

## Marking 70 years in style - your guide to the Platinum Jubilee

Her Majesty celebrates 70 years of reign this summer and the country is planning a tremendous party to mark this historic occasion. The villages in the Brixworth area are equally busy, with everyone planning to mark the occasion with a host of events on the Jubilee weekend of 2-5th June.

### Brixworth

In Brixworth, the historic day of Sunday 5th June 2022 will start with a joint open-air service outside the Library and Community Centre at 10.30am. It will be led by Rev David Reith, Rector of All Saints' Church and Rev. Andy Lloyd-Williams of Brixworth Community Church.

The afternoon will see a host of local groups coming together at the same venue. Those participating include: Moulton 77 Brass Band, Brixworth U3A Songsters, the Primary School Choir, Krystle's Dance Academy, Brixworth Centre Pre-School, our Cubs and Scouts, Brixworth Wombles, the Community Church, Brixworth History Society and the First Responders. Cream teas will be served by the Olive Branch Team.

The Celebration will start in style at 2.00pm – please be there for the start! Please do your bit by walking to the Community Centre as there will be parking for a few participants only and Spratton Road will be closed to traffic from 1.45pm to 4.15pm. Bring your own garden chair!

There will be a fancy dress competition – watch out for details. Dressing in red, white and blue would add to the occasion – flags are welcome!

The History Society has a display in the Centre foyer and the Library has a display along its windows. The event is supported by the Parish Council.

### Lamport & Hanging Houghton

Lamport and Hanging Houghton are celebrating the jubilee with a double whammy. On Thursday 2 June, residents are invited to join a Jubilee Trail round the village. Enjoy a peek around everybody's gardens, a



treat and a chin wag! To take part, contact Nigel or Dale for a ticket. Nigel: 07768 175305; Dale: 07939 025980.

Meanwhile on Sunday 5 June, everyone will be gathering on the Hanging Houghton village green from 4pm onwards for a street party. There will be music and a quiz plus old fashioned fun like an egg & spoon race, welly throwing, a three legged race etc. Everyone please bring food to share so we can create a communal buffet – contact Sue Cole on 07530 562244 to let her know what you'll be bringing or get ideas for what's needed.

### Maidwell

Maidwell, too, will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee.

Planned events include a competition for the best decorated front garden or house. There will be a prize of £100 for the winner. The competition will be judged by the sponsor over the Jubilee weekend.

On Saturday 4th June, the Stag Pub will have a BBQ with sausages and burgers, live music and a DJ, from 7 to 11pm.

Also, Maidwell villagers, family and friends are invited to an afternoon Jubilee Tea party with outside games for all. The party will be held on Sunday 5th June from 2 pm -4pm at the Loder Hall.

### Scaldwell

Scaldwell has put on a huge programme which should include something for absolutely everything. We have.....

- Jubilee bunting around the whole village
- Jubilee Window display competition
- Service of Thanksgiving
- Beacon lighting event
- Fancy Dress competition for children and pets
- Fancy Dress karaoke
- Men's Breakfast
- Sports day
- Party in the park
- Big Jubilee Lunch
- Great Scaldwell Bake off
- Tea at the Movies

We are also hoping to hold our annual Starters event with tombola, auction and nibbles....

Details of the events can be found on the website, [www.scaldwellvillage.org/events-1](http://www.scaldwellvillage.org/events-1) - check the section tabs for more information. The programme for the Jubilee celebrations is now fixed and details can be found on the Events Page. Lastly all the villages are expecting the Red Arrows to pass the area on the day - watch out for the flyby! – Mike Nice, Phil Purcell, Judy Turland & Claudia Flavell-While

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# Bambino Mio wins a second Queen's Award

Brixworth company Bambino Mio has received a second Queen's Award for Enterprise for Sustainable Development.

Bambino Mio, which produces reusable nappies, won the award for its commitment to sustainability. The company picked up its first Queen's Award for Enterprise in 2020, that time for its contribution to international trade category.



Winners of the prestigious Queen's Awards for Enterprise are all personally approved by Her Majesty The Queen. This year, 226 UK businesses have been recognised for their contribution to International Trade, Innovation, Sustainable Development and Promoting Opportunity. Only 31 awards were given for Sustainable Development in 2022.

Guy Schanschieff, Founder & Managing Director of Bambino Mio, commented: "Further royal recognition from such a prestigious awards body is something that our team is extremely proud of. This is another accolade that acknowledges to the world that we are committed to sustainable development practices and are on a mission to make reusable nappies the first choice to reduce single-use disposable nappy waste."

Bambino Mio will be presented with the Queen's award for Sustainable Development at a reception held at Buckingham Palace later this year.

The company notes that reusable nappies are better for babies' bottoms, better for parents' wallets, and better for the planet. Babies wearing reusable nappies are less likely to suffer from nappy rash, the company says, and using re-useable nappies saves money compared with disposable ones. On top of that is the sustainability benefit – each baby will use around 5000 disposable nappies until toilet trained, making disposable nappies the third largest contributor to landfill.



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# Local service centre turned down for second time

Plans for a local services area on land north of Brixworth Cricket Club were refused for a second time, for almost identical reasons as the first time round.

West Northamptonshire Council's planning committee unanimously refused the revised application in mid-May, just over a year after rejecting the first iteration of the plan. The proposal would have seen for a mixed-use development including a shop, pharmacy, gym or dance school, several takeaways or restaurants, a community hub with meeting

rooms, plus spaces for other businesses and offices.

The planning committee was not in favour of the proposal because it would have resulted in development outside the established boundaries of the village, in a sensitive landscape, and would "have a negative urbanisation impact upon the character and appearance of the locality, due to its prominent and peripheral location away from the main centre. Because of its location, anyone using the area would have to get there by car; and the planners had not demonstrated the need for the development to be in that location.

On top of that, the developers had not demonstrated the impact the BIN would have had on local traffic, nor had they outlined its how it might affect potential archaeological heritage – the site is close to a

known iron age settlement as well as roman sites.

WNC's planners pointed out that the proposal conflicted with over 20 different planning policies. Their rejection was unanimous. - cfw



## Deserving Causes

The Brixworth Bulletin is looking to support one or more local causes with a one off cash injection. The Bulletin is run entirely by volunteers – local people who work on the Bulletin for no pay in their spare time. We are lucky enough to have the support of our loyal advertisers, and whenever we've been able to amass a bit of a surplus we like to give it away, preferably something that is either based within the Bulletin's area of coverage, or used by people in our area.

But this is where we need your help. Do you have any suggestions for deserving causes within the local area that we might help out? The range of things we might support is broad. To give you an idea, here are some of the things we've donated money to in the past:

- Nurseries and playgroups, to help buy new equipment
- Local churches and village facilities, to help with the upkeep
- Sports teams, to buy kit
- Holiday activity programmes, to allow them to keep the costs low
- Direct individuals, such as children needing medical help not covered by the NHS

If you have any suggestions, please contact us via [editor@brixworthbulletin.co.uk](mailto:editor@brixworthbulletin.co.uk). Your email should explain what it is we should support, why we should support it, and how much money is needed. All suggestions will be put to the Bulletin's editorial team who will make a joint decision.

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# Ukraine: How to help?

The war in Ukraine has led to a huge number of people fleeing the war in their country, and seeking refuge across Europe. In the UK, many have opened up their homes and registered as potential hosts with the government Homes for Ukraine scheme. However, that is where the story has stalled for many, since in order to actually house a refugee, the host has to identify and sponsor specific people. Most people do not have existing contacts in Ukraine, so how to solve this?

That's the situation that two of the Bulletin team found themselves in, so we thought we'd share our experience here in case it helps anyone else.

"When the UK's Homes for Ukraine scheme first launched, there were a few charities mentioned in the media that might help put potential hosts in touch with people from Ukraine," says Claudia Flavell-While, editor of the Brixworth Bulletin. "We registered with a couple of them – but except for one brief exchange that did not go further, nothing happened. Then I read somewhere that groups had sprung up on social media, particularly Facebook – so that's where I headed. It is of course totally uncontrolled so you do need to be watchful and make sure you are a good match for the people you host. It's a bit tricky for us because the more rural you live, the trickier it is. People want to be able to work and make a living when they arrive and since very few come with a car, that means they favour cities and other places with employment in easy reach. Hanging Houghton might be very pretty but with one bus service an hour, it's not ideal. But I'm happy to report that there is a lot of activity, both from people wanting



to come to the UK and from potential hosts and we hope to find someone we can help soon."

Another local organization that is helping Ukraine in many ways, including pairing hosts with people needing a home, is Hub Help (<https://www.hubhelpukraine.org>). Run by Valentina Potter, a Ukrainian who has lived in Northamptonshire for many years and runs the Riverside Hub café and soft play centre in Northampton.

It is through Hub Help that Ian Topham, the Bulletin's photographer, has (maybe) found the family he is hoping to host. "We're hoping to offer a place to a Ukrainian family, mum, dad and 2 daughters. They haven't got their visas yet but hopefully that will happen soon. Meanwhile we just had our home inspection from the Council to ensure we have suitable accommodation for them."

Meanwhile, Hub Help is collecting more aid to Ukraine, using Valentina's established contacts to help those most in need. She says that the supplies most needed are tinned food, baby food, nappies and specialist medical supplies.

Hub Help uses donated funds to buy supplies to order in Poland, which is quicker and cheaper than transporting from UK, and transport it to Ukraine in a bus. Among the locations they supply are a hospital in Slavuta and a relocated orphanage in Vinnytsia.

The empty bus is then filled with refugees fleeing the conflict and driven to safety in Poland. So far Riverside Hub has raised over £20,000 to help Ukraine. If you want to contribute, visit [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hubhelpukraine](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hubhelpukraine)



# Call for aid draws huge response



When Oliver and Georgia Le Sueur put a call out on social media appealing for donations to help those displaced by the war in Ukraine, they could not have imagined the incredible response.

Over just a few nights in March local people donated 13 tonnes of baby food, nappies blankets, toiletries and medical supplies.

"The response was just incredible," says Oliver. "On the second night we had four Luton vans shuttling donations from Great Bowden, Naseby, Maidwell and Haselbech to storage. Our original plan was to drive any donations we were given to London. We soon realised we had far too much for that."

With the help of a contact in Hungary liaising with the Ukrainian Ministry of Health it was arranged for the donations to be sent to the Hungarian border.

A team of 60 volunteers worked tirelessly to quality check and itemise the items. Brixworth firm Bambino Mio and others

gave cardboard boxes and pallets, and haulage company Pall-Ex transported the donations to Hungary for free.

Oliver and Georgia have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown by local people – which included a couple whose daughter sadly passed away from cancer last year. They had £10k worth of liquid morphine and other strong painkillers left over from her treatment which the NHS couldn't take back. Instead, it has gone to Ukraine, where it is much needed.

Georgia and Oliver want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated pre-loved or newly bought supplies. They hope to continue harnessing this goodwill by raising money for medical supplies.

To donate, head to [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harboroughforukraine](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harboroughforukraine) ... where you will also find updates on the story.



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# Primary School poster competition for Wombles

February saw a huge response from the pupils of Brixworth Primary School to a poster competition held by Brixworth Wombles.

Very kindly sponsored by Cineworld at Rushden Lakes, the entries were judged at the February committee meeting, held at The George Inn, by Cineworld Manager Leah and colleague Joe.

We were somewhat overwhelmed with the number of entries. There were many amazing ideas and the Wombles were rather relieved that they weren't the ones to pick a winner.

The Cineworld judges had such a hard time that they very generously increased the prize, adding a Food Combo voucher to the first prize of family tickets for any film and adding a second place prize of family tickets for any film.

We are delighted to announce that the



winner was Harry, year 4.

Second place was William, year 1.

Congratulations to the both of you. We hope these prizes were put to good use over the half term break. Thanks go to all at Brixworth Primary School for your support and overwhelming enthusiasm.

Between 25th March and 10th April Brixworth Wombles held the first 'Great Brixworth Spring Clean'.

As the first time organising such a event, we were incredibly pleased that we managed to record and remove an incredible 51 bags of litter from the village streets. The premise was simple: everyone to clear litter and vegetation debris from within a 10-metre radius of their house boundary. The results were very visible.

We are now hoping that this will become a regular event to encourage more residents to take part and take pride in our lovely village. — Peter Duffy

## Enjoy the

If you have ventured down beyond Brixworth Country Park's car park, you will have seen one the ever-changing gems of the park; a gem that is home to a surprising array of creatures and undergoing something of a polish up. The felling last year of two huge willow trees on the Eastern side and the pollarding of another on the Northern edge instantly dealt with the heavy shade and opened the area to the light. In fact, you may have noticed that a pair of ducks were obviously impressed with the new brighter environment and moved in immediately onto one of the floating bales of barley corn.



Folly Pond (originally simply known as Bottom Pond, renamed years ago) was initially excavated in 1995, not long too long after the park was constructed. And, for any pond aficionados, it is clay-puddled pond, not lined with a membrane.

Children always love a pond, forever wanting to get to the water and throw in a stick or spot the creatures above, on and beneath the surface. Pond Dipping sessions are great fun for the kids and adults alike. They reveal a wide variety of water wildlife, such as backswimmer, water boatman, damselfly nymph, mayfly nymph, diving beetle larva, whirligig beetle, water skater, dragonfly larvae, newts & frogs. The impressively huge Great Diving Beetle (pictured, right) and many more reside in the water.



Stars of the show though, and the most fascinating to watch, by far, are the energetic damselfly nymphs and dragonflies of various types (Ruddy Darter, Southern Hawker and others),

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# Magnetism of a Pond



who skim the surface and perform their aerobatics in such a dazzling display. Azure damselflies land on the weed and can often be seen mating as they dart about above the surface. On your next visit, wander out onto the boardwalk or peer over the wall into the clear water to spot the wide variety of insect life. Stand still and those ferocious-looking, inquisitive and completely harmless green, red and brown dragonflies will circle you.

the reservoir's Brixworth Bay) have been spotted, as have grass snakes enjoying a swim and hunting those frogs. However, we have one very much less welcome resident, which we are working on controlling as they do so much damage to the submerged banks and eat anything in sight on the floor of the pond - the invasive American Signal Crayfish.

Pond weeds are beneficial to the water,

especially the British native oxygenating plant, spiked water milfoil, with its submerged olive-green feathery foliage and another common British native, hornwort.

Bullrushes and water mint are also present and lilies have recently been introduced to provide additional habitat. But blanket weed is a potential problem: despite its benign sounding names of water silk or mermaid's tresses, blanket weed is *Spirogyra*, an alga that consumes the pond's oxygen. The bales of barley corn sitting in the pond help combat that blanket weed through the release of an enzyme that kills algae and helps clarify the water. The ducks like the bales, too – a nice sunny spot to sit on.

Also, you may have noticed carved wooden panels around Follypond, these tell the story of the brother gnomes – Baldmoney, Sneezewort and Dodder. 'The Little Grey Men' trail weaves through the park: this and many children's stories were written by local storyteller, Denys Watkins-Pitchford (known as 'BB' and born at Lamport)

Follypond is a work-in-progress, with further remedial work is planned for the location, such as to clear the drainage system currently blocked by the roots of those former huge willows. Repairing bank erosion is another task brought about by the overflowing water bypassing the proper drain.

We hope you will enjoy the pond and watch its changes through the seasons. –  
*Keith Dobell*



Apart from those resident ducks, visiting birds to be seen include Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Kingfishers, and Grey Wagtails. Voles, stoats and even otters (visiting from



Above: The foundations of the pond were laid when the reservoir was built. Top of page: the pond today

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# Lisa Wainwright celebrates MBE investiture

In May of last year, as reported in the Bulletin, Brixworth resident Lisa Wainwright found out that she had been awarded an MBE for her pioneering work with child safeguarding in sport; but, due to a Covid backlog, she had no idea when she would be able to attend the ceremony to receive it in person. Earlier this year, the invite finally arrived – the date: 16th March 2022, the place: Windsor Castle, the host: HRH The Prince of Wales.

Few of us get to experience receiving such an honour, so Lisa was happy to share the details of her special day with us.

In the end, she was given only three weeks' notice and faced the age-old conundrum – "What am I going to wear?". She wanted to find something 'a little bit different', and after much searching, found an independent boutique in London, choosing a long, deep blue and cream patterned jacket over tailored black trousers. The wearing of a hat or fascinator was compulsory, something Lisa was not used to wearing, so she was delighted to find a haberdasher with a cottage industry hiring out hats.

As the day approached, Lisa says she felt excited and anxious in equal measure. In pre-Covid years, she would have been allowed three guests at the Investiture, but as this is now restricted to only one, it was Lisa's mum who accompanied her up the long tree-lined drive to the castle. Once through the many layers of security, they went inside the castle for a mini tour; volunteer guides were on hand to answer questions about the abundant art and armoury lining



the walls. As the time of the ceremony approached, the hundred recipients and their guests were split into three holding rooms to be briefed on the precise details and etiquette for when they would meet Prince Charles.

When her turn came, Lisa and her mum were escorted into The Grand Reception Room - one of the rooms destroyed in the fire of 1992 but now faithfully restored. As they entered, Lisa was 'dazzled by the amount of gold everywhere' before noticing the three enormous chandeliers hanging from the ceiling. She recalls how clean and polished the room smelled and that there was a string quartet playing in the corner, but, as she received the prompt to move forward, her nerves took over.

Lisa knew she had to curtsy on meeting HRH and again before leaving the room, and, despite having met several other members of the royal family through her work, 'getting the curtsy right and not falling over' was what worried her most. When the time came, however, Prince Charles immediately put her at ease and made her feel 'like the only person in the room'. As eighty other people had passed through the room before her, he joked that she 'must be ready to retire after waiting so long'. Lisa was surprised by how quietly Prince Charles spoke and how close he got, ensuring that her one and half minute private conversation with him was indeed private. He was aware that her MBE was for safeguarding, asked about what she was doing now and finished by telling her '...you have done some amazing work and should be very proud of yourself' before shaking her hand – the signal to leave.



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Proudly wearing her insignia, Lisa was then escorted out of the Grand Reception Room into another room for the official photographs. She felt like a celebrity as nine photographers lined up and cameras clicked for the next fifteen minutes! Then, after months of anticipation, the main event was over.

Normally, recipients and their guests are allowed to mingle in the Quadrant but, as it was pouring with rain, Lisa left with her mum to join her wife, Karena, and their two children, Bowen and Mackenzie, for a celebratory afternoon tea at The Christopher Wren Hotel by The Thames in Windsor. The children were excited and aware that it was a very important occasion for their mum, but the highlight of the day for them was going to The Works to buy books and colouring pencils. For Lisa, however, the highlight was her one and half minutes talking to HRH The Prince of Wales and how special he made her feel.

So, after such royal recognition for her hard work, what's next for Lisa Wainwright, MBE? Lisa says that as youth participation in sport, particularly amongst girls, is still lower than it was pre-covid that is one of her immediate priorities. Otherwise, she will 'carry on helping people better themselves through sport.'

– Tracey Calnan



## The Honours System

Whilst The Peerage system has its roots in the Dark Ages, the Orders of Chivalry evolved in Holy Orders and was confined to those of noble birth until well into the 19th Century. After the Great War, however, it was felt that, outside the military, there was no way of recognising the outstanding contribution of many civilians. George V solved this by instituting a new Order of Chivalry – The Order of the British Empire.



In modern times, anyone can be nominated by anyone for an honour and a list of successful recipients is drawn up twice a year (at New Year and on The Queen's Birthday) for significant personal accomplishment in many different fields. It is administered by The Lord Chamberlain's Office, and in non-Covid times, there are twenty six Investitures annually. There are strict rules about how and when Decorations should be worn but all recipients become members of a very distinguished club.

Lisa was awarded with an MBE – Member of the Order of the British Empire, Lady, Civil.

### Remembering Gerald Bull

On a glorious spring day there was a good turnout of bike riders, friends and family at Brixworth Church. The riders of the South Atlantic Medal Association SAMA82, turned up with members of Gerald Bull's family at the memorial ride on Saturday 14th May 2022 to mark 40 years since the war in the Falkland Islands and Gerald's demise.

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# Memories from a very special wedding



We received this lovely letter and photograph from Brixworth resident Derek Robinson who wanted to surprise his wife with this lovely reminder and tribute to her. Due to delays publishing this it may no longer be such a surprise, but the story and photo was too lovely not to share. Besides, there may be some who recognize their younger selves, friends or loved ones in this fabulous wedding picture.

"My name is Derek Robinson. I am a local man, born in Parkfield Road to Kath and Ted Robinson, and went to Moulton secondary school. I met a lovely girl called Yvonne from Holcot. We parted when we left school but when I was working for WH Smiths in the Grosvenor Centre, I met Yvonne again and got chatting. Romance bloomed. After a while, I proposed, and we got married on 9 April 1977 – so this year is our Sapphire (45th) wedding anniversary.

As I was Akela of the Brixworth & Scaldwell Cubs and Yvonne was my Bagheera, we asked the boys if they would like to be our guard of honour. It was a unique moment for Holcot church, the cubs and of course for us!"

We're sending our belated regards and best wishes to Derek and Yvonne on their wedding anniversary and hope that they and their daughter Joy enjoyed the day. – cfw



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# Country Eye

## Ever changing, ever new

A bright sunny day with just a few fluffy white clouds drifting by. The big tree that shades my garden is just beginning to clothe itself in its new mantle of soft almost translucent green. Fortunate am I that in about 1880, then-landowner the Lady Vantage would decide to have planted the avenue of lime trees, one of which I am presently the custodian. This avenue runs alongside Park Farm and forms the western edge of the village. They are of pretty even height and are more than twice that of the houses they shelter.

Gently stirred by a soft westerly breeze, the new leaves are in constant motion so that the whole landscape shimmers and shifts, as if even the land itself is in motion. In all a soft canvas painted by nature to yield a green masterpiece. So it seems until a shower of gentle rain leaves in its wake millions of tiny rainbows reflected in the droplet-covered greenery. Yet others sparkle more brightly it seems than any diamond. The light shower soon passes, and again there is bright warm sunshine. The life-giving liquid seeps into the soil to recharge the tangled mass of roots.

A male blackbird begins to sing from the topmost branch of the lime, a rich cascade of bird music from the master singer, who has been dubbed the 'Mozart of the bird world'. Certain it is that he burnishes his repertoire as the season wears on, and there is some evidence that females actively seek out the better singers when choosing a mate. A reminder that birds do not sing for our pleasure and that song has a range of purposes. First to warn off rivals from his patch, then to attract a mate, and later so that the young can learn the correct song from their parent.

Literally coming back to earth with a bump my patch of grass has long since lost any pretext to be called a lawn. Annually it is reshaped by a family of moles who moved in some years ago, refugees from the chemical-drenched machinery pounded nearby fields. Having followed their worm and other invertebrate prey over winter to frost free depths, the rewarmed soil brings them to the surface again where they set about refurbishing old burrows and digging new ones, with a fresh set of molehills the result. Long ago I gave up any attempt to evict them and rather like the idea of having them around, although actual sightings are very rare. Once I saw the soil of a new hillock actually being pushed up through the grass, and on another occasion a bedraggled one was forced to the surface after a day of monsoon-like rain had flooded its burrow.

To me and to many others the garden is an ever-changing delight. Even the greyest and gloomiest days have their place, if only to remind us, however much we choose to deny it, that we still totally depend on nature for our very survival. Winds strong enough to tear whole



trees out of the ground; to bodily rip a steel garden shed from its foundations as I have seen, reminds us that we are so vulnerable, that nature is still very much in charge. On the benefits side we should welcome the fact that modern medicine is beginning to recognise that time spent out there in the open air amid nature's varied greenery has positive therapeutic value in tackling a range of medical disorders. Similarly our remaining semi-natural woodlands, wetlands, and so on are vital if we are to move towards a climate-friendly future.

Locally I feel that more and more of us are starting to look beyond the daily grind, the TV screen, the glittering temple that calls itself supermarket, and realise a better world is possible, and that they can and must be part of it. Under the aegis of our parish council there is a new group dedicated to improving our local environment for people and for wild nature. Ably led by Councillor Christine Ware they have hit the ground running. Any of you who would like to join them I feel sure would be welcomed. Contact them via the parish council.

— Brian Webster

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# Let there be light Northampton

## Colour Run



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The Community Hall at Brixworth Community Centre on the Spratton Road has a new, brighter look.

The works included replacing the fluorescent lighting with dimmable LED lights, tinting to the lower level windows and new facilities including a mezzanine level for additional storage space with a concertina ladder for access.

The chairs and tables are now stored away out of sight and new cushioned flooring has been installed.

The annual Northampton Colour Run will take place on Saturday 11 June, in aid of Cynthia Spencer hospice. The run will take participants on a 5km course across Oversone Park in Northampton. The course can be completed in any way – whether you run, walk or skip. Participants should contribute by fundraising. Be warned, it will be colourful and messy!

If you can't participate on the day, there is also a virtual option where you can do your own thing and #getmessy4cynthia when it suits you. Simply select the Virtual Ticket option and we'll send you a paint pouch and your medal so you and your friends and family can run your own 5K, maybe round your garden, and get messy along the way before celebrating with a group selfie wearing your medals!



The run starts at 10am on the day. Tickets are £20 for an adult, £10 for a child and £45 for a family. For more information, visit <https://www.cynthiaspencer.org.uk/> and go to 'Get involved'.

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# On Sail Again

Creative up-cycling raises over £4,000 for Sailability in five years

Six years ago, Sarah Butcher had little or no idea how to sail or sew, she, in her words 'didn't know one end of the boat from the other' and hadn't sewn 'since making a nightshirt at school.' Now, she has learned to sail and improved her sewing, putting both skills to effective use as a volunteer for Northampton Sailability at Pitsford Water and by making bags from tatty, torn old sails which she then sells to raise funds for the charity.

When Sarah started learning to sail, with a view to becoming a Sailability volunteer, she noticed that when old sails were worn out, they were just put to one side and no longer used, so she asked if she could have them. Sail fabric is strong, pliable and light, and Sarah had heard that it could be up-cycled into bags - although she had no idea how to go about it! She bought a second-hand heavy duty sewing machine which soon broke; then she sourced an old industrial sewing machine at a factory in Kettering and has never looked back.

The bags come in various colours, shapes and sizes; the strength of the sail fabric making them particularly popular as tote bags, bottle bags and kit bags, 'Ditty Bags' are also a favourite, with their many pockets useful for storing a variety of things. Sarah designs the bags first, then comes the toughest part - cutting out the sails using home-made templates, with larger sails needing to be laid out on her lawn.

Once the sails have been cut out, sewing them together, adding strong webbing straps, chunky zips and labels, it takes Sarah about two and half hours to finish an average sized bag, with each one being a unique creation. More recently, she has also enjoyed working with windsurfer sails as they tend to be lighter and brightly coloured.

Sarah dedicates at least a day a week to making the bags and, with tote bags selling for £10 and a large barrel bag at £30, all profits go to Northampton Sailability. Over the past five years, she has raised more than £4,000, a remarkable achievement for a self-taught seamstress! Sarah has no intention of stopping yet though, so, if you would like to see more of her amazing bags, please follow her on Instagram @onsailagain. — Tracey Calnan



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# For Team England and the Dance World Cup

Molly Redshaw is a year six pupil at Brixworth primary school and has lived in the village all of her life. She attends Oncore Dance Academy in Kingsthorpe and just before Christmas they were selected to represent Team

England at the Dance World Cup to be held in San Sebastian, Spain in June 2022. Molly and her team mates, all between eight and 12 years old, have worked incredibly

hard to achieve this accolade. Whilst they are not the only UK dance school to have qualified, they have achieved this whilst dealing with an uncertain two years under the most difficult circumstances and are absolutely over the moon at being able to

represent their country. All the hard work started over Zoom during lockdown for this amazing group. As soon as they were allowed back to the studio they learned that all their efforts had paid off and they qualified with their amazing 'Swing' dance.

The Dance World Cup has over 120,000 children from around the world aged from 4 to 25 trying to qualify in their country for the


DWC World Finals which is held annually in a different location. There are 62 countries competing from every continent. The Dance World cup tournament is described as "the best quality children and youths dance



competition in the World" and the "Olympics of dance". Team England will have 1,000 competitors alone from dance schools all over the UK and Molly is so proud to be part of this.

Molly is a very proud Brixworth girl and has had wonderful support from her classmates at Brixworth Primary School and the teachers and staff who are thrilled for her to have this amazing opportunity. Molly and her teammates have been fundraising constantly since they qualified to pay for travelling to Spain this summer – activities completed include a dance-a-thon, bake sales/hotdog/pancake evenings and she has received amazing support from lots of local businesses who have donated towards our raffle.

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OR just show your amazing Brixworth support in anyway by cheering her team on when they dance in June. – *Caroline Redshaw*



# Grants for young people in Brixworth and Scaldwell

Many families have found things hard during the Covid 19 pandemic and with the current increasing cost of living. A small cash grant for educational purposes may help those in need during this difficult time.

The Foundation of Thomas Roe provides small cash grants for people under 25 who live in the parishes of Brixworth or Scaldwell.

Grants have previously been provided to support young people with: purchase of school uniform; books and course materials; musical instruments; computer equipment; and travel expenses linked to education, including school trips.

Application forms can be downloaded from Brixworth and Scaldwell Parish Council web sites or from the Clerk at [thomasroefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:thomasroefoundation@gmail.com)

Completed application forms must be returned to the Clerk, preferably by email and in Word format, by midnight on 22 September 2022 for consideration at the charity's next meeting on 12 October 2022.



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## Worth the wait

On a cold and stormy night last year, the Brixworth Cubs planted the daffodils around the Butter Cross area, ably assisted by Anthony Farrow.

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# Brixworth & Scaldwell Scouts

The beginning of the spring term was difficult with some sessions impacted by leaders and scouts testing positive for Covid. As the term progressed, we have returned to semi-normal conditions for Brixworth & Scaldwell Scout Group. Everyone has taken advantage of the lighter evenings and good weather to enjoy outdoor activities.

## St Georges Day

There was an excellent turn out of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers who took part in the raising of the flag outside the library.



## Activities Update

Beavers enjoyed a trip to Gallone's in Kingsthorpe – popular with beavers, leaders and parents. They also went on an evening walk ending at the village chip-shop. Thank you to the staff at the Brixworth



Fish Bar for your support. Other activities for beavers included RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, Space, a Valentine's disco night, several craft evenings and an Easter Egg Hunt. For summer term they are looking forward to taking advantage of the early summer weather with scavenger hunt, cycling, tennis, Mini Meadows Farm, wide games, an evening hike and an end of term party in the park.

Cubs also enjoyed a trip to Gallone's, this time for pancakes & ice cream. They also had entertainer evenings, digital maker, an evening hike with the reward of hot chocolate, crafts and an Easter party. Cubs summer term activities will include village litter picking, wide

games, photography walk, reservoir walk, bicycle maintenance, bicycle ride and an end of term party in the park.

Scouts enjoyed village walks, War Hammer model making, and Mother's Day cake making – a Big Thank You to Louisa from Cakery Bay for helping.

Scouts & explorers shared some activities including a muddy night walk with chips



& hot chocolate, cooking pancakes on camping stoves at the centre, a visit from Raptorxotics where they saw snakes, toads, hissing cockroaches, scorpions, stick insects & giant snakes, and backwoods cooking at Overstone.

For the summer term scouts are looking forward to a visit from the fire brigade, more War Hammer model making, Northampton Treasure Trail. canoeing, an evening hike from Kingsthorpe to Brampton Halt - chips maybe involved, an American Night and a party in the park.

As well as the share activities, explorers experienced haggis and Irn-Bru for Burn's Night, more cooking at the centre for Chinese New Year, a paper plane competition, a virtual reality games night and a trip to Tenpin at Sixfields for an evening of tenpin bowling. Explorers are more involved in the planning for their sessions than the other sections so their activities are still in development at the time of writing.

## Scout Leaders Update

Darren has stepped down as cub leader, we would like to thank him for all his hard work.



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We are also pleased to welcome two new helpers, Eileen and Louise, and we're very happy for Tony, who has become Akela in cubs. Well done!

Our leaders continue to run multiple sections or handling executive/admin activities. Several leaders are running sections long after their own children have left the organisation and would like to step down, and we need volunteers to replace the leaders who recently stepped down.

Our wonderful team of adult volunteers



are from all sorts of backgrounds helping to run the group for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, but we are at a critical point. Without more leaders to organise and run sessions week-on-week or executive members to help with admin activities Brixworth & Scaldwell Scouts will not be able to operate. We have to meet specific "leaders to scout" ratios for each section, if we do not have enough leaders we will not be able to run the sessions each week. Potentially we will have to close a section.

More leaders and exec member help to spread the load – we need leaders to run the sessions, a treasurer, people with social media skills to help communicate our activities and to run our Facebook page.

Commitment is flexible to fit around the amount of time that each volunteer is able to give, but without leaders, parent helpers and executive team members we would not be able to function. If you would like to join our leadership and exec team please contact: [gsl@brixworthscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@brixworthscouts.org.uk) or [enquiries@brixworthscouts.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@brixworthscouts.org.uk). We'll help you to find a role that you'll enjoy, that will also really make a difference to the young people in our village.

If you would like to put your young person (boy or girl) on the waiting list for Beaver, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers please send their details to: [enquiries@brixworthscouts.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@brixworthscouts.org.uk)

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

# Brixworth & District u3a

The u3a held an open afternoon on Saturday 23rd April in Brixworth Village Hall. It was held to show all of the different groups that are available to new members, including our Craft and London Studies Groups (pictured, below). There are many groups within the u3a – for details, please visit our website at [u3asites.org.uk/brixworth](http://u3asites.org.uk/brixworth). We're happy to report that seventeen new members were signed up on the day.

The Friday Bridge group held its first competitive duplicate bridge afternoon in January, now that attendance numbers are steadily increasing after all that's happened during the last two years.

In January, the Local History Group were still holding Zoom talks and had a talk on "The Witches of Northamptonshire".

The Singing for Pleasure Group meet every Tuesday morning at Pitsford Pavilion for rehearsal. With the new year they are introducing new music to rehearsals to add more variety. One is the music from "Les Misérables". They are always looking for new members who will be made welcome.

Book Club 1 have been reading "Sixteen Trees of the Somme" by Lars Mytling and "The Mad Woman's Ball" by Victoria Mas.

Book Club 2 have been reading "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

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# Library update

It has been lovely to see the library bustling with people again.

Recently we have seen lots of students revising for their exams. For anyone who needs a quieter place to work, space is available. We have free Wi-Fi and charging points, as well as Study Happy kits filled with paper, pens, and games to play when you need a little break.

Our children's events are as busy as ever and we spent every day of the Easter holidays crafting, quizzing, and chocolate hunting. We have also been trialling some new sessions for adults and young people: Coffee & Crafts, Games Café and Home School Meet-Ups. If there are any new groups you would like to see in the library, please let us know.

You can keep up to date with everything that is going on our Facebook page: @BrixworthLibrary. Our wonderful Friends group always have lots of exciting events on



the horizon. Keep up to date with them too: @FOBXL.

## Jubilee Art Gallery

At the time of writing, we are thrilled to have had such an enthusiastic response to our Jubilee Art Gallery. We have received some beautiful leaf-inspired artworks and have been promised many more to create a

'green canopy' in every window of the library. The gallery is a real community effort with local groups, organisations and schools all getting involved.

As the Bulletin goes to press, we will be in a flurry of activity, installing the leaves in the windows, ready for the grand unveiling on 4th June. The exhibition will be on display until the end of the month so please come along and admire all the amazing creative talent we have in our village.

If you're not able to come along, we will be sharing some of the photos in the next edition of the Bulletin. For more information about the project and the inspiration behind it visit: [queensgreencanopy.org](http://queensgreencanopy.org) and our Facebook page.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Get ready for Gadgeteers: imagination can unlock endless possibilities, and the library is where it starts!

Join the Gadgeteers for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you, including some of your favourite things! This year the Reading Agency is teaming up with the Science Museum Group for a very special science-themed Challenge that will inspire children (aged 4-11) use their imagination and creativity, and get excited about reading through science and innovation.

The Summer Reading Challenge invites children to read six library books of their choice over the summer holidays. Each book read helps the Gadgeteers understand the science behind a whole range of interests from fashion and technology to cooking and music. There are special rewards to collect and even a medal and certificate for anyone who manages to complete the Challenge!

The Challenge launches on Saturday 9th July but you can join at any time during the summer – the sooner you do, the longer your child will have to read their six books. The best bit? It is all completely free! Visit the official Challenge website to find out more, and discover amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for cool experiments to discover the science all around: [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk).

We are running lots of inventive activities to go with the challenge. Check out our Facebook page: @brixworthlibrary, or drop into the library, to see all the exciting stuff we have planned.

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You can also pop into the library on Monday mornings to discuss your business idea with a member of the BIPC team.

## Northamptonshire Energy Saving Service (NESS)

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## Brixworth History Society

Over the last few months, the Brixworth History Society has received some excellent talks.

The most recent ones covered Bletchley Park and the Life and Times of Richard III. The meetings have also been an opportunity to display some of the new materials which have been donated to our archives over the last couple of years – mainly in the form of old photographs and memorabilia of the village.

Our next meeting in the village hall will be on September 15th, when John Knightley MBE will be talking about the Northampton tunnels. Several tunnels run underneath the streets of Northampton, along with many medieval cellars and ancient crypts. If you'd like to hear more, why not come along?

During the summer months we are planning to visit some local places of interest including the Sywell Aviation Museum, Chester House Estate near Wellingborough and the Silverstone Interactive Museum.

You can find the latest information on our Facebook page [facebook.com/groups/brixworthhistorysociety.co.uk](https://facebook.com/groups/brixworthhistorysociety.co.uk) or at [brixworthhistory.org](http://brixworthhistory.org) . – Rosemary Hardie

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# Planning update

<b>WND/2021/0816</b> <b>The Cottage, Froghall</b> Work to tree within a conservation area	BPC supported WNC approved
<b>WND/2021/0746</b> <b>Land North Of Cricket Ground, Northampton Road</b> Outline application for mixed use development comprising commercial, business and service uses within Class E; mixed use restaurant and takeaway use (sui generis); pub/drinking establishment (sui generis); hot food takeaway (sui generis) (revised scheme).	BPC not supported WNC refused
<b>WND/2021/0677</b> <b>The White House 128C, Northampton Road</b> Non illuminated fascia signs (retrospective)	BPC not supported WNC approved
<b>WND/2021/0444 (Amended)</b> <b>Phase 3 Buckton Fields, Off Brampton Lane, Boughton</b> Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the development of 262 dwellings including the community facility and apartments within the local centre (Zone 3) pursuant to outline approval DA/2011/0666 mixed use development comprising of up to 1050 dwellings (C3), B1 employment, residential care home (C2), park and ride facility of up to 500 spaces, local centre (A1/A2/A3/A5), primary school, public open space and associated highways and drainage infrastructure approval 6.11.2018 and approval of various Conditions	BPC observations only WNC approved
<b>WND/2021/0919</b> <b>Woodlawn, Grange Court</b> Raising roof of detached garage to provide ancillary annexe accommodation	BPC supported WNC approved
<b>WND/2021/0927</b> <b>Fairmount 4, High Street</b> Felling of tree in a Conservation Area	BPC no comment WNC approved
<b>WND/2021/0894</b> <b>Sunshine Farm, Holcot Road</b> Removal of Conditions 5, 6 & 7 of planning permission DA/2016/1009 relating to hours of extra care, keeping a register of occupants and use as staff accommodation.	BPC not supported WNC approved

<b>WND/2022/0012</b> <b>101, Northampton Road</b> Reduction of tree in a conservation area	BPC supported WNC approved
<b>Appeal of DA/2021/0310</b> <b>Appeal ref: APP/W2845/W/21/3285348</b> <b>Campsite, Land At Hill Farm, Northampton Rd</b> Proposed campsite reception and security office building.	BPC not supported WNC refused
<b>WND/2022/0039</b> <b>22, Eastfield Road</b> Demolition of existing garage and construction of single storey side extension	BPC supported WNC approved
<b>WND/2022/0014</b> <b>17, Broad Street</b> Single storey rear extension	BPC supported WNC approved
<b>WND/2022/0013</b> <b>3, The Ridings</b> Single storey rear extension and conversion of garage	BPC supported WNC approved
<b>WND/2021/0954</b> <b>Adjacent 4, Kennel Terrace</b> Demolition of existing block of 3 garages and construction of new dwelling	BPC not supported WNC approved
<b>WND/2021/0586</b> <b>114, Northampton Road</b> Replacement of front door (resubmission)	BPC supported WNC TBC

## Grants for young people in Lamport and Hanging Houghton

The Isham Charities make grants to people in Lamport or Hanging Houghton. Grants can be used to support education, training and formal apprenticeships for young people, up to the age of 25. This might help cover the cost of uniforms, special clothing, tools, instruments, books, travel or computers (where these are needed for school, university or college, or to enter a trade or profession).

Grants are also considered to help buy household items or appliances, services or facilities to reduce need or hardship for the person concerned.

Recipients of grants must have lived in one of the three villages covered for at least two years. All applicants are treated in the strictest confidence.

The trustees will next meet on 28 June to consider applications. The deadline for submissions is 21 June. Applications must be made in writing and include brief details of the request, including costs and copies of receipts or invoices. If you would like an informal chat with the clerk before submitting the paperwork, please contact Frances Allbury on 01536 790870 or email [lhpcouncil@btinternet.com](mailto:lhpcouncil@btinternet.com).



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# What's on

28 May	Jack Dee: Off The Telly	Derngate
29 May	Graeme Hall	Derngate
2 June	Platinum Jubilee: Fiori Musicale	Lampport Hall
2 June	Platinum Jubilee: Lighting the Beacon	All Saints Church
3-4 June	Jubilee Fair	Lampport Hall
4-5 June	Jubilee: Strawberries and Steam	N'ton & Lampport Rail
4 June	Jubilee Art Gallery - Grand Unveiling	Brixworth Library
5 June	Brixworth Jubilee Celebrations	Outside Library
5 June	Joint Open Air Service	Outside Library
6 June	Brixworth PC Planning	Community Centre
11 June	Danny Tompkins Summer Festival	Lampport Hall
12 June	N'ton Bach Choir Jubilee Proms	Derngate
13 June	Whats Love Got To Do With It?	Derngate
14-15 June	NMPAT - The Festival	Derngate
18 June	How English Country House Collections Evolved	Lampport Hall
19 June	Cream Tea Specials - Fathers Day	N'ton & Lampport Rail
21 June	Oti Mabuse: I Am Here	Derngate
22/6	Ronan Keating	Derngate
23 June	Brixworth Parish Council Meeting	Community Centre
23 June	The King of Reggae - The Man, The Music	Royal

24-25 June	Patrick Kielty: Borderline	Royal
24 June	Mark Steel - Every Little Things Gonna Be Alright	Royal
25-26 June	Antiques and Vintage Fair	Lampport Hall
25 June	Concert For Ukraine	Lampport Hall
25 June	Beer and Cider Festival	Brixworth Cricket Club
26 June	Evening of Jazz with Jake Leg Jug Band	Kelmarsh Hall
26 June	Dancing Schools UK	Derngate
27 June	Strictly: The Power Of Dance	Derngate
27 June	Brixworth PC Planning	Community Centre
29-30 June	Peppa Pigs Best Day Out	Derngate
1-3 July	The Walled Garden Feast	Lampport Hall
1 July 2022	Here Come The Boys	Derngate
2-3 July	Hollowell Steam and Vintage Rally	Hollowell
2 July 2022	Rose Royce with Gwen Dickey	Derngate
3 July	Limelight Theatre Thank You For The Music	Derngate
10 July	NMPAT Generations	Derngate
12 July	Jimmy Carr Terribly Funny	Derngate
13-14 July	The Mayhew School Once Upon A Time	Derngate
17 July	Jazz in the Gardens	Lampport Hall
17 July	Open Stage - Reimagination	Derngate
18 July	Brixworth PC Planning	Community Centre
20 July 2022	Lampport & HH PC Parish Council	Lampport Hall

21 July	Hansons Valuation Days	Kelmarsh Hall
21 July	Charles Hanson Charity Talk	Kelmarsh Hall
23-24 July	Janette Gaggini Art Exhibition	Lampport Hall
26 July	50 Years Of Abbey Road And Let It Be	Derngate
28 July	Parish Council Meeting	Community Centre
8 August	Brixworth PC Planning	Community Centre
9-10 Aug	Storytelling in the Gardens	Kelmarsh Hall
13 Aug	National Garden Scheme Open Day	Lampport Hall
20 Aug	Danny Tompkins Summer BBQ	Lampport Hall
25 Aug	Brixworth Parish Council Meeting	Community Centre
28-19 Aug	Antiques and Vintage Fair	Lampport Hall
30 Aug	Brixworth PC Planning	Community Centre
9 Sept	Danny Tompkins Autumn Cooking	Lampport Hall
10 Sept	Russell Kane The Essex Variant	Derngate
14-15 Sept	Friendsical	Derngate
15 Sept	Hansons Valuation Days	Kelmarsh Hall
15 Sept	History Society N'ton Tunnels	Brixworth Village Hall
18 Sept	Kim Wilde: Greatest Hits Tour	Derngate
19 Sept	Brixworth PC Planning	Community Centre
21 Sept	Ed Gamble - Electric	Derngate
21 Sept	Lampport and HH Parish Council	Lampport Hall
22 Sept	Hansons Valuation Days	Kelmarsh Hall
22 Sept	Justin Hayward - The Voice Of The Moody Blues	Derngate
23 Sept	The Night Sky Show	Derngate
26/9	Dawn French	Derngate
27 Sept	Paul Young, T Pau & Hue and Cry	Derngate
28 Sept	Steve Hackett Genesis Revisited - Foxtrot At Fifty	Derngate
29 Sept	Parish Council Meeting	Community Centre
30 Sept	Martin Bayfields Rugby Legends	Derngate

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We are lighting the Beacon at All Saints' Church to mark the **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

**Thurs 2nd June, 8pm**

## QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

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## Chairman's Chat

A look forward to future plans.

## Brixworth Climate Action Group

Looking after the environment in Summer.

## The Platinum Jubilee Tree

The village's new resident.

## Community Safety

How to keep safe in Summer.

## An introduction to our new staff

Meet our new clerk and assistant.



## Chairman's Chat

Northamptonshire Police has asked us to spread the word: with Summer come outdoor activities such as open water swimming; please read our safety tips so that you can enjoy the next few months without worry.



I'm delighted to report that the new children's play area on St David's playing field was officially opened in time for the school holidays. The new play area has been eagerly awaited by many local children, especially once development started.

We read a Facebook post where a particular young resident had been repeatedly asking her family when the play area would be opening so to reward her patience and enthusiasm, she was given the honour of cutting the ribbon! A torrent of youngsters poured in to experience the amazing new equipment and to enjoy the surprise Easter egg hunt.

Elsewhere, the upper hall of the Community Centre has been upgraded to make it more suitable for indoor sports, and the Parish Council hopes these two new venues address the need for up-to-date spaces where we can all enjoy physical activities. The final activity-related project for this year will be the MUGA on St David's, which we are hoping will be completed by September 2022.

Last, but not least, we hope that you all enjoy the celebrations put on by the volunteers of the Platinum Jubilee Working Group for Her Majesty The Queen's 70 years on the throne which the Council has been proud to support.

## St David's Play Area Opening



The new play equipment

The Parish Chairman and Jerry Jarman from Kompan



Enjoying the play area on the opening day







## Brixworth Climate Action Group Update

'Summer's here

The grass is ris'

I wonder where the mower is?'



Everything is bursting into life and the blossom has been magnificent this year. Just before you dig out the mower and cut the grass spare a thought for the insects, bees and your carbon footprint. If your mower is petrol powered then one hour of use has the equivalent carbon emissions of a 97 mile car journey. Mowing less often not only provides a better habitat for our pollinators but can also reduce your carbon footprint!

Another way to provide food and habitat for the bees and trap carbon back into the ground is to plant trees that blossom. Early flowering species provide early food for the bees and insects and even a young tree will capture around 6kg of carbon a year. As the trees mature they absorb more and more carbon so a tree planted now really is an investment for the future. Tree planting season is October to the end of March so we are working on our planting plan for the Autumn.

We aim to progress the Community Orchard plan as well as introducing new hedgerows in the village. We have secured funding from ACRE to plant three hedgerows and these will be a mix of native hedge plants including hawthorn, blackthorn, dogwood and hazel.

Planting will be in the Autumn and if you would like to get involved with either the Community Orchard or the hedgerows then please let Cllr Christine Ware have your details.



The Brixworth Climate Action Group is continuing to work on Brixworth's Green Plan which covers a number of different areas in addition to the Environment and Biodiversity projects, including waste and recycling, food and agriculture, transport, energy use and sources. BCAG meets on-line each month. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved, or if you have any ideas to share.

## The Queen's Jubilee Tree

To celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee we have planted a fastigate Hornbeam tree on Holcot Road. It's outside the Village Hall, next to the trees planted to celebrate Queen Victoria's jubilees. This is a native tree and started life just up the road in Rugby.

We will be marking this with a commemorative plaque in the Jubilee celebrations in June.



## Wanted: 96 year old.

Are you, or anyone you know sharing their special birthday with the Queen? We are looking for someone who is also celebrating their 96th birthday this year who might like to help us unveil the

commemorative plaque for the Platinum Jubilee tree. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help.

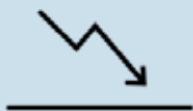


## Speed Indicator



- This month 96% of vehicles tracked were at or below the speed limit
- The average speed of all vehicles checked was 26.4mph
- The total number of vehicles tracked was 56,699
- There were 2,272 vehicles (4%) tracked over the speed limit

## Crime Figures



- Crime figures have once again shown a slight decrease from previous years
- The number of reported crimes in February 2022 was 15
- This is compared to 22 in February 2020 and 21 in February 2021
- More information can be found on the Daventry Rural page of [police.uk](https://www.police.uk)

## Dangers of Open Water

As the warm weather (hopefully) approaches, it may be tempting to seek out places to swim, but Pitsford Reservoir is not a suitable place.

The local Emergency Services are encouraging parents to talk to children about the dangers of swimming in open water spaces such as Pitsford Reservoir as the weather improves.

Darren Carson, prevention team leader at Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service warned of the risk in taking part in unsupervised open water swimming. He said: "Even in warm weather, open water can be extremely cold and dangerous."



On its website, Anglian Water says that "Swimming is only permitted in designated areas and during Anglian Water consented events. The permitted swimming area is at Rutland Water. There are currently no designated swimming areas at Pitsford Water."

A list of safer places can be found at [swimming.org](https://swimming.org).

## Upper Hall of the Library and Community Centre Opening

The upper hall of the Library and Community Centre is open once again to hirers.

Hirers can now take advantage of the improved storage, tidy, safer space, new flooring and sports-friendly adaptations.

Matthew Abraham from FormFive which carried out the work is pictured with Councillors Jackie Bird and Tom Mitchell who spearheaded the project.





## Our New Parish Clerk

Brixworth Parish Council is very happy to announce the appointment of a new Parish Clerk – Ruth Gasson – and a new Administrative Assistant – Gavin Kirkup.

Ruth was born in Northampton and has worked in the finance industry, libraries, schools, prisons, mental health settings and at the University of Northampton.

She has a keen interest in community engagement and arts therapy. She has been a volunteer presenter for BBC Radio Northampton and a Director for the Umbrella Fair Organisation. She was elected as the fourth Bard of Northampton and worked to introduce spoken word to children and young people and was awarded one of only ten National Literacy Heroes, by the National Literacy Trust and HRH the Duchess of Cornwall.

She told us “I am keen to work within the local community and put my wealth of business administration experience to good use. I look forward to supporting Brixworth Parish Council and the residents of Brixworth to make this an even greater place to live, work, visit and thrive.”

Gavin has recently moved into the area and has had a long career in high level retail management across a number of companies. He has worked as a Community Champion with charities, supporting small, local businesses and community focused campaigns. He has a wealth of experience in managing social media and building both relevant and engaging online content.

In 2019, Gavin and his partner went through a extensive process, in order to adopt two incredible children. Gavin described this as being a life changing event full of challenges, but the most rewarding thing he has ever done.

Gavin describes himself as a creative individual and has a keen interest in graphics and design. In his spare time, he is a keen crafter.

**Full Council (Thursdays):** 26 May, 23 June, 28 July

**Media & Comms (Wednesdays):** 18 May, 15 June, 13 July

**Planning (Mondays):** 16 May, 6 June, 27 June, 18 July

**Surgery (Saturdays):** 11 June 9 July

**Please check website and noticeboards to confirm dates and times.**

**Note: All meetings are held in the Library and Community Centre.**

### Contact the Parish Clerk:

If you want to contact the Parish Council please write to: The Parish Clerk, The Information Point, Brixworth Library and Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth NN6 9DS

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Parish Clerk



**Gavin Kirkup**  
Administration Assistant





# BRIXWORTH MATTERS

 **YouTube** Brixworth Community Church

It does appear that we, as a nation, may be over the worst of the pandemic. Well, as more things open up in attempts to return to normality, let us not forget the important lessons we have learnt through the difficult time of the virus.

For example, we mustn't get too busy again. In some ways, the intense times of lockdown stopped all the rushing around. For us as a family, the frantic ferrying around of kids stopped because the clubs had stopped and it meant we could actually breathe and reconnect and enjoy each other. Surly we must remain better connected now! What a shame if we all became tired and disconnected 'ships in the night' once again.

We were also, if you remember, led to appreciate others outside of the family more. The neighbour who needed some shopping, the key workers that fought the virus in the hospitals and care homes as well as those who filled the shelves in the shops and kept us all in the supply of tooth paste and toilet rolls! May this deeper appreciation of others remain too.

There was also the appreciation of nature while keeping fit at the same time. I don't know about you, but after being told we could only do one form of exercise a day, I am sure I saw more people out walking than I have ever done! Ironically, in the midst of such a contagious illness, perhaps some who avoided the virus were getting fitter than ever before.

However, if physical exercise is of some benefit, the bible says spiritual exercise is of greater benefit (1 Timothy 4:8) and many took their new found time to explore God and Church and exercise spiritually in this way too.

The viewing figures on our youtube channel which allowed people to watch services during lockdowns suggest that was the case.

Well, don't stop this exercise now. Infact, now would be a better time to start or get even fitter, spiritually speaking, as we are back running our Church services live and in person at the school on Sunday mornings 10.30am and you can't beat the real thing!

Why not pop in to explore a vibrant relationship with God. You would be most welcome and I would say it would be the most healthy thing you could ever do!

*Andy*



Contact Andy Lloyd-Williams on  
07958 604961

## SUMMER 2022 HOLIDAY CLUB

July 27th. - July 29th.

We are planning to run a fantastic and FREE church run holiday club for 27th-29th July this year.

We are also planning a Family Fun Day on the 30th July where many activities will also be FREE.

The Holiday Club is for primary school age and booking forms will go through the school but please do get in touch if you would like a form or to know more.

## FAMILY FUN DAY

Sat July 30th.







## BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Once again this year Brixworth Community Church held a baptism service. The school was packed out to witness Nick Vizor and Terrie Wardle testify to their Christian faith.

It was touching to hear their personal stories of how they began to trust in Jesus. Then they were both baptised by being fully immersed in a baptismal tank (see picture above).

Thanks again to the school for agreeing for us to hold this most important event on their premises.



## SOCCER & NETBALL SCHOOLS



Our Soccer School in the second week of the Easter holidays was a big hit for all those children who signed up for the five days of fun. They had a great time learning new skills and playing matches to help them become better players. They also enjoyed interactive bible stories prompting some great discussions with children and parents.

One mum said "our 7yr old came home beaming each day and couldn't wait to return next year to sign up again". Her husband was equally excited at the prospect of the coaches v parents match! Some of the parents had been training especially!

One parent shared how they felt on the village facebook page: "A huge thanks to Brixworth Community Church and SportsReach for their running of the football camp and the free family BBQ at the world cup event! As you can imagine Easter Sunday was a packed service as the children brought their parents to see them receive their tee shirts, footballs and trophies, not forgetting hearing the good news that Jesus has risen! A big thanks to all those who helped make it happen!



## BRIXWORTH CELEBRATES

**Joint Open Air Service Sunday 5th June**

**10:30 a.m. outside the Library & Community Centre.**

**Led by Rev. D Reith and Rev. A. Lloyd-Williams**

Refreshments available



### Brixworth Community Church Weekly Events

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

 Brixworth Community Church

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### Brixworth Community Church Coffee Shop

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# Panthers miss out on one trophy, but lift the other

On Sunday 1st May, Rob Jones proudly led his group of players onto the Sixfields Northampton pitch to play in the u18s Youth Cup Final against a very strong Spencer Team. The u18s can hold their heads high in this final, they took the lead within three minutes of the game and continued to create many first half opportunities. Some physical challenges resulted in five yellow cards between the two teams in the first half, and some unfortunate own goals led to Spencer leading at half time 4-2. The pitch seemed to take a lot out of both teams, as the second half was not as exciting as the first. Spencer scored a fifth goal and Brixworth, who had hoped for VAR, had a goal disallowed and a potential sending off that would have changed the game had the ref seen what happened. The team was great credit to themselves, their coaches and the club.

Their second final on the 8th May was again played at Sixfields, though this time against Corby S&L in the u18s Pinner Cup Final.

The Under 18s Panthers Pinner cup final took place on the 9th May on a beautiful Sunday afternoon at Sixfields. The pitch was in glorious condition and the two teams played out a thrilling final.

The Panthers GK Tom Cole made some exceptional saves during the match including saving a penalty which was awarded just before half time, so it stood 0-0 at half time. The second half saw Brixworth create more opportunities, back post headers went wide, some soft shooting saw chances missed. Then Brixworth put together a lovely move and took the lead into the second half. Corby responded and put some further pressure onto the lads which resulted in a goal being disallowed for off-side. But then they themselves worked the ball superbly from left to right and had a shot which nestled into the bottom corner sending the game to penalties.

In the nerve wracking shoot out it was 3-3 after the first five penalties had been taken. It came to those players who least like taking them, but some quality penalties took it to 7-7. Tom Cole saved



his fourth penalty of the day, meaning Riley had to step up and score to be cup winners. The tension around the stadium was truly nail biting. The ball struck just wide of the keeper, struck the inside post and went in. End result – glory for the Brixworth team taking home the Pinner Cup for a year.

Well done to the lads and their coaches Rob Jones and Steve Thomas

Overall, it's been great to get football consistently played again, and a real pleasure to see the pitches being filled by footballers playing every weekend when they have scheduled matches. As you know, we have 300 children playing football in this club and with absolute pride the coaches love challenging the players to improve and enjoy themselves.

The season ends at the end of May. The Brixworth Club day will be Sunday 26th June, so please come along and have some fun where we hope to have food, some stalls and lots of football at St Davids.

- Simon Compton, Brixworth FC Secretary



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# Gold-winning charity support

Northampton Sailing Club member and Gold medal Olympian, Dylan Fletcher-Scott MBE was the star guest for the Steve Nicholson Trophy at Northampton Sailing Club – a charity event in support of Asthma UK.

The Steve Nicholson Trophy is a key open meeting in the UK winter sailing calendar and is held annually at Northampton Sailing Club (NSC). The event raises money in memory of Steve Nicholson, a young, popular and talented sailor at Northampton who tragically died after an asthma attack in 2002. The Steve Nicholson Trophy is the only UK open meeting where all the entry fees go to charity. Along with donations received on the day and match-funding from Rightmove, the event raised a fantastic £3,500 for this incredible cause.

We could not have been luckier with our timing, with the event just slotting into the weather window between storms Malik and Corrie. The sun shone and with a light breeze, 50 boats hit the water competing in both single and double handers. Pinnell & Bax and Harken provided some excellent prizes to the winners, to the youth competitors, and even to the boat which "sailed round all the buoys, but not necessarily in the right order"!

Prize-giving was followed by a Q&A session with Dylan Fletcher-Scott – 49er Olympic Gold Medallist in Tokyo. Dylan started sailing at NSC at the age of 11 and racing at 13, trained by several of the existing club members. Dylan talked about his memories of the club as well as giving a fascinating insight into Olympic experience. With honorary Life Membership of NSC, there will always be a warm welcome and a cold beer waiting at the club for Dylan and his family whenever he is taking a break from his international training.



Thanks go all members of Northampton Sailing Club and Northampton Sailability, who ran the trophy event, provided rescue support, collated the results, organised the prizes and ran the bar to make this another successful and very enjoyable event.

As the weather has warmed up, so has the activity at the club! With the kids' pirates and adult coaching sessions on a Wednesday



night (free with club membership) we are seeing more members than ever get out on the water. And it's not just about sailing and windsurfing. Wing boarding is proving ever more popular and paddle boarders now account for half our membership. It is so simple to get started on the water! Memberships includes boats, boards and SUPs for hire, wetsuits and life jackets free to borrow. Whether you are completely new to

the sport or just feeling a little rusty, our senior instructor can help you gain confidence in our safe, fun, beautiful environment. Membership is more competitive than ever, and gift vouchers are available for those wanting to try something new.

To find out more go to [www.northamptonsailingclub.org](http://www.northamptonsailingclub.org), call 01604 880248, or e-mail [info@northamptonsailingclub.org](mailto:info@northamptonsailingclub.org)

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# Brixworth girls hold their own in Cup Finals

At the end of the first complete football season for two years, Brixworth Junior Under-14s Girls – the only girls' team on the Brixworth Juniors Squad – have finished at the top of their league. As a result, they played in the Northamptonshire FA County Cup final against Northampton Town U14s on April 24th.

The day started early for the girls, with a coach journey to the Corby Steelbacks ground. The sunshine and blue skies made for an auspicious start and spirits were high and several parents and supporters, including siblings and other local fans, made the trip to lend the team their voices and encouragement for the match.

The coaches want to thank the club for putting on the coach to get the girls to the ground, and the sponsors (CPL Aromas, Kip McGrath and Midland Machinery) for their kind generosity throughout the season, contributing towards kits and personalised kit bags for the girls.

Brixworth made a very strong start in the game and by half time had kept Northampton down to a 2-0 lead. This is quite some achievement, considering that



to win 5-0 – a much smaller lead than the last time the two teams met two seasons ago.

The Brixworth keeper was awarded a very well-deserved player of the match, and she made at least two phenomenal saves very early on. The scoreline doesn't reflect the strong challenge that Brixworth made to the Northampton team. While in the end they couldn't quite dominate the play for long enough to convert their hard work into goal scoring chances, it was a great effort by the girls who should consider themselves Grassroots County Champions.

The excellent achievements of Brixworth Juniors U14s girls were recognised by their coaches, who took them out bowling to celebrate their second place.

The team then competed again in another Cup Final, the Macron League Cup. They made it there through an extremely tense semi-final against Brackley, who came back after a 3-1 lead at half time to equalise at 4-4 by full time. A nail-biting penalty shoot-out was ultimately won by a confident Brixworth team

holding their nerve and taking the team through to the final.

The final was played on the afternoon of Saturday 14 May against Kettering Town, once again at Corby Town football club.

In a close encounter, Brixworth had the

most of the play for the first 20 minutes and took the lead with a super strike from the edge of the box to give the girls the lead. Unfortunately for the girls, only a few minutes later a super quick player from Kettering received the ball down the right wing and struck it past one of our stand-in keepers to level the score.

The game continued into the second half with both sides seeking opportunities, but at the end the score remained 1-1 which meant yet another end to a cup game on penalties.



Again our second half stand-in keeper performed heroics with two great saves. With only one miss from five penalties, Brixworth u14s Girls won 4-3 on penalties. They were delighted, as were we all!

Great day and great result for the girls.

– Elaine Coe & Simon Compton



this was a grassroots vs professional match – Northampton are a professional club playing Saturday morning football against the likes of West Ham, Brentford and Lincoln.

Substitutions were brought on to support the team's powerful defence. After an unlucky third goal, Northampton scored twice more

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