of detached garage	BPC Comments submitted DDC Refused
PD/2019/0008 16, Pytchley Close Prior approval for single storey rear extension (conservatory/orangery) 6.9m from original dwelling and 4m max height	DDC Prior Approval Not Required
DA/2019/0095 1, Waterlee Furlong First floor extension over existing garage to form bedroom with en-suite facility in roof space	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0073 Cedar, Brixworth Hall Park Works to trees within a conservation area	BPC Insufficient information DDC Approved
DA/2018/1146 1, Parkfield Road Construction of fence (retrospective)	BPC No Objection DDC Refused
DA/2019/0145 Broadlands Work to and felling of trees subject to tree preservation order TPO121	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0108 29, Grass Slade Construction of new front porch	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0065 Sunshine Barn, Holcot Road Change of use of agricultural barn to a single dwelling	Withdrawn
DA/2019/0299 75-81, Broadlands Work to trees subject of Tree Preservation Order TPO 121	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0285 & DA/2019/0284 Rookery Nook 32, Church Street Work to trees subject of Tree Preservation Order DA 273; Work to trees within a conservation area	BPC No Objection DDC Approved

PD/2019/0011 3, Lesson Road Prior approval for demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey extension 4.5m from original dwelling and 3.6m maximum height	DDC Prior approval extended
DA/2019/0238 Holcot Road Garage Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission DA/2017/0700 (Demolition of garage and construction of 4 dwellings) to create a separate access to Plot 1 directly from Holcot Road	BPC Objection Withdrawn
DA/2019/0193 5, Northampton Road Single storey extension to form a lobby and erection of boundary fencing and alterations to elevations	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
PD/2019/0034 Park Farm, Spratton Road Prior approval for single storey flat roof extension 8m from original dwelling and 3.3m overall height	DDC Prior Approval not required
DA/2019/0286 14, Pytchley Way Replacement of flat roof to lean-to; replacement of windows and door.	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0216 36, Knightons Way Single storey rear and side extension	BPC Objection Withdrawn
DA/2019/0190 22, Spratton Road Construction of two storey side extension.	BPC No Objection DDC Approved
DA/2018/0852 The Rookery, 36, Church Street Single storey rear extension, detached garage/carport building and detached pool room	BPC No Objection DDC Approved

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07-Sep	Visit to the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge	Brixworth History Society
07-Sep	Plant Swap and Shop	Harrington
07-Sep	Brixworth PC Surgery	Community Centre
10-Sep	Learn About The Paintings of Anthony van Dyck	Lampport Hall
12-Sep	Bonhams Valuation Days	Kelmarsh Hall
14-Sep	Outdoor Cinema: Bohemian Rhapsody	Kelmarsh Hall
14-Sep	Justin Moorhouse	Royal
15-Sep	Jimmy Carr	Derngate
17-18/9	In the Night Garden	Derngate
18-Sep	An Evening With Harry Redknapp	Derngate
19-Sep	History Society: To the Manor Born	Brixworth Village Hall
20-Sep	Aled Jones and Russell Watson	Derngate
20-Sep	Antiques Specialist - Marc Allum	Lampport Church
21-Sep	Frisky and Mannish: PopLab	Royal
21-Sep	Nathan Carter and Band	Derngate
22-Sep	RPO Tchaikovsky	Derngate
23-Sep	Average White Band	Derngate
23-Sep	Brixworth PC Planning	C'ty Centre
25-Sep	Milos: The Voice of the Guitar	Derngate
26-Sep	Parish Council Meeting	C'ty Centre
28-Sep	Henning Wehn	Derngate
29-Sep	Frank Skinner	Derngate
03-Oct	Rob Beckett	Derngate
04-Oct	Quiz Night	Draughton
04-Oct	The Football Ramble Live	Derngate
05-Oct	Needle Felting Masterclass	Lampport Hall
05-Oct	Russell Kane	Derngate
05-Oct	Harvest Supper	Brixw'th Centre
05-Oct	Brixworth PC Surgery	C'ty Centre
06-Oct	Needle Felting Masterclass	Lampport Hall
06-Oct	All Day Rover	N'pton & Lampport Railway
06-Oct	Rip it Up - The 70s	Derngate
12-13/10	Gift and Craft Fair	Lampport Hall

12-Oct	Open Day	Wellingborough School
13-Oct	All Day Rover	N'pton & Lampport Railway
13-Oct	Malcolm Arnold Gala	Derngate
14-Oct	Brixworth PC Planning	C'ty Centre
16-19/10	Billionaire Boy	Derngate
16-Oct	Nature Tots	Country Park
17-Oct	History Society: 15th Century Brixworth	Brixworth Village Hall
19-Oct	Plants for Free Masterclass	Lampport Hall
19-Oct	Gala Weekend	N'pton & Lampport Railway
20-Oct	James Acoster	Derngate
21-Oct	Oil Painting with Sara Penrose	Lampport Hall
21-Oct	Lloyd Cole	Derngate
22-Oct	A Night At The Musicals	Derngate
23-Oct	Lulu - On Fire	Derngate
24-Oct	Joan Widdicombe	Derngate
25-Oct	Ben Elton	Derngate
26-Oct	Halloween Specials	N'pton & Lampport Railway
26-Oct	Justin Live!	Derngate
26-Oct	Lecture: From Mercia to England	Brixworth Church
27-Oct	Photography with Laura Galbraith	Lampport Hall
27-Oct	Halloween Specials	N'pton & Lampport Railway
31-Oct	Parish Council Meeting	C'ty Centre
1-30/11	The Season	Royal
02-Nov	History of Garden Design	Lampport Hall
03-Nov	Bernie Keith	Royal
03-Nov	Royal Philharmonic Orchestra	Derngate
04-Nov	Rhod Gilbert	Derngate
04-Nov	Brixworth PC Planning	C'ty Centre
05-Nov	Squeeze	Derngate
5-6/11	The Gruffalo	Derngate
07-Nov	Count Arthur Strong	Royal
08-Nov	Touring Theatre	Draughton
08-Nov	The Opera Boys	Royal
08-Nov	Kevin Bloody Wilson	Derngate
08-Nov	Al Murray	Derngate
08-Nov	Lampport Christmas Fair	Lampport Swan

09-Nov	Leather Purse Workshop	Lampport Hall
09-Nov	John Robins	Royal
10-Nov	Northampton Opera Grp	Royal
11-Nov	Gordon Buchanan	Royal
12-Nov	Swann and Blofeld	Royal
13-Nov	Clinton Baptiste	Royal
14-Nov	History Society: Bletchley Park	Brixworth Village Hall
14-Nov	Bonhams Valuation Days	Kelmarsh Hall
15-Nov	Stephen K.Amos	Royal
15-Nov	Ruby Wax	Derngate
16-Nov	Charity Black Tie Ball	The Ritz, Desbrough
16-Nov	Glass Christmas Decorations	Lampport Hall
16-Nov	Sofie Hogen	Royal
16-Nov	Northants Sings Out	Derngate
16-Nov	Lecture: Eleanor of Castile	Brixworth Church
17-Nov	The Scrummy Mummies	Royal
17-Nov	Dave Gorman	Derngate
18-Nov	Lenny Henry	Derngate
20-Nov	Nature Tots	Country Park
20-Nov	Ardal O Hanlon	Derngate
21-Nov	Jonathan Pie	Derngate
23-Nov	Gaudi Mosaic with Andrew Wynne	Lampport Hall
23-Nov	Strictly Northampton	Derngate
24-Nov	Santa Specials 2019	N'pton & Lampport Railway
24-Nov	Alexander Armstrong	Derngate
25-Nov	Adam Ant	Derngate
26-Nov	What's Love Got To Do With It?	Derngate
27-Nov	Sixties Gold	Derngate
28 Nov - 5 Jan	The Further Adventures of the Owl and the Pussycat	Underground
29-Nov	Parish Council Meeting	C'ty Centre
30-Nov	Christmas Wreath Making	Lampport Hall
30-Nov - 1 Dec	Santa Specials 2019	N'pton & Lampport Railway
30-Nov	That'll Be The Day	Derngate
6-29/12	Cinderella	Derngate
7-8 Dec	Santa Specials 2019	N'pton & Lampport Railway
07-Dec	Christmas Market	Brixworth Church

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No matter how interested one might be in politics, there is no doubt, we as a nation find ourselves in unique times. Some might say 'troubling times', others might not be so pessimistic. The issue of Brexit and our national future in light of it, has been all consuming hasn't it? Perhaps it has led some to feel disillusioned with politicians, perhaps it has led others to feel anxious about their financial future.

As a result, I do think the whole thing has presented the Church with an important message to communicate given the opportunity.

And that is this: that God without doubt and without question provides for our every need. He doesn't always give us what we want nor what we always ask for. However, He knows us even better than we know ourselves and as we walk with him and trust in him, through any political instability or any personal uncertainty, he will never let us down. God is no man's debtor and I for one can say that he has never let me down.

You see, in Jesus, God has come close to us and knows all about the pressures of provision. Just before Jesus died on the cross, there, in that moment of anguish Jesus instructed John to care and provide for his mother Mary. Yes, Jesus understands about financial pressure but he taught his followers not to worry and pointed to God's provision for the flowers in the field and the birds in the air.

'Look at the birds of the air (He said); they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?'

See you about.

Many blessings *Andy*



Contact Andy Lloyd-Williams on 07958 604961

FAMILY FUN DAY

Brixworth Community Church held its first Family Fun Day since 2013. This time we planned to hold this event on the school field. Bouncy Castles, Sumo Suits, Nerf Shooting range, Basketball Dunk, Face Painting and Hair Braiding, Fire Engine, Mario's Ice Creams, American BBQ, free Mississippi Mud Pie and much more. What better way to enjoy a Saturday afternoon with your family? God blessed us again with a beautiful sunny afternoon and an approximate 300 visitors. I was speaking to one man who told me "I received a leaflet through the door and text and facebooked his friends to encourage them along to this great free event"!

Big thanks to all the visitors that came, but also to all those volunteers and the team from America who helped make it happen. Again big thanks to the school and to the PTA.

From all your friends at Brixworth Community Church



FUN & GAMES



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Come along and join us for Christianity Explored, an informal and relaxed course starting this autumn

For further details contact Andy Lloyd-Williams on 07958 604961

SUMMER 2019 HOLIDAY CLUB

Holiday club was later this year due to the schools breaking up late and so numbers weren't as many as in the past as some families were already on holiday, that being said...What a great week!

We picked up our American friends on Tuesday and there was torrential rain. From Wednesday through to the Celebration on Sunday, not a sign of rain! The theme was trusting in the Lord with all your heart, and here we were. Trusting in the Lord as He held back the rain until Sunday afternoon when all was done! What a great God we serve.

This year's activities were human hungry hippos, mop hockey, gladiators, obstacle courses, balloon banging game and the wonderful arts and crafts session! The laughter rang out throughout the morning as children and volunteers had a great time getting involved with all that was going on. One of the new volunteers said "I had no idea that it would be so much fun", another new volunteer said "I wish I had been involved years ago, I feel as if I have missed out"!

There were many highlights this year like when our Pastor (Andy) got drenched in the balloon banging game as multiple balloons were banged over his head, what a great sport! But for me, my favourite was when the green team got up and repeated the memory verse in American, it was priceless!



At the celebration event one parent told me that their children had so much fun they just didn't want it to end! Another mum said "thanks for this great service that the church provides my kids really enjoyed it". The winning team this year was the green team with over fourteen million points!

Big thanks to all the volunteers that helped make it happen, to Fairveiw Baptist Church Mississippi, Northamptonshire Community Foundation, NAYC, Bible Cartoons and not forgetting the school and all the families who signed their children up to this great event.

Your friends at Brixworth Community Church



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

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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

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“What is your name?”



Knowing someone's name is the first step to getting to know them as a person. Names are so important. It always feels good when someone remembers our name.

In one of the gospel stories, Jesus goes out of his way to ask the name of a young man who has been shunned by his townspeople. He is treated like a criminal because he is mentally ill. Jesus makes an effort to speak to him, heals him and gives him a purpose in life. He is

to go and tell his friends and family all about what God has done for him.

This is what Jesus did repeatedly in the gospels---crossed barriers of race, gender, and also religion. He spoke to women, to the outcast and the marginalised.

He made those who were lost to society feel human again. In the words of St. Paul—he taught that “all are one in Christ Jesus.”

Here at Brixworth church we are a community who are welcoming to all and include everybody. In fact we *celebrate difference*.....we are eager to get to know those from different walks of life who we haven't met before. If you would like to join us, and get to know more about the love that Jesus showed others, we'd love to see you. Have a look at our website for details of all our activities and services.

We look forward to and getting to know you, and learning your name. *Rev. Chloe*



SERVICES

- 1st Sunday at 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 9.30 am Communion
10.00am “Coffee Pot”
- Thursday 2.30pm Celtic Healing Service**

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

ALL-AGE COMMUNION

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY AT
10.30AM

SINGING SAINTS YOUTH CHOIR:

WEDNESDAYS AT 5-6PM

JELLYBEANS TODDLER GROUP:

WEDNESDAYS AT 1.30-3PM

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details

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HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 5th October at 7pm
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3 Course Meal, with entertainment

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Wednesday evenings during October
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CHRISTMAS MARKET

And start of Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 7th December 2-4pm
(NB Change of Date)

Stalls, Games, raffle, refreshments,
And of course, **FATHER CHRISTMAS!**

CELTIC HEALING SERVICE

Music, mindfulness, meditation,
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2nd Thursday of the Month at 2.30pm

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



Chairman's Chat

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

Online Information

The new Daventry District Council website and how it could work for you.

Mobile App

Stop arguments about the bins with this new app.

Safety information

Keeping your property safe in summer and beyond.

Your Councillors

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



Village flowers surviving the heat wave.

Chairman's Chat

The new West Northamptonshire Unitary has been given the go ahead by Central Government and elections are to be held next May (date to be decided), to elect Councillors, initially in a Shadow Council until final changeover in May 2021. Further information on the changes and how they will affect services will be released in due course.

In the last edition we stated we were hopeful of advising plans for the spending of Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy monies received by the Council, unfortunately this is proving more protracted than originally envisaged but work is ongoing.

During June the Council purchased a new mower to replace the previous aging one which will hopefully improve the cutting of verges around the village.

As residents are no doubt aware the Co-op have appealed Daventry's refusal for planning permission to construct a new store on the site of the Red Lion Public House, the appeal hearing is to be heard in Daventry on 11 September. In addition to this there are currently applications with Daventry for the construction of a new care home off Northampton Road and new industrial units off Mercedes Avenue.

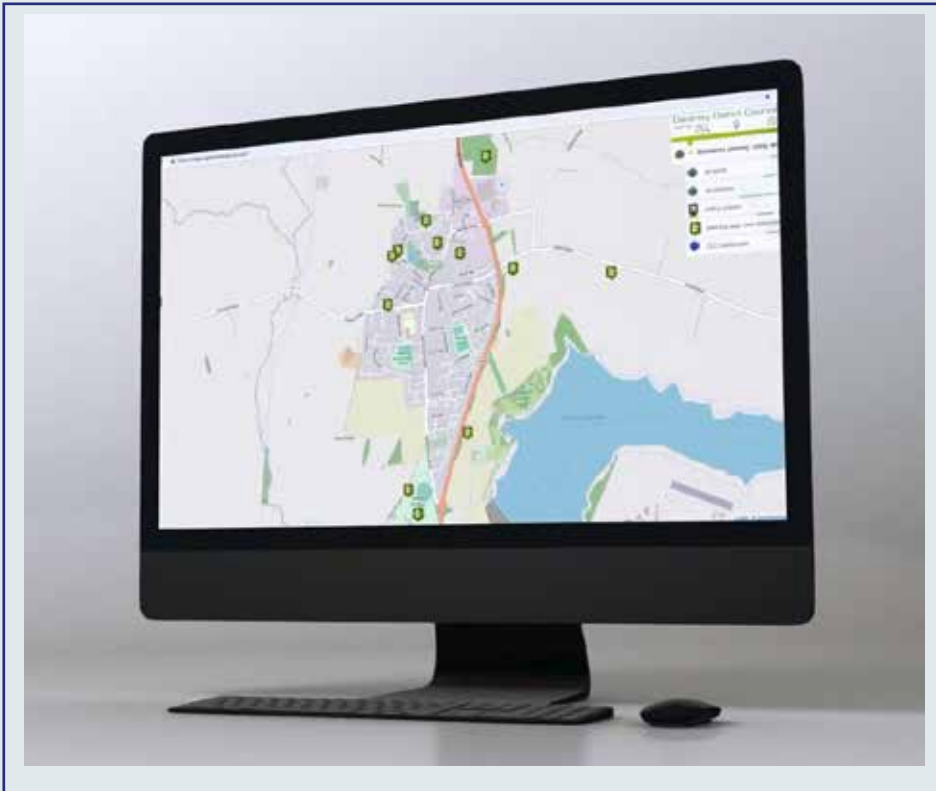
We have, during this month, updated our website to www.brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk to comply with changes in information sharing. Anyone using the old web site will be redirected to the new site via a link, other changes will be made over the coming months and these will be detailed in the next issue.

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 the guidelines before consideration. Applications can be downloaded from the council's website www.brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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



Switch on to District Council's online service



More and more people are switching on to the range of online services offered by Daventry District Council (DDC).

From reporting dog fouling to checking the status of a planning application, making a noise complaint to finding your local Polling Station – a wide range of services are just a few clicks away.

Residents can visit www.daventrydc.gov.uk/online to find a comprehensive range of online services, including facilities to report issues, requests services and items, pay Council Tax, apply for licenses, register to vote and search for planning applications.

Residents can also access DDC's interactive mapping tool from this page, allowing them to view things like ward and parish boundaries, the location of their nearest polling station, local conservation and tree preservation areas and even undetermined planning applications in their area.

For waste and recycling related matters, residents can find a range of online services at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/r/cycling

From this page people can download their collections calendar, double-check which bins to put out, find out what can be recycled, check the location of their nearest household recycling centre, sign-up to the garden waste service, report a missed bin, and order new bins if required.

A lot of work has gone into making DDC's website fully optimised for mobile devices in recent years, so whether you are viewing it on a desktop, tablet or a mobile phone, you should find what you are looking for.



Mobile app is “wheelie” useful

Every week on Thursday evening in our house there is a battle to avoid being the one to “put the bins out”.

This was made potentially even more complicated recently through the introduction of the three-weekly bin collections, the bi-weekly recycling collections and the every-so-often brown bin collections if Mum has remembered to pay the council.

However, this weekly race to avoid has been helped through the introduction of a mobile app in June last year to help people cope with the changes brought by the introduction of the new waste and recycling collection service.

The app allows people to set up notifications to remind them which bins to put out and features handy guides showing what can be put in each bin.

It can also be used to access the latest news from Daventry District Council as well as information about local facilities, services, shops, bars and restaurants.

The app is available for both Apple and Android devices and can be found on Google Play and the Apple App Store by searching for ‘Daventry District’.

While I can’t promise that your family will be tripping over themselves to help with the recycling, it does make the job considerably easier.

Find out more by visiting
www.daventrydc.gov.uk/recycling

People are being reminded to lock their doors and close windows to help prevent burglars getting into their homes



Statistics show more than a quarter of summer burglaries reported to Northamptonshire Police happen when people leave keys in locks or within reach of open windows, leave doors unlocked, or leave windows ajar when they go out.

With high temperatures forecast again, householders are being urged to avoid all of the above as well as review their security, to help protect their homes and belongings.

Inspector Scott Little, of the Kettering and Corby Neighbourhood Team at Northamptonshire Police, said: “We’re seeing an increasing number of burglaries where offenders have simply been able to let themselves into a property through unlocked doors and open windows.

“These kinds of offences are preventable but no less distressing for victims, who have to deal with the loss of their possessions and also the emotional impact of a burglary.

“Don’t let a burglar in to help themselves – always lock up to keep your home and valuables safe.”

Keep your home secure with these tips

1. Keep external doors locked, even when you're at home or out in the garden. If you rent a room, keep communal entry doors secure, lock your room and report security issues to your landlord.
2. If you open a window, always close and lock it when you leave the room or go out.
3. Keep all keys out of sight and reach of letterboxes, pet flaps and downstairs doors and windows.
4. Make sure your garden boundary and gates are secure. Lock away all tools and ladders so they can't be used to break into your home.
5. If you're going away on holiday, make your home look lived in while you're away. Ask a trusted friend or neighbour to open and close curtains and remove post, and use a timer to switch on an energy-saving light in the evenings.
6. Mark your property with your postcode and house number so it can be identified as yours and returned if stolen and recovered. Register items with serial numbers free at www.immobilise.com

For more crime prevention advice visit www.northants.police.uk/crime-prevention

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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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U12 Girls win at Parklands, unveil new sponsors

Brixworth Under 12s Girls would like to say a massive thanks to its sponsors, Kip McGrath and Midland Machinery.

Kip McGrath (www.kipmcgrath.co.uk), a specialist in after-school Maths and English tutoring, sponsor the girls new home kit. This is great news for the girls who have had some recent success in the tournaments that they have played in. They won at the Parklands Tournament in the pouring rain and remained unbeaten all the way through, scoring the winning goal in the final with a well balance headed goal from a corner. The girls had a terrific time. Even though it was sadly followed by a semi-



final penalty shootout defeat to Corby, they had a great day as they prepare for 9v9 football next season after two season playing 7 aside. The squad is made up of 14 girls in years 6 and 7 alongside five other girls who

train with them. This age group is always looking for new players to join. If you are interested, please get in touch via the Brixworth Juniors website.



machine moving company based in the Birmingham area, already sponsor a boys team in the village. They have also kindly donated to the girls team to purchase new track tops for them. Midland Machinery is keen to help the girls progress and develop and is looking forward to seeing the girls play in the new season.

It was also really nice to see the u11s Girls team attend a Moulton Tournament recently to introduce players to competitive football. They only lost one game in six and ended up winning this tournament on goal difference, much to their surprise and delight.

Juniors football season kicks off

Brixworth Juniors Football Club would like to say thank you to all its players and especially the parents for signing up again for the new season which starts in September. The club has over 300 players in 21 teams with age ranges from Minis through to the u18s. This includes the minis and the girls football teams and as a Charter Standard Club we can now apply to become a Charter Standard Community club.

The new season kicks off on the weekend September 7th and 8th. We want our parents to enjoy the great game of football and applaud good football by both teams. Please remember you are watching children play football and as such we want the environment to be a positive one. Always praise the good things that happen on a pitch and ignore the negative things that coaches will concentrate on in training. Positive praise and positive reinforcement are always at the forefront of our coaching ethos. Do remember we are volunteers doing the best we can; if you wish to bring anything to our attention, contact us via our web page. We offer training courses to improve our coaches, who after all give up their time free of charge to do this.

As a club we have teams at the u18s, u16s and u13s age groups in the A Leagues of their relevant ages. We promote football through the thirds where we can. At the younger ages (u11s and below) it's about playing with enjoyment, freedom of expression, keeping the ball and being brave. If goals are conceded because we are playing out from the back, we learn from that.

The goal is to develop brave technical footballers. At the ages 12 and above we still want that freedom and enjoyment but we must train and coach your children using the four corner FA model looking at their technical, physical, social and psychological profiles.
— Simon Compton

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Brixworth Juniors partner with All Saints Adults

Rob Kelly and Simon Compton from the juniors football committee have agreed to help Nigel Eldred from the adults to join this great football club with its proud 100-year history. We are keen to help the adults and assist with administrative duties.

Rob and Simon will take up roles of secretary and vice chairman. Thank you to Tony Proctor for stepping forward as the new treasurer. We are keen to see the juniors in the u16-18s age groups forge closer relationships with the adults and help keep these younger players at such a great club.

We are keen to find sponsors to help with funding, which at this level is notoriously difficult. With great delight that we announce the All Saints 1st sponsor for the new season kit is the local telecoms



company Guru Technology (<http://weareguru.co.uk/>). Guru specialise in B2B and consumer mobile, landline and broadband contracts, offering flexible telecoms contracts to its members. Arran Kirton and his team at Guru have extended a limited offer to all members, friends and family of the Brixworth football community of an additional 25% off any contracts with Guru if you quote the code FOOTY25.

Simon would also like to say thank you as well to Central Sports. All the committees have now taken a greater interest in each other. Over the years, Central Sports has assisted sports in Brixworth where they can, including supplying the Juniors coaches with new polo shirts. We are now pleased to announce that they will also sponsor a new adult kit for the new season. – *Simon Compton*

Bowls Club

The Bowls Club meets every Friday at the Brixworth Center at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. If you fancy trying short mat bowls, come along and have a go. All equipment is provided.

It's good fun and you will be made to feel very welcome. For more information, contact the club chairperson on 07762 211721, visit us on brixworthbowls.com or like us on Facebook.



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A great summer at Brixworth Tennis Club

It has been a very busy year so far for Brixworth Tennis Club. Membership has increased year-on-year, the league tennis squads are expanding, we have had more Wimbledon tickets than ever and we have set up club ladders (more on that later). This makes the tennis club a vibrant community that the village should be proud of.

Strawberries and Centre Court

Mention 'tennis' to anyone and what normally springs to mind is Wimbledon. The mention 'Wimbledon' and what normally springs to mind is 'it's impossible to get tickets'. Well not if you're a member of Brixworth Tennis Club! Through sheer determination the club managed to secure 38 tickets, including a pair for the men's finals on the world-famous Centre Court – to be part of Wimbledon history and witness the five-hour battle between Federer and Djokovic will be seared into those lucky members' memories forever.

Top of the League

Back at home, the club is doing very well in its own regional tournaments. This is the second year that Brixworth Tennis Club has participated in the Northamptonshire League and we have gone from entering one team to three.



Last year, in its first foray into competitive tennis, the mixed squad won a promotion – a huge and impressive achievement. This year, we put together a women's, men's and a mixed team and, at the time of printing, the women's and men's teams were top of their respective divisions and the mixed team was holding its own in its promoted division.



However, not everyone wants to go out and play competitive tennis against other clubs. If you're more interested in progressing your own game, Brixworth Tennis Club's new tennis ladder may be for you. Through it, our members meet and play matches against each other with the purpose of reaching the highest level they can. The initial singles ladder has proved so popular that the club has had to create two doubles ladders involving both the adult and junior members – great fun and a great way to improve your tennis whilst meeting new people!

You're never too young



Did you know that Novak Djokovic was just four years old when he first picked up a tennis racket? With this in mind Brixworth Tennis Club now offers pre-schoolers an entry into tennis. Tots Tennis caters for children from three to five years old and guarantees fun tennis games, exercise and activities focused on building up the physical ABCs (agility, balance and co-ordination) and basic technique whilst also improving self-confidence and social skills and with an added bonus of free junior membership too. Whether your child is the next Djokovic or simply a child who wants to play a sport which is fun and sociable, Tots Tennis is fun no matter the level.

You're never too old

Coaching isn't just available for Juniors, it is also available for Adults. Coaching is vital if anyone wants to progress their game or indeed ensure that their game does not decline – if the likes of Federer still receives coaching then why would anyone consider themselves no longer in need of coaching? Brixworth Tennis Club has lessons for the beginner up to advanced group coaching, as well as individual coaching, specific workshops to hone your slice or your smash and squad coaching – if any of our members needs or wants coaching, then it is here.

Embracing our community

Brixworth Tennis Club understands and embraces its community. This year the club put together a school's programme, which amongst others involved Brixworth Primary School. Every week coaches would deliver tennis lessons to all the children; this culminated into an end of year tournament for year 3, 4 5 and 6 children with each of the lucky winners winning a free Junior



membership to the club. For more info visit www.brixworthtennisclub.org.uk.

We're also on Facebook and Twitter.

– Sandra Moxon



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