

Hundreds join the Brixworth Country parkrun

I wrote in the last *Bulletin* that parkrun was coming to Brixworth Country Park. At that time, we hadn't run the test event and although we had a launch date, it was tentative and we couldn't tell anyone anyway. But the test went to plan and on Saturday 30 November, as the *Bulletin* was being delivered, we held our first event. 129 runners, joggers and walkers joined 29 volunteers on a frosty winter's morning for the inaugural Brixworth Country parkrun.

Since then, the event has gone better than any of us were expecting. As I write, we have completed eight events and numbers have grown rapidly to around 300. What is more pleasing is that although as expected we have seen a lot of parkrun tourists visiting from other events, over 200 people have started their parkrun journey by doing their first event with us. We now have 325 people calling Brixworth their home event, of which 201 have registered since the New Year. Whether you are one of those, or a long-standing parkrunner, you are very welcome.



see less frequently, but all are essential. It feels as if we are building a community and it has great to see people making new friends. We will always welcome more volunteers; if you would like to help, please get in touch or speak to anyone in hi-viz on a Saturday morning.

So what's next? The event will continue every Saturday and as the days get longer and warmer, we expect numbers to continue to grow. We will put on themed events; by the time you read this we will have had the Alpine 'Bells and Whistles' parkrun which we expect to have filled the country park with if not the Sound of Music,

We are also building our pool of volunteers, with 77 people having spent at least one Saturday morning in hi-viz, helping to make parkrun happen. Some turn out almost every week and some we



a lot of noise! The next is on 8 March when we will be celebrating International Women's Day and female participation in sport; it's open to all but if you can, please wear purple! We are building our links with local groups too; we encourage any to take over an event with Parklands Jog and Run being the first on 22 March. If you are part of an organisation or company that can muster around 15 people and would like some publicity, please talk to us.

None of this could have happened without the help we have received from many people. The Country Park and Anglian Water have supported us enthusiastically with rangers Debbie, Dave and their teams going out of their way to look after the course and facilities (a job which feels like painting the Forth Bridge). The equipment given by our original donors is getting heavily used and as we have found that we need other items, people have contributed (thank you Lawrence Tremayne and Clive Mason). And an inexperienced core team has learned fast; if you have seen their increasingly strongly worded Facebook posts or receive their emails, you'll understand the pressure to fill the volunteer roster each week!

But most importantly, it is your event. We set it up for you, to spend time outdoors, exercise and be part of a community. Whoever you are, and however you want to use parkrun, you are always very welcome. We are at the country park every Saturday at 9am – come and see us. For more details, visit www.parkrun.org.uk/brixworthcountry – Nick Wilson

Deserving Causes

It's that time again when we ask you to tell us which good causes in the local area you'd like us to support. We've had three excellent deserving causes put forward – buying new play equipment in Holcot Playing field, helping with a reading corner at Muddy Boots preschool, and subsidising the Brixworth Community Church's soccer and netball school in the Easter holidays.

We have £3000 to divide between these projects, so make sure you cast your vote by 31 March. Turn to page 8 for further information on the nominated causes and how to vote.

– Claudia Flavell-White

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Climate Emergency - doing our bit

Since being elected as a councillor I have been working on a cross party working group at Daventry District Council looking at the Climate Emergency. This work has culminated in a series of recommendations that are in the process of being presented to Council (including the need to declare a Climate Emergency) and which should, if fully endorsed, live on into the life of the new Unitary Council from May this year.

One of our recommendations is to encourage the protection of, and the creation of more wildflower areas in our villages and on road verges. Why? Because wildflowers and wildflower-rich habitats support insects and other wildlife as well as helping the environment. Creating these will require careful planning and preparation.

In the UK, we need a wide range of wildflowers to provide pollinators (bees and other insects that pollinate plants) with local food sources across the seasons – including times when crops aren't producing flowers.



Currently, the insects pollinate for free! But if the UK doesn't have a large enough insect population we may need to develop artificial pollination methods, which takes a lot of time and is expensive.

With this in mind, I would like to hear residents views on how we could greatly improve and encourage the planting and nurturing of more wild flowers, both in

both our own gardens, and also in open verges in village areas. Please get in touch with your views, opinions and ideas at jonathanharrislibdem@iCloud.com

My next Listening Post will be held at The Stag in Maidwell on Saturday 4th April 10am to 12 lunchtime. – Jonathan Harris

History Society

The History Society started the new year with the AGM on 16th January. After the meeting Ruth Thomas presented Northampton Christmas Past – a talk that stirred up recollections of our own past Christmas traditions and celebrations.

- 20th February Bob Farey – Alfred Cockerill Northampton's Forgotten Philanthropist
- 19th March Barry Watson – The Life of the Wife & Family of a Working Canal Boatman
- 23rd April Derek Blunt – To the Manor Born
- 21st May Bob Horner – Bletchley Park Britain's Espionage Factory
- 17th September Ruth Thomas – Great Fire of Northampton
- 22nd October Helen Frost – Faith at the Front during WW1
- 19th November Martin Izzard – Harlestone Park
- 10th December Christmas Social Evening
- Saturday 20th June – Birmingham; details to be announced later
- Thursday 16th July – Braunston Canal trip; details to be announced later

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Letters to the editor: Re-establishing the railway link

In the December edition of the Bulletin you discussed the possibility of re-establishing the Northampton to Market Harborough railway. You said that the reopening of the railway was broadly welcomed, but according to the consultation carried out, the number of people opposed to or concerned by this proposal was twice that of those supporting it. According to the Joint Planning Unit (JPU), many people supporting it were under the impression that this line would support local journeys, but in fact the purpose is for a high speed route connecting Northampton with the East Midlands with no local stops, except maybe at the new town that is also being considered, bringing very little benefit if any to those affected by it.

I asked the JPU for information on tangible national benefits, how the line would support the Oxford-Cambridge Arc or indeed what benefits it might bring to Northamptonshire. They were unable to do so, neither were they able to provide me with any evidence that the line would be "efficient or economic" as stated in the Strategic Plan. This leads me to conclude that the proposal is nothing more than a vehicle to support development to the north of Northampton and that vague benefits will be concocted at a later date to support the business case.

The reintroduction of the railway would mean the loss of the much used and much loved linear park we know as the Brampton Valley Way. This is a superb public amenity which provides a safe outdoor space for runners, walkers, cyclists horse riders, families and somewhere where kids can get messy and simply have fun. In addition it is a very important wildlife corridor and is officially recognised as such. Northamptonshire County Council should be commended for having the foresight to buy this old line and for turning it into a treasured public amenity.

The first consultation was very poorly advertised, leaving many - even some Parish Councils - unaware. There will be further consultations, although the one planned for this spring will probably be delayed. So I would urge all concerned readers to email westnorthantsjpu@northampton.gov.uk and ask to be kept up-to-date with all information regarding the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan, including further consultations. It is your environment so have your say.

Yours faithfully, Colin Rabjohn, Maidwell

Volunteering in Uganda

In August Scarlett and I will be traveling to Uganda with ten other young people from all across Northamptonshire. We are all current volunteers in various youth groups, clubs and programmes throughout the county. In our case that's included both Dynamites and TNT in Brixworth. We have also been actively been taking youth work and leadership courses with NAYC, a large Northamptonshire youth work charity. Whilst we are in Uganda, we hope to carry out the same youth work that we do all around the county, which we hope will give us invaluable experience that Scarlett and I can apply to our volunteering back here in Brixworth.



Incredibly, Scarlett and I have already raised nearly half of our total, mostly through donations at our fun day and quiz night back in November and December – both of which had a very large turnout. We are incredibly grateful to all the local businesses who helped make this possible and would like to thank everyone who came along to our events for their amazing generosity.

As our next challenge, Scarlett and I will be abseiling the Express Lift Tower in April, to be followed by more exciting local fundraising events which we're currently working on.

If you would like to find out more about our fundraising or what we will be doing in Uganda, or would like to help us on our journey, then please feel free to have a look at our Justgiving pages by searching for either www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Joey-Gwinn or www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Scarlett-Valentine2. Thank you! – *Joey Gwinn*

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The fundraising appeal got underway well before the new surgery opened its doors in February 2019. Contributions came from clubs, village organisations, businesses, Parish Councils and private donors. The total for the surgery 'wish list' of approximately £14,000 was reached and exceeded. Some donors were specific on what they wanted their donation to provide, others left it to us to decide!

On your behalf we purchased several examination couches, digital ear thermometers, a controlled drugs cabinet, blood testing kits, blood pressure monitors, oxygen monitors, a large pharmacy refrigerator, surgical trolleys, weigh scales, high back chairs, a diagnostic set and a Doppler machine.

The latter especially helps enormously in the area of chronic ulcers and vascular concerns and is of great help to the nursing staff as it saves much valuable time. Practice Manager Claire Deare said: "The new Doppler machine is a Dopplex Ability Automatic Ankle Brachial Index system. This enables our nurses to measure the blood flow in a patient's arms and legs simultaneously, rather than have to measure each limb individually. This assessment is required for patients requiring treatment and/or dressing of ulcers. It means that an assessment, using the new machine, can be completed in 15 minutes, rather than the 50 minutes it was previously taking us." One nurse added: "Can I please personally thank the Patients Group for kindly funding the new Doppler at Brixworth. It has made a massive difference to us here. It has made things much quicker, easier and the patients prefer it."



So thanks to all of the donors, especially those private donors whom we should not name. Thanks to Brixworth Parish Council, BRANE, Brixworth Cricket Club, The Olive Branch, Brixworth Community Church, Brixworth Bulletin, Brixworth Short Mat Bowls Club, Brixworth History Society, Fleurfields, Haddonstone, Mercedes AMG, Northampton Eighty Lions Club, Brixworth Central Sports Club, Spratton Parish Council. Thank you all!

The SSPPG AGM will be held at Guilsborough Surgery on Tuesday 7th April at 6.30pm. New members are always welcome to join us. For more information about the SSPPG see the Practice website www.saxonspires.co.uk or contact the secretary, Barbara Hogg hoggbc66@gmail.com or 01604 880552. – Barbara Hogg

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Later in the Spring we shall also be carrying out the final works to Bridge 11 (the low viaduct we undertook major work to last Summer). This will involve drilling holes into the undersides of the arches and pumping in new mortar to replace that which was washed out by decades of water ingress. Follow our Facebook page or visit <https://www.nlr.org.uk/boughton-extension/> for all the latest news.

If all goes well we hope to have the extension open by the end of the year. However, we still need to raise £18,000 to get our grant funding. We've raised about £4,000 so far. If you can help, donate on www.goldengiving.com/fundraising/boughton-extension

Tesco Bags of Help

Between January and March we're one of the good causes you can vote for in-store in the Northampton area. We're raising money to restore our Booking Office, which is actually the top part of the old Lamport signal box, so a real piece of local history! For more information, visit our website. Please put your blue token into our pot!

Volunteering

We need volunteers for many different roles, from driving a steam train to helping out in the shop or buffet. Visit our website to find out more or call in at the railway on any operating day.

Events

Our events for 2020 are being organised at the moment. The highlights include:

- 8th/9th Feb – Winter Gala (two steam and two diesel locos)
- 16th Feb – Valentines Special (romantic afternoon teas)
- 11th-13th Apr – Easter Specials
- 23rd-25th May – Teddy Bear Specials
- 26th July – Kids for a Quid
- 29th-31st Aug – Summer Gala (details TBA)
- 31st Oct-1st Nov – Halloween Specials
- 29th Nov-20th Dec – Santa Specials

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Northamptonshire Food Poverty Network is calling for people to support their local food bank or food project. The network's members are struggling with ever-increasing demand for their services.

Rachel McGrath of the Network said: "With an alarming increase in demand, local food projects urgently need our help. We've therefore put together a short film to highlight the current need and positively promote the work of local agencies supporting people in crisis in and around Northamptonshire. Hopefully people watching it online will feel compelled to help in some way. All contact details for local food aid projects are available on our website."

The Network is asking local citizens to donate or volunteer to support the activities of local groups supporting people in crisis and in poverty. The video highlights four key food aid projects and the realities of what people are facing. This includes the Hope Food Club and Shop Zero, based in Northampton, Northampton Food Bank and Kettering Community Unit. The projects show the increasing need for their services as mainly due to low and insecure wages impacted by zero hour contracts and an inadequate welfare safety net including ongoing problems with Universal Credit.

According to the Social Metrics Commission around 8.4 million working-age adults, 4.5 million children and 1.4 million pension-age adults are living in poverty in the UK.

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Not long to the 2020 Brixworth



It won't be long now before the 6th Brixworth Music Festival gets under way in May. Each year we try to include new ideas, and this year is no exception. With eleven concerts this will be the largest festival yet, and the extremely reasonable Brixworth Festival Pass (£28) will get you into ten of these concerts. All of them will take place in the beautiful All Saints' Church in Brixworth.

The 2020 festival starts on 8th May as part of the VE Day celebration with a concert devoted to the theme of Peace, something which we surely all long for in these present times. Under the baton of Graham Tear, the Brixworth Festival choir and Northampton Concert Band will perform old favourites that relate to the end of the Second World War, but it will be a concert of a more reflective nature, a celebration of peace and freedom in Europe. It is a special bank holiday, so perhaps people would like to come to the concert after having had their street parties earlier in the day.

It is the turn of our very popular Brixworth Festival Orchestra on the 9th May. To celebrate Beethoven's 250th birthday, Peter Dunkley

will be conducting Beethoven's Prometheus and Coriolan Overtures, as well as his 8th Symphony. He will be joined by French horn player Meghan McCrimmon Foster, who will be performing Mozart's 3rd Horn Concerto.

On the 10th May there will be two concerts to enjoy: At midday, after the morning service, the celebrated local organist Ian Clarke will be giving an organ recital on the newly-refurbished organ. This concert will include the prize-winning work of the Brixworth Music Festival's Women Composers Competition. In the evening we will be treated to a concert by the Fiori Musicali Choir, which has become a regular feature of the festival. Both concerts will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of the Italian composer, Isabella Leonarda, one of the women composers discovered by the Society for Women in Music, Frankfurt, of which festival co-director, Vivienne Olive, is a committee member.

Gwion Thomas, the other co-director of the festival, will be singing a new work by Vivienne Olive on 13th May. He will be joined by the Tedesca String Quartet, which has also become a much-loved regular feature of the festival. Also on the programme are works by Haydn and Dvorak.

The 14th May will be devoted to many local performers. Kay Soteriou and David Saint will treat us to a selection of numbers from various musicals, and songs from Stuart Cooper's new musical "Wonderland" will also be performed. The line-up will be completed by the local young singers Alexandra Smith and Sam Pickles and the poet Roger Brandon-Jones. This concert has been sponsored by the Brixworth Parish Council.

There will be a change of pace on 15th May, as we are joined by the award-winning contemporary music theatre acappella ensemble Electric Voice Theatre. "Echoes – Minerva Scientifica" is a unique and thrilling programme devoted to women composers and scientists, which also features many aspects of the Northamptonshire countryside.

On 16th May there will again be two concerts. In the afternoon

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Music Festival

at 3pm the brand new festival grand piano will be played by the pianist duo, Oksana King and Andrew King. Not often does one get the chance to hear a professional piano duo, and these two pianists will be playing works by Beethoven, Rimsky-Korsakov and Vivienne Olive. This grand piano was a gift from a private sponsor, together with added support from the Brixworth Parish Council. Apparently, the concert will involve some audience participation – but this must remain a secret until the concert...

In the evening we will then hear the award-winning Towcester Studio Band with a programme of brass music conducted by Peter Wain. Brass music always goes down well at the Brixworth Music Festival and this programme promises to be very entertaining.

Another two more reflective concerts will bring the festival to an end on 17th May. After the morning service you will hear a midday concert with our regular guests, the Brixworth U3A Songsters, together with the All Saints CEVA Primary School Choir (Northampton) conducted by James Bonsor. Children of Brixworth will also be performing the prize-winning entries for the Brixworth Music Festival Poetry Competition*, which will have as its theme Peace, echoing this season's opening concert. The closing concert in the evening will be given by the award-winning Kettering-based Belcanto Female Voice Choir, with a mixed programme of works in various styles. The instrumental interludes will be supplied by Graham Tear (flute) and Sarah Small (viola da gamba) – both musicians hailing from Brixworth.

While tastes vary in music, the Festival Pass will give you the possibility of coming to a concert that may well not normally be on your preferred list. And this is one of the festival's aims: to give everyone an opportunity to not only enjoy their favourite music, but also to come along and perhaps discover something new. – Vivienne Olive, Joint Artistic Director of the Brixworth Music Festival;
www.brixworthmusicfestival.co.uk

Children's poetry competition

Children living in Brixworth are invited to take part in a competition for poetry. The theme of the competition will be "Peace". Entries will be accepted in three age categories: 5-7, 8-10, and 11-13.

Please send your entries by 30th April to Kay Soteriou at kasoteriou@gmail.com, marked "Brixworth Music Festival Poetry Competition" together with the age category. Do not identify the author, instead chose a four-digit code.

In a separate email please send your four-digit code to volivecomp@aol.com. This email must contain the following information: Name and address, name and address of parents or guardians, plus your contact email-address.

The winning entries will be recited at the midday concert on 17th May and also be printed in the autumn edition of the *Brixworth Bulletin*.

Purdah

The December issue of the *Brixworth Bulletin*, published on 30 November 2019, contained the regular update from Chris Heaton-Harris as the Westminster report from 'our MP'. It has been noted that Parliament was dissolved on 6 November ahead of the general election on 12 December. As a result, parliament was in purdah and Brixworth did not have an MP at the time the *Brixworth Bulletin* was published. This means that in the interest of impartiality and fairness ahead of a general election, the update from Chris Heaton-Harris should not have been included.

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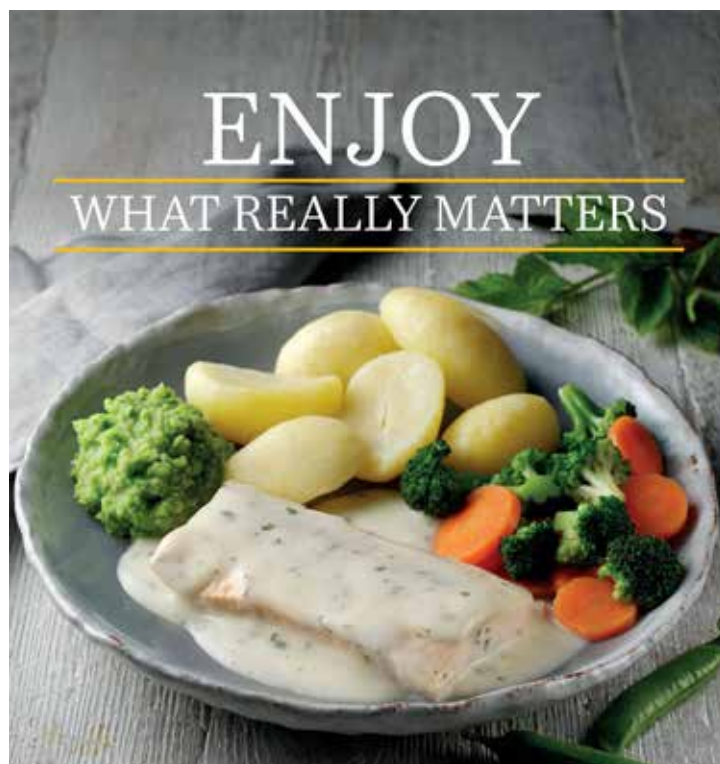


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This year, we've had three proposals from local organisations who'd like your support with our fund, the total value of which stands at £3,000. How that money is allocated is up to the readers of the *Bulletin*; the fund will be divided according to the votes received.

Vote online www.brixworthbulletin.co.uk or post the voting slip in the *Bulletin*'s letter box in the foyer of the Library and Community Centre. One vote per household only, please. **Closing date is 31 March 2020.**

Muddy Boots Pre-School, Walgrave



Muddy Boots is a charity run pre-school for children from 2 ½ to 5 years of age. We are located in the grounds of Walgrave Primary School and serve the local community and surrounding area, including Brixworth, with safe and friendly childcare facilities.

Being a community run pre-school, Muddy Boots is continually seeking to raise funds to enhance the settings environment and purchase new equipment. We fundraise all year round, running events for Muddy Boots families to take part in, and over the years we have managed to provide a Mud Kitchen for the children, an art table, new toys and made improvements to the outdoor area. We are currently fundraising to improve our cosy reading area and provide new reading chairs and cushions for the children to enjoy.

Muddy Boots prides itself on providing a caring and stimulating environment for our children to learn in every day. Our staff work hard to maintain this as do our fundraising volunteers. A donation from the Brixworth Bulletin would be crucial in completing our reading corner and would really benefit our children. We hope your readers will agree and vote for us. – Hazel Lillies, Fundraising Co-ordinator

BCC Soccer and Netball School

We at Brixworth Community Church would like to appeal on behalf of our Easter holiday club for the children of this great village. This year we will be holding our 4th Soccer and Netball School (8th-12th April). This is a great opportunity for children who already enjoy these sports to come and join in learning new skills and strategies for soccer or netball. For those who are new to these sports are groups that encourage and work on the basic skills. Something for all abilities.



To do this well we invite our friends from Sportsreach to come and run the school as you'd expect they are all qualified in both sports to coach children and young people.

There is a charge, which we use to cover our expenses. For some families, this can be out of reach. By subsidising the event with a donation from the Brixworth Bulletin's Deserving Causes, we can help more children from all backgrounds enjoy the Soccer and Netball School this Easter. Yours hopefully, Brixworth Community Church

Friends of Holcot Playing Field

We are three ladies in Holcot, and as the 'Friends of Holcot Playing Field' we are raising funds for new equipment. We have been working hard over the past three years to buy new equipment, after many of the existing installations had to be removed after an inspection found them to be old and damaged.

So far, with the help of several fundraisers and had some generous donations from the parishioners, we've been able to install a basket swing, a trim trail, a seesaw and a few mushrooms. We still have a way to go as we would like to also install two new goals, a basketball hoop, monkey bars and a climbing frame (pictured). The cost, of £15,000 plus tax, still seems like a huge amount.



The children and families of the village have loved what we have done so far, and the new equipment is getting lots of use.

We would really appreciate any donations towards this as we are keen to complete what we promised the children of the village.

– Friends of Holcot Playing Field

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2019 Poppy Appeal breaks donation record



The 2019 appeal was a tremendous success exceeding all expectations. One sad part was the passing of Rod King, the former poppy appeal organiser who left us on Remembrance Sunday. Our thoughts are with Bev and family.

This year was a first for "Ride for Remembrance" with bikers and scooters riding together to launch the Northamptonshire poppy appeal. We left the George in Brixworth to ride to Harrington airfield memorial where a few words were spoken and a wreath was laid.

This was attended by approximately 60 bikes and scooters. Thanks to the George for the use of the car park, and the bacon butties!

Thanks go out to Christi Seyd Brown and Mark Valentine for their house-to-house collections, Joel and the staff at the Co-Op for letting me stand inside this year, to the many businesses and organisations that had a collecting tin and tray on their premises during the remembrance period from 25th Oct to 11th November. Thanks again to the reverends Chloe and Andy for the service and to Mike Nice for the organisation and to the marshals.

By the time this gets to your door I will be ordering stock for this year's appeal including more of the lamppost poppies which everyone seemed to like.

So my personal thanks along with the Royal British Legion's to everyone for your continued support. Together, we raised a total of £5026.36 an increase of £750 on last year

Well done Brixworth you did not forget!
— Eddie Edmunds, PAO Brixworth

How to bury a king

Revd. Pete Hobson, who was responsible for organising the interment of King Richard III in Leicester Cathedral following the discovery of his bones under a car park, will be speaking about his experience in Brixworth.

His talk "How to bury a King", is organised The Friends of All Saints' Church Brixworth and will take place on Saturday 6th June 2020 in Brixworth church, starting at 11.15. Tickets are £10.00 and include a buffet lunch and twelve months membership of The Friends of Brixworth Church. To reserve a place please contact: Kate Knight on 01604 881810. Existing members of the Friends attend free of charge.

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Artists in Broad Street

Brixworth residents who are interested in art will already be familiar with Claira Corfe, painter and print-maker, who has exhibited her work on many occasions in the village.

In 2017 she married wood engraver Ian Stephens, now re-named Ian Corfe-Stephens: together they set up home in Broad Street. The houses there are not renowned for being enormous but nonetheless, Ian was determined to bring with him his beloved Columbian Press, numbered 13 and built by its inventor, George Clymer from Philadelphia in London in 1818, since when it has been in continuous use for typographic printing.

Ian was educated in local schools before attending Northampton School of Art to train as an illustrator, gaining his NDD in 1961.

He taught art in local schools before resuming a career in graphic design and illustration, whilst also working on producing prints for exhibition. Wood engraving is an exceptionally exacting technique whereby the reverse of the planned image is incised with finely pointed tools into the mirror smooth end grain of boxwood or lemonwood before being inked and then pressed with strong pressure in a press such as the Columbian owned by Ian.

He has been commissioned to illustrate many books with engravings including for the Folio Society. e.g. for James Woodforde's The Diary of a Country Parson, 'A Month in the Country' by J. L. Carr, Anne Brontë's 'The Tenant of Wildfell Hall' and Selected Poems by Alfred Lord Tennyson. He also provides pen and ink drawings every other month for 'The Jackdaw', a bimonthly periodical.

– George Hammerschmidt

Speakers' Corner, Ravensthorpe

Speakers' Corner hosts bi-monthly illustrated talks in Ravensthorpe. We aim to present high quality, entertaining speakers on a wide range of diverse subjects; art and culture, history and industry, current affairs and technology.

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To keep in touch with upcoming events you are warmly invited to join our emailing list; speakerscorner@rvhall.online. For more info/ book/pay for events www.rvhall.online

Coming up: Lifeboats

Mike Major, a life-long volunteer with RNLI and now chairman of the Lifeboat Management Group of Whitby Lifeboat Station, will speak about the Desperate Rescue of the World War I hospital ship, the SS Rohilla in 1914, which ran aground on rocks off Whitby during a violent storm. What followed was a desperate three-day rescue, described by one survivor (in the remarkable position of being able to compare firsthand) as 'worse than the Titanic'.

The talk will take place on Thursday 2 April at Ravensthorpe Village Hall. Arrive at 7 for a 7.30 start. Tickets cost £5.50, for advance bookings visit www.rvhall.online

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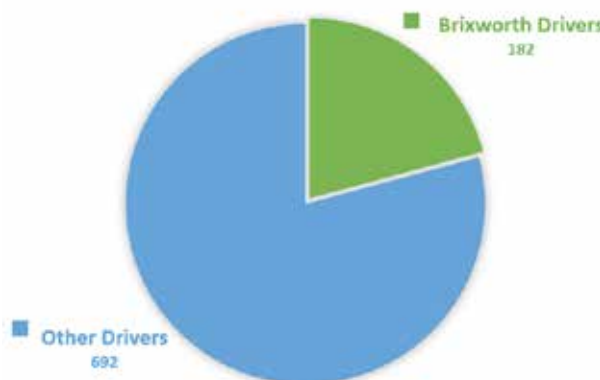
DACT has received 874 bookings from Brixworth passengers in the last 13 months. We currently have three active Brixworth drivers. Between them, they were only able to cover 182 of these journeys. The remaining 692 had to be covered by drivers outside of the village, meaning the passenger's journey fare increased as they were required to cover a greater mileage.

If you drive and have any spare time in your week, we would love it if you could help those in your village who are struggling to attend their medical appointments. There is no contract involved, you can help support with whatever time suits you. You'd use your own car and

have all your expenses covered (45p a mile) – not to mention you'd be helping your local community.

The service that our volunteers provide is second-to-none and is a huge lifeline for our passengers, so we really do need your help in

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Sunset Stride 2020

Sunset Stride 2020 is back for its third year running! A group of final year event management students from the University of Northampton are organising a 12km walk which



Sunset Stride

is taking place on Saturday 18th April at Brixworth Country Park in aid of Cynthia Spencer Hospice. Registration will open at 6pm. The walk will start at 7pm and end around 10pm. As we set off around the reservoir, we will watch the sun set as we go. When the sun goes down... the stars come out as our glow in dark theme illuminates the trail.

This year there will be some glowing rewards for those who smash £50, £75 and £100 fundraising targets, making a huge difference to all those supported at Cynthia Spencer Hospice with life limiting illnesses.

To buy your tickets now, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunset-stride-2020-tickets-86723725999>

If you would like to donate to this great cause, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sunsetstride2020> Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SunsetStrideFundraiser/> for updates. We hope to see you on 18th April!

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Post-election bounce as optimism returns

The local housing market is seeing renewed optimism due to the settled political situation and a clear path forward where before there was uncertainty. With confidence returning to the market business has sprung back into life from the moment we returned to work in the New Year. Here in Brixworth the number of new instructions in January is up by a third compared to last year with many of these properties achieving multiple viewings and a sale within days. We have also noticed a jump in the number of applicants registering to buy. Hopefully, if the trend continues, the increase of choice and confidence will make for a strong and fluid market.

Our experience seems to mirror the National trend.

Miles Shippide, Rightmove director and housing market analyst comments: "These statistics seem to indicate that many buyers and sellers feel that the election result gives a window of stability. The housing market dislikes uncertainty, and the unsettled political outlook over the last three and a half years since the EU referendum caused some potential home-movers to hesitate. There now seems to be a release of this pent-up demand, which suggests we are in store for an active spring market. The early birds are on it, with over 1.3 million buyer enquiries to agents since the election, up 15% on the same period a year ago. Some buyers are even further ahead and have snapped up a property already, with the number of sales agreed up by 7.4% on this time last year."

Shippide notes: "Whilst a substantial rise is the norm in January, buoyed by the start of a new year, this is the biggest new-year price surge that we have ever recorded. However it is still a price-sensitive market, with stretched buyer affordability, so sellers should be careful not to get carried away with their pricing and miss out on this window of increased activity."

One factor behind the upwards price pressure has been the shortage of property coming to market in many areas of the country, with some would-be sellers postponing their moves until they judge the outlook to be more certain.

While there may well be more twists and turns to come in the Brexit saga, there is now an opportunity for sellers to get their property on the market for a spring move unaffected by Brexit deadlines. For those who can afford to move and have been putting it off, now would appear to be a good time to get a view from a local estate agent on their property's value, and a mortgage quote for the great fixed-rate deals that are currently available."

So, there you have it, a positive start to the year which I predict will continue.

— Stuart Little



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Speed Watch returns in March

Brixworth Speed Watch will be monitoring vehicle speeds at known speeding hotspot between March to May 2020, at varying times and dates.

If anyone would like to join us, a preparatory training course will be held at Caroline Chisholm School, Wooldale Road, Northampton NN4 6TP on 21st March 9.30-12.00, followed by a practice session.

If you'd like to help out, please contact Juliette Keeping, Speed Watch Co-ordinator, on 01604 881311.

— Juliette Keeping

Country Eye: *Enjoy the view while it lasts*

When I leave Brixworth towards Northampton, the view over open countryside to the right of the new estates marks the first real breath of fresh air.

I treasure it as one of the finest vistas in the land, although the land itself is intensively farmed, and its community of bugs, beasts, birds and plants has been devastated. It was only a short while ago I joined with many villagers to fight off a planned housing development over this field. It was the trashing of this tranquil prospect across the valley of the Brampton Nene that formed one of the main objections to the application that was eventually thrown out.

Much as I would like to believe that this was the end of the matter, I am afraid it was merely a stay of execution. We only need to remind ourselves of the Buckton Fields fiasco to see why. For something like fifteen years the planners submitted one planning application after another, gradually wearing down the opposition. With the law favouring the developers it was the threat of costly legal action that eventually led to Daventry District Council backing down.

Returning to Brixworth, it is of course impossible to predict what may happen to this priceless viewpoint, but I think it may be worth a stab at it.

Some way of magically destroying the view without anyone realising would surely be the best plan. And I think the developers and their client have cracked it. The answer is to plant trees across the site, which is what they did shortly after the application was turned down. Meanwhile the margins can still be used to grow crops, adding to the illusion that all is well. If you plant the right kind of trees, they will put on up to four feet a year. And in a decade or so they will completely obscure the view. Job done and the planning applications can start rolling in again. Entirely surmise on my part, but we shall see.

Ironically, as the trees grow there is likely to be a short-lived revival of the bird and other wildlife. Species like the whitethroat and the yellowhammer, butterflies such as meadow brown, ringlet and the skippers, could return for a few years until the trees shade them out. Even the linnet and greenfinch, all species I seldom see these days around here may put in an appearance. Enjoy them while we may, for they could all be swept away before they have had a chance to establish themselves.

These days it is hard to talk about the countryside without mentioning the weather and climate breakdown. As I write towards the end of January, we have average temperatures after a mild autumn. The last time I looked the grass on my lawn needed cutting, despite having been given a going over at the end of November. No snow so far, yet on the other side of earth an area the size of England has gone up in flames.

A glimmer of hope comes, not as it should from politicians and the elite, but from the



Spot the difference: the field before the trees were planted (above) and the growing line of saplings today (below)

very young, led by the remarkable Greta Thunberg. And as an 85 year old I cannot refrain from banging the drum for Sir David Attenborough, eight year my senior. There is still time to turn things around, just. Perhaps

three to five years in my estimation, to begin meaningful and lasting action. The result, carefully planned, could be a good life for all. So what's not to like about that?

– Brian Webster



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On Friday 8th May the whole country will be marking the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of V.E. Day. It is a special National Bank Holiday.

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From just before 2pm we are closing part of Spratton Road to traffic to allow the event to safely spread out across the area.

The Chairman of the Parish Council will read the 'Tribute to the Millions' followed by the Last Post and an anthem for peace sung by the Brixworth U3A Songsters. The mood will then change with Moulton 77 Brass Band playing a medley of World War 2 favourites. Later, the Moulton Morris Men will contribute their own distinctive merriment.

There will be a display of photographs from 75 years ago from our own History Society and stalls including Help for Heroes. Refreshments – including cream teas – will be available throughout the day. The event has been sponsored by Brixworth Parish Council. All residents, young and old, are invited to this memorable event.

If you can come in 1940's costume, so much the better!

There will be prizes for the best dressed. – *Mike Nice*



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OAP Christmas Dinner: “It was fantastic”



It was the 11th of December, and us 'oldies' filed into the upper room of the Brixworth Library for a Christmas dinner, generously supplied by the church and of course by our six star restaurant chefs, Sue and Vernon Salmon.

It was so beautifully set up, seamlessly organised which must have been no small feat for such a large group. And the dinners were delicious, deliciously hot and again, well organised so we could all eat together. Everyone enjoyed it. You could feel the buzz in the place, the joy, the happiness!

When I was asked later on to do a little write-up for the Brixworth Bulletin, I immediately set to work and “interviewed” my Wednesday Lunchtime pals, and this is the outcome. Proof that my enthusiasm was well founded!

“It was fantastic. Good food, excellent entertainment! Great!” Ursula

“Enjoyed good song singing, especially enjoyed the lovely beat.” Cloud

“Fantastic dinner. We had a nice time, thank you!” David

“Lovely. It always is, every year! And considering they had so many people to care for with such a small kitchen - it's brilliant what they can do! So well organised.” Pat

“Excellent! And thank you.” Barbara.

“Very good. It was very good. Very clean.” Doris.

“Beautiful! The food was wonderful, and hot, absolutely lovely! I'd like to thank everybody who did it because it was wonderful.” Molly.

The best Christmas dinner I have had this year, and I've had about half a dozen”. Jean

Unfortunately I had to leave but have been told the fun after the scrumptious Christmas dinner was very enjoyable too!

– *Monique Norton*

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Outdoor Nativity



The Brixworth Community Church Outdoor Nativity is one of the highlights of my year and is always the first thing during the season which starts Christmas for me.

On Sunday 15th December the stage was set, the lights were twinkling, the cast were rehearsed, the musicians were tuned and thankfully the weather was dry – if a little cold! The crowd gathered outside the Community Centre in anticipation for another wonderful community event to celebrate the truth of Christmas. The narrators led us through the story of Christmas with a cast of faithful volunteers dressed in elaborate costume to set each scene. The village was, as always, in fine singing voice joining in with traditional carols throughout the story. We were also treated by the Brixworth Primary School Choir singing on stage. Jacko the donkey had his



usual part, although was a little disgruntled by having his straw bale occupied by eager children who wanted to be near the front! Pastor Andy Lloyd-Williams shared a brief message and, to end, invited the community to join together inside the centre to share hot chocolate and hot mince pies to warm up – which was enthusiastically taken up!

A big thanks to all the volunteers who devoted their time to plan, rehearse, set up equipment, close the road, serve refreshments and pack everything away again! And not forgetting the people from our wonderful community who turned out to share in, what was as always, a very special event. – *Emma Donaldson*

Scaldwell Guides join in Swimarathon

The Rotary Clubs' Swimarathon this year took place at the Chris Moody Centre at Moulton College. It is the sixth year the Scaldwell Guides have participated, showing their amazing dedication. Their four swimmers swam 83 lengths and are still collecting their Sponsorship money. The funds they raise will split between supporting the charitable work of the Rotary Clubs and the group or their good cause. Over the past five years, not including the Sponsorship money for our 2020 event, the Scaldwell Guides have raised over £1,100 in Individual Sponsorship, a really great effort.

This year we had 25 teams participating with just over 115 swimmers of all ages and abilities. The youngest was under five and the oldest over 75. We had a couple of teams, who needed swimming supports to compete but they all finished with over 50 lengths. There were other remarkable achievements, with a total of 2,331 lengths completed; just over 36 miles.

Last year's event 2019 raised £4,500 in Individual Sponsorship, with an additional £1,250 from local businesses including Cave and Sons (Stockbrokers), Jones Wholesale (Business Store), the Poplars Hotel in Moulton, MHM MacIntyre Hudson (Accountants), James Sutton (Prescription Goggles), Wilson Browne (Solicitors) and Paul Smith (Will writer). We thank them all for this vital support.

Do consider entering a team or teams in a future Swimarathon and raise funds for your club or society. For more information visit www.swimarathon.com. – *Stan Evans, on behalf of the Swimarathon Committee*

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Music can also aid memory, which is why singing nursery rhymes and action songs are particularly good for a child's early development.

Young Voices

In January, 61 members of the KS2 choir arrived once again at the World Resort's Arena for our 5th consecutive year of attending the Young Voices mass choir experience. We were joined by almost 6,000 other children from across the country who had eagerly been rehearsing a repertoire of songs to perform with many famous artists, such as Tony Hadley, Ruti from the Voice and The Shires. As always, we were incredibly proud of the children who not only behaved and performed brilliantly but were a credit to staff and their parents.

"Everyone was so excited when we arrived at Young Voices. It was a very fun experience because we saw a range of celebrities. Everyone screamed loudly during the concert and the dancers Urban Strides were so good. They even got the parents on their feet!" Max B and Sophia S

"We were all wearing white young voices t-shirts when we went by bus to Birmingham. When we got there, we had lunch before we went into the arena for a 3 hour fun rehearsal. At 7pm the show started as we started singing all the songs we had learnt. Then we came on the coach home. We had a great time. It was a better show than last year and I had a great time!" Maisie B

Christmas Choir performances

Our two choirs were delighted to have been invited to sing at Saxon House, Boniface House and Pytchley Court Nursing home where we sang some Christmas favourites with the residents, as well as performed at The Brixworth Nativity and also the Christmas Pensioners lunch.

Notivate

Some of our Year 6 children were fortunate to experience Notivate this term where they had a chance to write, rehearse and record their own songs. They had an amazing day at The Stables in Milton Keynes on Friday 6th December and I am confident they will have made many memories they will treasure for a long time.



"Our trip to the stables was amazing. We had so much fun and we learnt lots of different music. Our favourite part was when we sang our song and got to listen to everyone else's song in the recording studio." Grace R, Vianne S and Jemima H

"Our experience at the stables was the best time. Our favourite time was when we sang our song in the recording room. We will never forget this experience. We learnt loads of technical words. When we listened to other people sing from the control room it was fun as we learned how to control some of the sounds and what you can do." Cassie B and Amy R

Samba Drumming

Our Year 4 children are currently enjoying a weekly Samba Drumming workshop. This involves energetic and traditional rhythms from the Latin American culture. The Northamptonshire Music and Performing arts trust have provided funding since 2008 so that every pupil has access to a whole class instrumental tuition course. Instruments that they use include surdo, ganza, agogo bells and tambourins.



"Samba drumming is amazing because you get an opportunity to play different instruments like drums and tamborims. There are different silly songs to help you remember the routines so the tune sticks in your head" Ellie Saunders

"I found samba drumming fun. The catchphrases to help remember each song were very funny (like onion bhaji). It is very loud and the instructor is very kind. My favourite part was the a-go-go bells." Molly Redshaw



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Fundays thank Photographic Society

Fundays Day Service were very pleased to receive a cheque for £750 from Ian Topham of Brixworth Photographic Society, following the sales of the Brixworth 2020 Calendar.

They said: "Many thanks to everyone in Brixworth and your Parish Council for your support and generosity it really does mean so much to us all at Fundays. We have been in Brixworth for about four years now and have always been made to feel very welcome.

The monies raised from the calendars will help us to update our signage and buy a much needed large bean bag for our clients to relax on when out of their wheelchairs.

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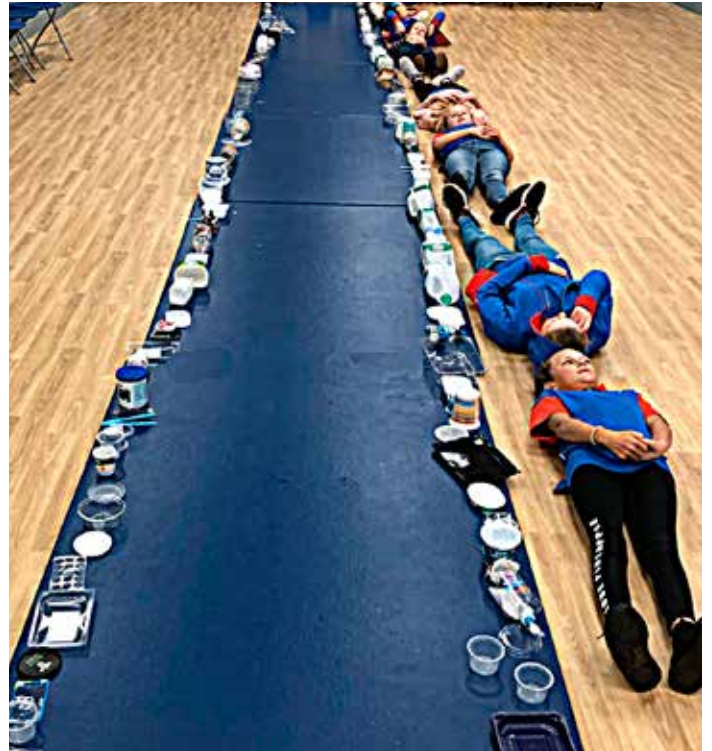
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We set a challenge to see how much plastic we could collect in two weeks. On the day we had 153 pieces. The photo shows how much we collected. We made picture sculptures before recycling it all and plastic promises to use less in our homes.

– Martha, Brixworth Scaldwell Guides

Dance for charity

The guides undertook the Girlguiding Midland Challenge to do 100 minutes of something to raise money for Save the Children Fund. They chose to do 100 minutes of non stop dancing and raised the amazing amount of £238. Thoroughly enjoyed by all. – Jill Gunnett

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Brixworth & Scaldwell Scouts

The Brixworth & Scaldwell Scout Group have started 2020 with another great mix of activities.

Beavers have started back after the New Year to welcome some new Beavers to the section which is always fun! We have been celebrating Chinese New Year by trying some Chinese food and playing games with chopsticks. We have been taking advantage of the dark evenings by looking at the stars in the sky. We have had a lot of fun with a Wellness evening where we learned Zumba and Pilates which was very different for a lot of the Beavers. Among our other activities this term we will be making a trip to Gallons for Pancake day which is always a highlight. Beavers will get to make their own pancakes and enjoy them with ice cream. They also look forward to a Valentines disco with some crafty-card making too!

In December 7 of our cubs earned their Chief Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award a cub can earn - well done!

Cubs also took part in their own Escape Room challenge at The Centre and enjoyed an evening at Laser Zone to finish the autumn term. This term cubs will show off their musical, dancing, comedy and magic skills with a performance evening. Other activities planned for this term include DIY, First Aid and a trip to Gallons to make some pancakes! Do you think that we might be a common food theme going on?

For the end of the winter programme Brixworth **Scouts** went ice skating at Beckworth Emporium, we even ran a short session on Emergency Aid just in case, but luckily this wasn't needed after this activity! We celebrated with a Christmas party that included lots of fun games and eating donuts off a string (*pictured, right*), no hands allowed! After Christmas we welcomed six new scouts from cubs. Scouts have been to Boost and further developed our Emergency Aid - not at the same time.

Scouts will go for more night hikes and will attend a cold weather camp for those Scouts hardy enough to risk sub-zero camping. We also plan to do some more open fire cooking at Overstone, a tennis session and, if the weather permits, an evening looking at the stars.

Explorer Scouts have been enjoying activities including woodworking, trampolining, karting with explorers from across Daventry District, and a board games night. We are planning projects towards gaining Duke of Edinburgh awards and Senior Scout awards. We are looking forward to more outdoor activities and camps in the coming months and have a first aid course starting soon for all.



Thank you

Thank you to all who have signed up to the Coop scheme to support local groups. You helped to raise over £3,000 for Brixworth Scouts.

Scouts need you!

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 up to, follow BrixworthScaldwellScouts on Facebook or contact the Group Scout Leader at brixworth_gsl@btinternet.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>.

Cash grants available

The Thomas Roe Foundation is a local charity that makes small grants for educational purposes to young people aged up to 25 years who live in the parishes of Brixworth and Scaldwell.

Grants can be made to assist in the purchase of school uniform, books, course materials, musical instruments and computer equipment and may also be available towards the costs of travelling linked to an educational venture, including school trips.

Any person who wishes to apply can download an application from the Brixworth PC and Scaldwell PC websites. Application forms can also be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees at thomasroefoundation@gmail.com or picked up from the Library in Brixworth.

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Planning update

PD/2019/0057 The Woodyard, A508 Brixworth Bypass Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to storage purposes (Class B8) in association with groundwork and civil engineering business.	DDC Prior approval refused
DA/2019/0745 The Old Farmhouse, Harborough Road, Brixworth Demolition of rear ancillary buildings. Construction of new family room and self-contained annexe	BPC No objection DDC Withdrawn
DA/2019/0720 The Old Bakehouse 4, Kennel Terrace Demolition of three existing garages and construction of new office (revised)	BPC Objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0717 Barn At Froghall, Brixworth Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission PD/2018/0014 (Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling) alterations to the elevations and floor plan	BPC No objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0711 105A, Northampton Road, Brixworth Replacement of existing windows	BPC No objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0710 3, Barneswell Close, Brixworth Extension to existing garage and first floor extension above	BPC No objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0697 Lakeside, Cross Hill, Brixworth Increase height of existing window	BPC No objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0694 Haddonstone Ltd, Harborough Road, Brixworth Construction of biomass building (retrospective)	BPC No objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0691 Pitsford Water Treatment Works, Grange Lane, Pitsford Installation of pumping station and motor control centre (MCC) building, electrical (DNO) kiosk, switch gear kiosk, transformer kiosk, surge vessels and security fencing	BPC No objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0653 12, Far Brook, Brixworth Construction of detached double garage (revised scheme)	BPC No objection DDC Refused

PD/2019/0029 Hill Farm, Harborough Road Construction of building for the purposes of viticulture.	DDC Prior approval granted
DA/2019/0837 Hill Farm, Harborough Road Formation of access track and concrete apron	BPC No objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0411 Sunshine Barn, Holcot Road Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission DA/2018/0709 (Change of use of agricultural building to a single dwelling) to alter the external appearance of the building and lowering the ground floor level. Insertion of balcony.	BPC No objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0913 4, Far Brook, Brixworth Two storey front extension, new roof and conversion of loft to habitable rooms including dormers to rear.	BPC Objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0889 24, Pytchley Close, Brixworth Raise roof to create rooms in roof space including dormer to rear roof elevation and roof lights to front roof elevation	BPC Objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0863 Building To Rear Of 105A, Northampton Road, Brixworth Change of use of from Use Class B1 (Industrial) to a Podiatry Clinic (Class D1)	BPC No objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0846 Land Off Merry Tom Lane, Chapel Brampton Construction of second agricultural barn	BPC No objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0776 23, Pytchley Way, Brixworth Demolition of existing single storey side extension and construction of two storey side extension	BPC No objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0747 Units 1 -7 Victors Barn, Northampton Road, Brixworth Variation of Condition 3 of planning permission DA/2014/0117 (Conversion and extensions to offices to form 7 dwellings) alterations to the elevations and floor plans to Units 1-7 including a first floor extension, dormer window, Juliet balcony.	BPC No objection DDC Approved
DA/2019/0570 Land Adj 36, Knightons Way Change of use of land to residential garden with two outbuildings (Retrospective).	BPC Objection DDC Approved



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Brixworth & District U3A



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

At the beginning of November, the London Studies Group went by coach to visit Fulham Palace. They were made extremely welcome by all the staff from the informative guides who were so interesting, to the staff in the coffee shop with their splendid cakes. The site by Putney Bridge since the early 8th century has been the

summer retreat for the Bishops of London, however since 1975 it has been leased by Fulham & Hammersmith Council. Currently the whole place has benefitted a major restoration partly funded by the National Lottery. The picture above was taken in the Tudor Courtyard.

The weekend group continues and have enjoyed various outings during 2019. October found them at Glebe Farm restaurant enjoying a very good Sunday lunch with the most enormous Eton Mess to complete the meal for those who had space. Also in October they visited the cinema to see "Downton Abbey".

On the 1st December they visited Rockingham Castle. Candles were lit and staff were dressed in period costumes. They were transported back to Christmas Eve 1849 and were met by the butler who took them into the castle and introduced them to the Housekeeper who showed them around the house to see it decorated just as it would have been in the Victorian era. The gift shop was full of Christmas decorations and gifts and many of them came out with lighter purses! The visit was concluded with a good lunch in their restaurant.

The March meeting on Wednesday 4th will be laid out with tables so that members can see details of all the groups' information. Anyone thinking of joining the U3A would find this meeting a good way of seeing what the Brixworth U3A get involved with, so please come along and you will be guaranteed a warm welcome. Further information on the U3A and interest groups can be found on our website www.u3asites.org.uk/brixworth. – Judy Smith

Library

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Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm;
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Bank Holidays

Brixworth Library will be closed on the following dates:

Friday 10th April
Saturday 11th April
Easter Monday 13th April
Friday 8th May
Monday 25th May

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IT Buddy

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

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

For the Love of Books

You still have until October 2020 to join our adult reading challenge; 'For the Love of Books' and to read (or listen) to 25 books. The choice of books is entirely up to you but every two weeks we announce a new mini-challenge. Pop into the library to pledge, pick up a reading log, share your recommendations and of course choose your books. Find out more and pledge at: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/library-service/Pages/for-the-love-of-books. You could win an i-pad just for signing up!

Pre-Loved Books for Sale

We always have a selection of donated and ex-library books on sale, some for as little as 20p. Why not see if you can find a bargain?

Free activities for Under 5s

We have fun activities for under 5s. All sessions are free, no need to book. (Please note that some sessions only run during term-times, more information on our Facebook page and events calendar: Tockify).

Rhyme Time (under 5s)

Mondays 2.30pm and Fridays 10:30am

Pre-School Play (under 5s)

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

ALL NEW: Library Explore a Story (under 5s)

Wednesdays 10:30-11am, starting 26 March
New interactive story time with games,

activities and crafts for pre-school children to support your child's learning and development and encourage communication and interaction with your child.

Under Ones Fun (under 1s)

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

Includes baby weigh-in clinic with the Health Visitor the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Activities for 4 to 12 year olds

Saturday Club

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. 50p donation for materials. Check our Facebook Page to find out what we are up to this week.

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. It is just 50p per child (payable on the day) to cover the cost of resources. Booking opens a couple of weeks beforehand in the library or via email: brixlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk. Next sessions: Wednesday 8th and 15th April.

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.

For more information on volunteering at

the library, pop in for a chat, email brixlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk or view all our current volunteering roles and apply online at: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/getinvolved.

Friends of Brixworth Library

The Friends of Brixworth Library continue to run an ever-popular and ever-expanding series of events at the library. They are a friendly and committed group and new members are always needed and welcome - why not come along to one of their informal meetings? Keep up to date with their Facebook page @FOBXL.

Other Services

Other Services available at your local library include:

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- Printing, photocopying and 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
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Keep in touch

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A road of discovery...

As I write, we are in the season of Epiphany, and have just celebrated the long journey of the wise men to see the infant Jesus. At Christmas, we heard about the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. As you read this we will all be journeying into Lent, a season of renewal and reflection. But as well as Lent being a penitential season, it is also a joyful journey towards Easter and the light of the risen Christ.

The whole of the church year is a wonderful journey which we embark upon in order to get to know God, and to get to know ourselves.

We are all searching for something, and that search continues throughout our lives. We travel along a road of discovery. That road has twists and turns along the way—there are high and lows in our lives. Setbacks, disappointments, ill-health and bereavement. But along the way we are often aware of a presence with us. Sometimes we don't realise—but it's there. And this presence is God, in the form of Jesus Christ—a God of love who accepts us as we are, and comes alongside us when we need him. He is Emmanuel, or God-with-us.

I pray that you find what you are looking for in your lives, but that you also look for God, too, in the unexpected places.

My family and I are also about to embark upon a journey, and set out upon a road of discovery. As some of you may know we are moving on to another parish, so my time here at Brixworth has come to an end. It will be hard to leave, since we have made many friends here. It has been a good seven years, and it has been a privilege working with the Primary School, the Community Church, the Friends of All Saints, and establishing the Brixworth Music Festival, as well as being there for people ring important life events such as weddings & funerals. Brixworth has been a friendly and welcoming place, and we have enjoyed being here. My prayers are with you all, and may God be with you in whatever the future holds.

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Chloe*



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OUR SERVICES

1st Sunday at 10.30am All-Age Worship
11.45am Said Eucharist
6.00pm Choral Evensong

2nd Sunday 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

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The TV series 'Who Dares Wins' has done well in the ratings. Although the language can be a bit colourful at times, the idea of the series is to take civilians, male and female, from a variety of different back grounds through different, painful and extremely difficult combat and recruitment tasks. The purpose of all of this is to see who would have possibly made the grade (or still could) as an S.A.S soldier. The recruits become close to each other. When one becomes too weary or injured, they carry each other over moorlands and tough terrain and they trust each other and have each other's backs.

It got me thinking! Life can be a battle too at times can it not!? However, being a Christian at Brixworth Community Church enables one to be a part of a different kind of 'special force'. We have the Lord Jesus Christ leading us as our Commanding Officer so to speak and we have a band of brothers and sisters alongside each other every step of the way providing further help and strength when needed. Some days we are called to face difficult and sometimes extremely painful tasks. Yet, we are able to carry each other spiritually, emotionally and physiologically when life becomes too hard to go it alone and we trust one another and have each other's back.

There is one difference to the programme I guess. During the T.V series, the weak are weeded out and dismissed. In the Christian life the weak and vulnerable, or those just not feeling strong and able are all welcome into God's family, no questions asked.

Feeling tired from the battle? Feeling vulnerable from the circumstances of life? Please get in touch, there are folk close by ready to help and watch your back!

Many blessings *Andy*



Contact Andy Lloyd-Williams on
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EASTER

Come and join us

Good Friday

Easter Walk and Reflection

Easter walk begins at the

Library Community Centre at 10.30am.

Walk finishes up at the

Saxon Church for 11am.

Easter Sunday

Family Celebration

Brixworth Primary School

Froxhill Crescent

Starting at 10.30am.

Everyone is welcome.

Join us for refreshments afterwards.



Brixworth Outdoor Nativity

The Annual Outside Nativity and Carol Service underwent a re-vamp this Christmas with the Primary School generously loaning their portable stage for our use outside the Library and Community Centre. This meant the hundreds of residents who attended were much closer to the action and we could get up to 20 actors in full costume on the stage together. The story, of course, does not change and many were struck by the immediacy and relevance of the presentation.

The Community Church Music Group had some guest performers and the Primary School Choir were a delight. Once again, we were able to close Spratton Road to traffic and this made the event both safer to children and the donkey!





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WHAT DOES IT COST?

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WHEN & WHERE?

At Brixworth Primary School,
Wednesday 8th. - Saturday 11th. April
Time: 10am - 4pm (5pm Sat)
Saturday 11th. Family BBQ -
from 4:30pm approx
Sunday 12th. 10:30 Awards Service

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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WEB: www.brixworthcommunitychurch.org

Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

The Olive Branch

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

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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,
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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



Chairman's Chat

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

Grants Applications

Could you be the next recipient?

Parking Issues In Brixworth

Residents' number one complaint.

Become A Councillor

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Meet Your New Councillors

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Bob brings In the Spring with a rather sweet something!

Chairman's Chat

As residents will no doubt be aware from our social media postings, that the Council have agreed to keep the precept at the same level as last year. The precept is basically revenue raised in order to help meet spending requirements in Brixworth under broad headings such recreation, projects and grants, highways and environment, and administration. Members of the public are always welcome to attend our finance meetings.

Following residents' comments and concerns about parking within the village, the Parish Council had a joint meeting with County Highways and Daventry District Council together with the police in the hope of providing a solution—please read our article which goes into more detail.

In our bid to make Brixworth an even more beautiful and pleasant place for you all to live in, and to supplement the flower boxes at the entrances to the village and the Christmas trees, a working group will be trailing a wild flower area. The designated area for this trial is adjacent to the Village Hall and we hope that it will prove to be both popular and beautiful!

Parish Councillors are actually elected by the public and serve four terms. This year the elections are due to take place on 7 May. If you are at all interested or are just curious please read on and get in touch with our clerk, Peter Rowbotham.

Grant Applications

Recent organisations that have benefited include Brixworth Music Festival, Brixworth Seniors Football Club and the Brixworth Photographic Society. Applications forms and guidelines can be downloaded from the Council's website www.brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk





Parking Issues In Brixworth

Village Parking

Parking has no doubt become the big issue within Brixworth. It is consistently the number one topic raised with Councillors at our monthly Parish Council Surgery.

With no easy or immediate solution to hand the Parish Council raised awareness of the matter in a joint forum consisting of the police and local councils which resulted further requests for Traffic Regulation Orders (Yellow Lines) and a request to increased levels of parking enforcement; it is also looking at additional bollards as a way of protecting our green spaces.

Inconsiderate

As a result of the increased demand for parking spaces there is a clear rise in inconsiderate drivers parking on double-yellow lines, across dropped kerbs, at highway junctions, highway grass verges and even on pavements.

An Offence

Parking a vehicle on the pavement could lead to an offence of obstruction being committed – this results in a fixed penalty notice being issued to offending vehicle owners. This is because parking on the pavement can obstruct pedestrians and wheelchair users, forcing them to use the road to pass parked vehicles.



Junction of Pytchley Way & Hunters' Way

It should also be noted that, unless you are accessing your property via a lowered kerb driveway, it is an offence to drive on the pavement, even for a short distance. It's also an offence to park a goods vehicle over 7.5 tonnes on the verge or pavement.

Who Do You Speak To?

It will depend on the circumstances as to whom you should report problems with pavement parking. Your County Council (0300 126 1000) will usually deal with vehicles in breach of parking restrictions on the yellow lines, whereas your local police (101) will usually deal with vehicles driving on the pavement or causing an obstruction.

Please park considerately and safely within our village: off the grass verges and pavements, and clear of the yellow lines.

Become a Parish Councillor

WHY BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Brixworth Parish Council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf its residents in the parish. It is the level of government closest to the community and therefore most aware its needs. For this reason Parish Councillors are a vital part of Brixworth.

A TYPICAL PARISH COUNCILLOR?

If you have never been to a Parish Council meeting before, you may be forgiven for thinking that Parish Councillors are a group of retired folk who meet every now and again, tutting and being disagreeable — well in Brixworth Parish Council's case you couldn't be further from the truth! Of our current 13 Councillors 46% are women, 70% have jobs and only 30% have grey hair!

By becoming a Parish Councillor you become someone that your community will look to for help, guidance and support — a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decision that you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

WHAT DECISIONS CAN I MAKE?

There are many decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common decisions that Parish Councillors get involved in are planning, crime prevention, maintenance and highways.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE UP?

Full Council meets once a month and those meetings can last one hour or if there is something very contentious then longer! There are committees such as planning and working groups such as media and communication which take no longer than an hour because we want to get home as well!

SO ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?


To stand for election you must be a citizen of the UK, the Commonwealth or the Republic of Ireland and be at least 18 years old. You must also:

- be eligible to vote in the Brixworth parish; or
- for the whole of the previous 12 months have lived in the parish of Brixworth or within three miles of the parish boundary; or
- during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish.

STILL NOT CONVINCED?!



The best way of finding out what it is like to be a Parish Councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now. Come along to a Parish Council meeting or to one of the monthly Saturday surgeries at the library and we will let you know what we think it's like being your Parish Councillor!

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Meet Your New Councillors



Lina Howarth is a long-term resident of Brixworth, having lived here for more than 25 years. Throughout her time here, Lina made great use of the village for herself and her family including the pre-school and primary school as well as the many sports clubs that the village offers. And it is because Lina is aware of what Brixworth has offered families over the years that she feels now it is time to represent the community as a Parish Councillor. As well as a mother, Lina has experienced finance in her professional life and knows how to make small budgets go a long way, as well as having a passion for the environment, reading, travelling and enjoying football from the sidelines!



Lynne Compton has lived in Brixworth for over 20 years with her husband and three children. She is a qualified Town Clerk to a medium-sized Town Council and has been 'clerking' for 14 years. In her spare time, as well as studying for the Community Governance Certificate in Higher Education, Lynne enjoys volunteering and fund-raising for other community groups. When Lynne is not reading with one of the Brixworth Book Clubs, you can find her walking her 10 year old Cocker Spaniel, Layla, at one of her favourite places, Brixworth Country Park. Lynne describes herself as passionate about community and hopes to help improve the lives of residents through the provision of community events and facilities that are accessible for all.

Full Council (Thursdays): 26 March, 30 April, 21 May, 28 May

Media & Comms (Wednesdays): 18 March, 22 April, 20 May

Planning (Mondays): 9 March, 30 March, 20 April, 27 April, 18 May

Surgery (Saturdays): 7 March, 4 April, 2 May, 6 June

Annual Meeting of the Parish (Thursday): 23 April

Annual Parish Council (Thursday): 18 May

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

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Stuart Coe



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Parish Clerk



What's on

1/3/20	Tony Blackburn	Derngate
2/3/20	Natural Minds	Country Park
4-5/3	NMPAT Big Sing	Derngate
6/3/20	Stewart Lee	Derngate
6/3/20	Art: Early Signs of Spring	Kelmarsh Hall
7/3/20	Rumours Of Fleetwood Mac	Derngate
7/3/20	Figure Sculpture/Liz Dixon	Lampport Hall
7/3/20	Brixworth PC Surgery	C'ty Centre
8/3/20	NMPAT Orchestra	Derngate
8/3/20	Josie Long	Royal
9/3/20	Brixworth PC Planning	C'ty Centre
10/3/20	Film: Little Miss Sunshine	Ravensthorpe Village Hall
14/3/20	Dog Leads and Collars	Lampport Hall
15/3/20	NMPAT Wind Band	Derngate
16/3/20	NMPAT Merchant of Venice	Derngate
17/3/20	Tribute to Neil Diamond	Derngate
18/3/20	Nature Tots	Country Park
18/3/20	The Meat Loaf Story	Derngate
19/3/20	Tommy Tiernan	Derngate
19/3/20	History Society talk - Canal Boatman	Brixworth Village Hall
20/3/20	Jimmy Carr	Derngate
20/3/20	Lecture Dr Conny Bailey	Lampport Hall
20/3/20	Art: Drawing on Nature	Kelmarsh Hall
22/3/20	Rob Beckett	Derngate
22/3/20	Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea	Lampport Hall

22/3/20	Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea	N'pton & Lampport Railway
22/3/20	Upfront Comedy	Royal
23/3/20	Firedance	Derngate
24/3/20	Film: Knives Out (2019) starring Daniel Craig	Ravensthorpe Village Hall
24/3/20	Primary Schools Music Festival	Derngate
25/3/20	Remembering The Oscars	Derngate
26/3/20	David Baddiel	Derngate
26/3/20	Parish Council Meeting	C'ty Centre
28/3/20	A Celebration Of Northamptonshire	Derngate
28/3/20	Going Digital: Photography	Lampport Hall
29/3/20	Be Bop A Lula	Derngate
30/3/20	Burn The Floor	Derngate
30/3/20	Brixworth PC Planning	C'ty Centre
1/4/20	Milton Jones	Derngate
2/4/20	Lifeboats talk by Mike Major	Ravensthorpe Village Hall
2/4/20	Joe Brown	Derngate
3/4/20	Giovanni Pernice This is Me	Derngate
4/4/20	Brixworth PC Surgery	C'ty Centre
4/4/20	Fascinating Aida	Derngate
5/4/20	Artisan Fair and Spring Walk	Kelmarsh Hall
6/4/20	Exciting Science	Derngate
12/4/20	Antiques & Vintage Fair	Lampport Hall
11-13 April	Easter Specials	N'pton & Lampport Railway
13/4/20	Antiques and Vintage Fair	Lampport Hall
16/4/20	BalletBoyz	Derngate
17/4/20	The Joe and Dianne Show	Derngate

18/4/20	Sunset Stride	Country Park
18/4/20	Jack Dee Off The Telly	Derngate
19/4/20	National Gardens Open Day	Kelmarsh Hall
19/4/20	Phil Wang	Royal
19/4/20	The Sensational 60s	Derngate
20/4/20	Beginners Oil Painting	Lampport Hall
20/4/20	Brixworth PC Planning	C'ty Centre
21/4/20	William Hanson	Royal
22/4/20	The Puppini Sisters	Royal
23/4/20	History Society talk - To the Manor Born	Brixworth Village Hall
23/4/20	Parish Council Meeting	C'ty Centre
23/4/20	Tom Stade	Royal
24/4/20	Gardening in the Shade	Lampport Hall
24/4/20	Arabella Weir	Royal
25/4/20	Foil Arms and Hog	Royal
26-27/4	Fused Glass Workshop	Lampport Hall
26/4/20	Gwen Dickey: Rose Royce	Derngate
27/4/20	Brixworth PC Planning	C'ty Centre
30/4/20	Gardening for Wildlife	Lampport Hall
30/4/20	Parish Council Meeting	C'ty Centre
30/4/20	Banff Mountain Film Festival	Derngate
1/5/20	50 years Of Abbey Road	Derngate
2-3 May	Art Craft & Design Fair	Lampport Hall
2/5/20	Brixworth PC Surgery	C'ty Centre
2/5/20	Ross Noble Humourous	Derngate
3/5/20	Guy Chambers	Royal
3/5/20	St John Passion	Derngate
4/5/20	Natural Minds	Country Park
6/5/20	The Horne Section	Royal
8/5/20	V.E.Day Anniversary	C'ty Centre
8-9 May	1940s Weekend	N'pton & Lampport Railway
8-18 May	6th Brixworth Music Festival	Brixworth Church
9/5/20	Needle Felting	Lampport Hall
10/5/20	Needle Felting	Lampport Hall
10/5/20	Magnificent Music Hall	Royal
15/5/20	Good Planting	Lampport Hall
16/5/20	Gaudi Mosaic Medallions	Lampport Hall
17/5/20	Helen Fielding	Royal
18/5/20	Brixworth PC Planning	C'ty Centre
20/5/20	Nature Tots	Country Park
21/5/20	History Society talk - Bletchley Park	Brixworth Village Hall
21/5/20	Parish Council Meeting	C'ty Centre
21/5/20	talkSPORT Presents	Royal
22/5/20	The Night Sky Show	Royal
24-25/5	Animals at Lampport	Lampport Hall
23-25 May	Teddy Bear Weekend	N'pton & Lampport Railway
28/5/20	Parish Council Meeting	C'ty Centre
30/5/20	Design Your Garden	Lampport Hall
30/5/20	Brixworth PC Surgery	C'ty Centre
1/6/20	Natural Minds	Country Park
2/6/20	Resisting Wokeness	Derngate
5-7/6	Friends Weekend	All Saints, Brixworth



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Tennis is not just for winter

In the UK, tennis is normally associated with summer sun and lush red strawberries. So it is not surprising that many people do not realise that their local tennis clubs operate throughout the year.

Winter is a great time to play tennis, even if it's just once every



couple of weeks to keep your game ticking over. That way you are ready to take full advantage of the long evenings come spring!

At Brixworth Tennis

Club, members keep themselves busy by participating in the Northants Winter Tennis Leagues against 12 other clubs. There is also internal 'competition' Box League with 49 adults and juniors taking part. On top of that is coaching for all levels of adults and juniors – whether it is groups or individuals – and, of course, the courts are available for those members who simply want to have a social game with family and friends.

If you have not played in a while please get in touch, as we are exploring Rusty Rackets for players wanting to get back into tennis.

Naturally none of this would be possible if the club didn't have a programme of maintenance and improvements. At Brixworth Tennis Club we are lucky to be nestled in a beautiful setting but, like any garden the autumn and winter, it brings its own jobs: clearing up fallen leaves and composting them, cutting back over grown shrubs and keeping on top of paths and courts to ensure that they are clear of moss, plus many more. In addition the Club is progressing the build of its clubhouse – more news on that in the next Bulletin!

If you are interested in becoming part of Brixworth Tennis Club then please contact Sandra Moxon (Club Secretary) on 07434 621395 or visit our website www.brixworthtennisclub.org.uk.

T20 Cricket is back

Following on from the success of the T20 cricket event in 2018 between Brixworth Cricket Club and the Help for Heroes Cricket Club, T20 Cricket will make a return in 2020

The event will start at 10 am on Sunday 12th July [at the Northampton Road cricket grounds]. This year, the event will feature a children's fun area, evening entertainment till 10pm, and plenty of stalls (25 of them have already booked!)

Like last time the Help for Heroes team will consist of military veterans in various stages of their recovery programme. Look out for further information in the next Brixworth Bulletin! – *Martin Carnell, Help for Heroes Area Team Leader South Central and East Anglia*

BAGS of fun in 30 years

Brixworth Amateur Golf Society (BAGS) is now into its 30th year. In early 1990 half a dozen Friday night drinkers at the George decided to arrange a game of golf for themselves. On the day, there were 15 players. Since then we have played four games a year every year.

Our golf prowess is very variable, what's essential is our ability to enjoy ourselves. Our sense of humour and friendship have kept us going for 30 years.

John Wilson was the driving force until he sadly died three years ago. We would have been in limbo but Phil Porch, who had been standing in during John's illness, has managed to carry on and the society is once again thriving.

If anyone enjoys hitting a golf ball vaguely in the direction of the green, good company and a spell in the 19th hole please contact: Phil Porch on 07973 542741 (brixworthgolf@gmail.com) or Nigel Rylance on 01604 880685 or nrylance@btinternet.com. – *Nigel Rylance*

Mixed winter for Bowls Club

The club went into there winter leagues games with mixed results. Winning their first three games against Welford, Kilsby and Guilsborough, our luck turned with away defeats at Yelvertoft and Welford. Brixworth have now dropped to second in the league, two points behind Yelvertoft, with (at the time of writing) three more matches to play.

The club would like to welcome its new members who have enjoyed playing bowls in both the afternoon and evening. If you fancy having a go at short mat bowling we play on a Friday at 2:30 and 7:30pm at the Brixworth centre in Church Street. Equipment will be provided, it is good fun, sociable and you will make new friends.

For more information contact Janet on 0776 221 1721.

– *Martin Carnell*

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Cricket: Looking forward to the 2020 Season

Brixworth Cricket Club's 2020 Senior fixtures get underway on Saturday 25th April. Brixworth's first team will be playing away at Geddington while our second team is hosting Isham at the Northampton Road ground in Brixworth. Let's hope the weather is kinder than it has been recently; it would be nice if we could play lots of both Senior and Junior cricket at both the Northampton Road and St David's grounds in the village.

The cricket club is in great shape going into the 2020 season, despite the huge amounts of rain in Autumn and Winter. A lot of hard work at the Northampton Road ground has taken place over the winter months, with the outfield perimeter fence being painted, the clubhouse toilet facilities being extended, refurbished and new flooring laid.

Furthermore, there will be just over 110 children under the age of 15 playing cricket on a regular basis this season, which is great to see. Brixworth Cricket Club is very proud to have the largest and most successful Ladies Cricket Section in the county, despite only being formed two years ago. There is also a large pool of Senior players who will be representing the Club's four Senior teams each Saturday. In 2019 over 100 players represented the four senior Brixworth teams! Pleasingly, there are some very talented teenagers playing at a good level already.

Volunteers wanted

Volunteer numbers at the club have also increased. However we could always do with more adult helpers and adult players (male and female), so if you have an interest in playing/ coaching/scoring/helping behind the bar/helping with the BBQ or umpiring please contact Will Haxby by email brixworthcc@outlook.com

Juniors Registration

We are holding a registration evening for Juniors (school years 1 -10) who would like to join the cricket club on Friday 27th March, 6pm – 8pm at the ground on the

Northampton Road. Coaches will be on hand to meet and talk to parents of children wishing to join the club and the bar will be open. Our membership fees are among the lowest in the county, with new members paying £75 per child and £65 for siblings. We look forward to welcoming many new members.

Friday evening sessions

Friday Junior cricket training sessions will start again on Friday 3rd April at 6pm at Northampton Road and run until early September. These Friday evenings are always popular and great fun. With over 100 children being coached on the outfield, parents enjoying a beer/wine/prosecco or two from the clubhouse bar and food from the BBQ. It really is a good, fun night and everyone from the village is welcome. If you have not visited the ground before please do come down to the club, enjoy a drink from the bar and a burger and see for yourself what an enjoyable evening it is at a beautiful venue.

Thanks to our sponsors

Once again, this season, Brixworth Cricket Club is hugely grateful to our main sponsor Jackson Grundy and also to Richardson Partnership for Care for their continued support and sponsorship of our Junior Section, it is invaluable and massively appreciated.

2020 Festival Weekender

Brixworth Cricket & Tennis Club will be hosting its fifth annual Beer/Music Festival Weekender from Friday 19th June – Sunday 21st June. The event proves really popular every year with 500 people from the village and surrounding area attending. There will once again be live music acts, cricket matches and a choice of over 20 beers and ciders with exotic names to choose from. There



will also be prosecco, wine and Pimms, along with course soft drinks for juniors and any drivers. Please save the date! Everybody's welcome, the more the merrier. It guarantees to be once again a terrific weekend. More details will follow in due course. – Will Haxby

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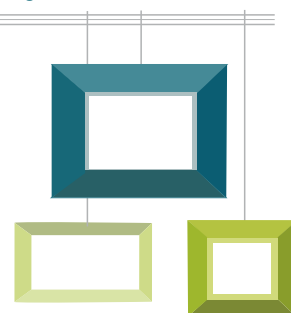
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