

Brixworth awaits decision on Local Services Centre

The planning application for a controversial Local Services Centre at the southern edge of Brixworth near the cricket club has yet to be decided.

West Northamptonshire Council's North Planning Committee had been due to consider the application in early August, but the meeting on 7 August was postponed due to expected demonstrations on that day.

Due to the size of the proposed development, it will now be considered by the WNC's Strategic Planning Committee in October.

The plans for the Local Services Centre outline a mixture of commercial, business and service uses. It would include a good-sized supermarket, a restaurant and takeaway, a spa and wellbeing centre, a gym, offices, a meeting hub, drive-through coffee shop, and up to 16 affordable houses.

It is the third time plans for a service centre have been decided on by planners – similar proposals were rejected in 2021 and 2022. In each case, planning committees justified their rejection because the development is outside the established boundaries of the village in a sensitive landscape, and would change the character of Brixworth from a village to a town.

The third attempt for the first time incorporates provision of affordable housing, though the number of houses has been scaled back from 28 houses in the early drafts of the proposal to 16 in the plans that were ultimately submitted. The spa and wellness centre are also new additions.

Another new feature of the latest application is the opportunity for villagers to take over the ownership of the grounds of the nearby cricket and tennis clubs, which the developers estimate are worth around £500,000. The opportunity for the villagers to take control of the land is part of a so-called Section 106 agreement which requires developers to ensure that extra works are carried out that benefit the local community – for example, Brixworth's new doctor's surgery was built through a Section 106 agreement as part of the Saxon Rise housing development.

Land agent Joseph Soul explained: **"We're proposing that the freehold of the clubs is transferred to a Brixworth Community Interest Company or similar, to take on full management and ownership."**

"A covenant will be included to prevent future residential or commercial use of the land or buildings."



"This is a unique and unrivalled opportunity for Brixworth to have full ownership of facilities that would cost around £500,000 to reproduce, and for residents to oversee its preservation and development."

Brixworth Cricket Club has grown in size since its creation and is now home to four senior teams and six junior squads which range in age from five to 16. It is owned by the former Brixworth GP, Dallas Burston, who since built up considerable wealth as a businessman. Burston funded the building of the cricket and tennis club in the 1990s and has since let the grounds to the club for a notional rent of £1 per year.

The proposed development, particularly the opportunity to own the freehold for the clubs, has caused considerable discussion among villagers. There remains considerable disquiet about the scale of the new development, which villagers and planners alike worry would change the character of Brixworth and

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make it a small town.

While some welcome the idea of more shops, others warned that existing businesses might struggle:

“National supermarket, coffee shop, pharmacy, restaurant, offices, space for rent for dance classes... it’s everything we’ve already got one or more of within the village!” one person commented online. ***“It will be a threat and detrimental to the local economy, not a benefit. All it’s going to achieve is choking out pre-existing local businesses ran and staffed by real Brixworth villagers to line the pockets of one long-gone former resident.”***

Others pointed out that adding more amenities will make it

easier to get approval for more housing estates later. ***“If this retail site gets the go-ahead, Brixworth will be viewed as a sustainable place to live. That will mean more development but good-bye countryside views and village character.”***

On the other hand, new facilities will mean more local jobs. Some also noted that the option to take over the freehold for the cricket and tennis clubs was a great opportunity and would safeguard against the kind of uncertainty now facing the Northampton Road allotment holders.

One comment posted online read:

“As much as people don’t want more development in the village, we desperately need more amenities. Depending on the businesses going in, I’m all for this. We need a larger convenience store for sure!”

Another villager added:

“You can’t stop progress. This isn’t a rural village anymore, with more houses and the potential for more houses it has to meet the needs of the residents, new and old.”

With such diverse and polarised opinions, the decision by WNC’s Strategic Planning Committee in October will be keenly awaited by many.

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Village groups go Wombling

May saw 24 Brixworth Beavers very keen to join Brixworth Wombles collect litter on St David's playing field. All of them seemed to enjoy the experience and were very willing for us to join them again soon. We also lent our equipment to Brixworth Scouts who covered a wider area within the village. Over a two-day period we managed to clear the Holcot Road to the Causeway collecting 18 bags plus some large items. At the end of May we joined volunteers in Pitsford for our first maintenance clean on the A508 to the Country Park roundabout collecting 13 bags of detritus.



After the two Bank Holidays we arranged a deep clean at Brixworth Country Park. While we did collect quite a bit of litter, we were pleasantly surprised by how clean the park had been left. June saw us setting up our gazebo for a day at the Brixworth Junior Football Tournament which was very well attended and we enjoyed the day. With no large organised picks, a few volunteers saw an opportunity to take advantage of a road closure on the Spratton Road to clear litter on the hill out of the village. This is something we can't usually do due to the blind bend with no pavement. It's looking much cleaner now so a huge thank to those who gave up a morning to do this.

And finally, thank you to CPL Aromas! As a Corporate Community Involvement Day CPL very kindly asked to do a village litter pick so we willingly provided the necessary equipment.

What a fantastic job they did. What a wonderful village we live in!

If you are interested in joining us please check our website brixworthwombles.co.uk or our Facebook page 'Brixworth Wombles'.

Great support to save the allotments!

On July 4th, Andrew Stuart (Con.) was elected as our new MP for the Daventry District. Although he has never resided in our area, only three weeks after the General Election, Andrew visited




Credit: Ade Segun

Brixworth to find out more about the plight of the Northampton Road allotment holders who, as reported in the Bulletin Dec 23, are facing eviction. Phil Pinder, Chair of the NR Allotments Association, said that it was a very positive meeting, and the new MP has offered them his full support.

The allotment holders also continue to receive tremendous support from Brixworth Parish Council and it is hoped that an agreement can be reached whereby the Parish Council eventually acquire the land so that villagers can continue to enjoy and reap the benefits for years to come. Nothing is definite as yet, but with the continued support of the Parish Council, our local MP and many villagers, the future looks more hopeful for the Northampton Road Allotments.

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Brixworth marks 80 years since D-Day

*"When you go home, tell them of us and say,
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On the evening of June 6th, the bells of All Saints' Church rang out over Brixworth as I made my way there to join about 100 other villagers to mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

As I entered the newly mown graveyard, the bells stopped ringing and music of the war era started to play from a sound system, setting the mood. Reverend David Reith and members of the community were lighting candles arranged around the war memorial, further adding to the ambience. It was a cool but still evening, birds competing with the music as they sang out their dusk chorus under a darkening sky tinged with indigo. In this bucolic setting, it was hard to imagine how it must have been for those young men on the Normandy beaches on this day 80 years ago, but it was those men we were there to remember and the sacrifices that many of them made for our future freedom.

The event was led by Rev David in conjunction with the Brixworth branch of the

Royal British Legion and members of the Parish Council. This local gathering of remembrance and the lighting of the beacon was one of over 1000 similar ceremonies taking place at the exact same time (9.15pm BST) throughout the UK, France and other countries around the world.

In the build-up to lighting the beacon, Rev David addressed those gathered, *"We are lighting the beacon as a symbol of the peace that emerged from the darkness of war..."* before going on to a Bible reading, the Lord's Prayer and the National Anthem.

Jackie Bird, chair of the parish council, read a Tribute of Remembrance which left nobody out – mentioning not only those on the battle front in Normandy, but also those doing their bit on the home front, those family members the soldiers left behind, the codebreakers, those who planned the operation and everyone else involved in this key turning



Credit: Ian Topham

point of WWII. Eddie Edmunds, on behalf of the Brixworth RBL, also gave thanks to those who served.

Just before 9.15pm, those gathered observed a few minutes' silence. Then, with a whoosh of flames, the beacon lit up the night sky along with all the others around the world.

Our little local ceremony might have lacked the pomp and circumstance of the ones in Portsmouth and Normandy, but it was Brixworth's way of marking the occasion in a moving and meaningful way.

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It's no secret the UK is in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis. Even though we are fortunate enough to live in a wealthy western democracy, food poverty is on the increase with one in five families thought to be living 'below the breadline' and unable to meet their basic needs. It's a nationwide problem and, contrary to popular belief, not limited to our larger towns and cities.

Back in 2019, before the current crisis took hold, Elaine Coe (Brixworth Parish Council) remembers being shocked and appalled by a news report of a Northamptonshire woman who'd been arrested for 'stealing' food from a bin. When she investigated further, she realised that there was a growing problem in our own area with food poverty and food waste, food which supermarkets would discard while still in date but approaching its use-by or sell-by date. Completely off her own back, Elaine started collecting 'food waste' from the Co-op each evening and then, with the kind support of the Olive Branch who offered their facilities, she set about offering a free weekly hot dinner to those in need. This initiative, however, didn't really get off the ground before the pandemic hit.

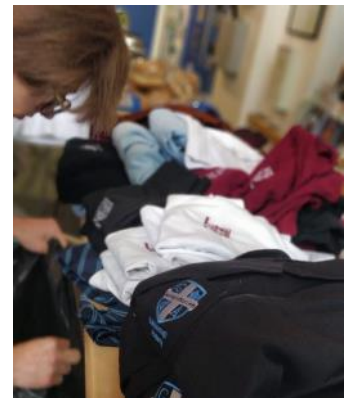
During the Covid lockdowns, it became apparent that school children who were entitled to free school meals at lunchtime were missing out. It was at this point that Elaine set up the Brixworth Community Food Share. She continued to visit the Co-op in the evenings, but also received donations, which enabled her to put together and deliver packed lunches to those families who'd normally be relying on free school meals.

After the pandemic, it was obvious that this service was still needed during the school holidays - when children also miss out on their free school meals. Elaine and her team of volunteers continue to collect surplus food and donations to make up school holiday hampers for those who need them. She says this amounts to 15-20 families each time. *"It's all kinds of families who are struggling for all kinds of reasons,"* she said.

The Food Share initiative continues to work closely with the Co-op and in conjunction with the Brixworth Community Larder (who often donate vouchers for families in need). All of them are committed to reducing food poverty and food waste.

The Food Share also receives generous donations, both food and financial, from many local sources including the Brixworth Community Church and All Saints Church, Central Sports, Mr Troops, The Lions, The Bedford Charity and the Parish Council who provided a grant for them to purchase a freezer.

They also receive food donations from individuals in the weeks leading up to the school holidays. For those readers wishing to donate for future school holidays, Elaine says that they need store cupboard items with a long life, particularly protein-based tinned goods such as meat and beans. Donations can be left at The Olive Branch who continue to support the Food Share by providing a space for storage. For anyone wishing to help with the packing or delivering of food boxes, Elaine normally posts the dates on the Brixworth Let Us Know Facebook page; the next one is likely to be prior to the October half-term break. The Food Share has now extended its idea of helping struggling families – and those simply wishing to save some money – by organising a Uniform Swap at the end of the summer term, where free burgers and hot dogs were served courtesy of the Brixworth



Community Church. The event was held outside the library in the long-awaited summer sunshine on July 19th and was well attended, with many expressing their gratitude for such a good idea.

In the lead up to the Christmas holidays, the Food Share also works with Paris Robinson, who organises the shoe boxes for elderly residents in the village, by sharing resources and surplus goods. In these difficult times, it's heartening to see how so many of our village groups and volunteers pull together to ensure that vulnerable residents across the spectrum are taken care of in their time of need.

Bravo to Elaine and all involved, for showing such wonderful community spirit!

– Tracey Calnan

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Run, Emily, Run! ... a tale of dreams and determination

Another in our series of local people with an unusual job or hobby.

In April of this year, Brixworth resident Emily Moore completed the **Marathon Des Sables** – a 250km run over seven days, across the unforgiving Sahara Desert. It was the experience of a lifetime and, to date, has helped Emily raise over £6000 for charity. Her journey to reach this pinnacle of endurance and athleticism, however, has not been straightforward.

“I really want one of those shiny blankets!”

When asked what first inspired her to take up marathon running, Emily goes back to primary school and remembers when a teacher brought in a medal and foil blanket from the London Marathon to show the pupils. Emily had little interest in the medal, but vividly recalls thinking *“I really want one of those shiny blankets!”* Growing up, she watched the London Marathon with avid interest, determined to be a participant one day.

“You’ll never be able to walk unaided again.”

At the age of 19, however, it seemed like this was an ambition she’d never be able to fulfil. Following a serious fall, Emily was left with multiple injuries and doctors told her *“You’ll never be able to walk unaided again.”*

This was devastating news, but it fuelled Emily’s determination to prove them wrong and kept her going during the long months of recovery and rehabilitation, she says.

“Being told you can’t is a great incentive.”

Once recovered from her injuries, Emily started running and competing in 5 and 10km races. Living in Northampton at the time, the reservoir played a big part in her training regime and was one of the reasons why she later moved to Brixworth. Year after year, she applied to compete in the London Marathon, finally succeeding in getting a place in 2011. Later that year, she went on to compete in the Edinburgh and Berlin Marathons – *“Berlin is one of my favourites,”* she says, *“it’s so well organised and you get handed a beer at the end!”*

“There’s nothing like the sense of achievement you get when you cross that finish line.”

Emily admits that she soon became addicted to marathon running, citing *“there’s nothing like that feeling and sense of achievement you get when you cross the finish line.”* She was also a keen cyclist, however, and Iron Man competitions soon called to her – a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride and a marathon run. There was only one problem, Emily couldn’t swim! She explains how she was brought up by a single dad, who imbued his daughters with *“plenty of grit and determination”* but, as he was afraid of the water, they never learned to swim. In 2013, Emily learned to swim and went on to participate in her first Iron Man in Frankfurt – whilst pregnant!

“Cycling kept me sane!”

Emily was then lured by the challenge of long-distance swims, such as The Windermere One Way, a swim of 11 miles from one end of the eponymous lake to the



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other and, at this stage, she admits, *“running had kind of taken a back seat to cycling and swimming.”* When the pandemic hit in 2020, she’d just gone through a messy divorce and suddenly found herself isolated with two children, no social contact and no travel opportunities. During this time, she says that *“cycling kept me sane,”* as she pedalled the temporarily empty roads of the county.

“One of the toughest foot races on Earth.”

In 2023, Emily ran the London Marathon again, only this time she wasn’t only running for herself but to raise money for the Northants Domestic Abuse Charity, a cause very close to her heart. The same month, a friend completed the *Marathon Des Sables (MDS)* in Morocco which piqued her interest. Seeing another challenge and opportunity to raise money, Emily signed herself up for the 2024 MDS, an event considered by many to be *“one of the toughest foot races on Earth,”* and not for the faint-hearted.

“Probably one of the best things I’ll ever do.”

The preparation for this event was on a whole other level. It wasn’t only the 250kms distance that had to be considered but the harsh environment. During the race, athletes are advised to consume 2000 calories a day, mostly in salty snacks as they lose so much salt through sweat; everything they need for seven days is carried on their backs. Emily trained with weights in her rucksack and to prepare for the climate, she took hot baths and practised hot yoga (in temperatures up to 50 degrees C) and trained on a treadmill in a ‘heat chamber’ at the University of Wolverhampton – all this whilst bringing up two children and working part-time! Every minute spent training was worth it though, as Emily says it was *“probably one of the best things I’ll ever do.”*

“I felt totally disconnected from the rest of my life.”

MDS runners don’t carry phones with them but are allowed a 90 second video call home each evening at camp. Whilst running her way across the Sahara, Emily felt *“completely disconnected from the rest of my life, thinking of nothing else but the task at hand... everyone is equal in that situation, whatever their life at home is like.”* The terrain ranged from soft sand to hard and rocky; Emily says Day 4 *“was probably the hardest,”* as they had to cross enormous waves of unrelenting dunes and *“the sand gets into every orifice but after a while, you stop noticing.”*

“It was tough, but I loved every single minute of it!”

Despite all Emily’s meticulous preparation and packing, she still encountered a problem when a rucksack strap rubbed against her skin causing a sore. It got infected and she had to be treated by medics, but, although it was incredibly painful at times, she kept going. She says her seven tent mates were a source of *‘great mutual support’* and every one of them completed the race. To sum up, Emily says,

“it was tough, but I loved every minute of it!”

— Tracey Calnan

What is the Marathon des Sables?

Also known as the ‘Sahara Marathon’, the Marathon des Sables is a seven day ultramarathon.

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Brixworth and Scaldwell Scout Group

The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and leaders are now all on summer break after another busy year of scouting. Its been a great year and really wonderful to see the amazing activities that all the young people have thrown themselves into. For the final activity of the year the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts joined together for a jamboree at Overstone Scout Centre, with plenty of activities, awards, wide games and of course hotdogs and burgers. The group also supported the local school fete by running the burger stall, and we would like to thank all the leaders and other volunteers who worked very hard to make this a success and raise funds for both the PTA and the Scout Group.

The **Beavers** have covered over ten badges recently including gardening, cycling, faith, and sports. Term highlights included a visit to the Brixworth Fire Station where we received a dedicated printout message from the control centre. The Beavers also helped the local Brixworth Wombles with a litter pick on St David's playing field. Further afield, there were visits to Harlestone Firs for some den building and a walk around Ravensthorpe reservoir. The term ended with some water games and then the jamboree. The waiting list for those of Beaver age is at its lowest ever so now is the time to get on the list! Email enquiries@brixworthscouts.org.uk for details.

The **Cubs** kicked off summer term with tree walks, supporting an interest in the natural world through allowing them to learn more about the local flora and fauna. Many of the cubs also attended the much-anticipated District Camp. The Cubs had a fantastic time camping under the stars, engaging in a range of outdoor activities, and building friendships across the district. One of the term's highlights was the Parent vs Cubs Rounders match. It was a joy to see the enthusiasm and sportsmanship on display, with parents and Cubs alike enjoying the friendly competition. Our cycle round Pitsford Reservoir was another great success, promoting fitness and teamwork while taking in the beautiful surroundings. One of the Cubs achieved the Silver Scouting Award this term. This is the highest award that can be gained at cub level and requires a lot of perseverance and application in achieving badges and challenges.

The **Scout** section have continued to be very active. They have taken part in litter picking around the village with equipment supplied by the wombles, filling three bags from St David's and the Ashway. There have been campfire quizzes and evenings focused on knots and lashings. We were very lucky and enjoyed good weather for a walk around Sywell reservoir, and also for a cycle around Pitsford reservoir. A number of our older scouts have finished this



term due to age and we would like to wish them all the very best.

We would like to thank all the parents who have supported activities and events this year. We have a number of leaders moving on this term from all sections and would like to thank them all for the time and effort they have put in over many years in supporting the young people of the village. We would also like to thank all the young people themselves who have participated with such enthusiasm in scouting.

With some of our leaders stepping back from the role it really is important that we find **new volunteers** to keep the sections going. The role of leader is highly rewarding and enjoyable, and is not overly time consuming. Leaders can commit to being there every week, or can attend less frequently. If you are interested in becoming a leader, or can only do one or two sessions a month then please do get in touch to discuss details of what would be involved. We are also keen to support those who may have a specialist interest or skill to come along and share that with the young people in one off sessions. If you would like to ask about becoming a leader or supporting in other ways then please contact enquiries@brixworthscouts.org.uk. With the continued support from the leaders, parents and the wider community, we can provide young people with interesting and engaging activities that will help them develop the skills needed in later life, or simply to have a bit of fun.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

— Sandy Dixon

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Another very busy Summer with plenty of activity across all three locations: the main Country Park, Brampton Valley Way (BVW) and Martin Moore Wood. And the weather certainly wasn't on our side for long periods, causing tree damage, flooding and very boggy, almost impassible areas. The lack of a good 4x4 made access to Brampton Valley Way difficult and the box van we were operating certainly wasn't up to the task of travelling the Way. But suddenly, prayers were answered in July, when an excellent Toyota Hilux 4x4 pick-up arrived completely out of the blue...Rangers Chris & Debbie and the rest of us are still getting over the shock arrival. And that will definitely make our job a lot easier in the Autumn and Winter months.

And Brixworth Parish Council gave a very welcome grant to the Friends of Brampton Valley Way & Brixworth Country Park. The additional equipment will help us in many ways but, importantly, the grant also covered the cost of training for several members to be safely qualified in the use of the new brushcutter that the money had paid for. We are incredibly grateful to the Council for their support – thank you! The jobs regularly undertaken are diverse, ranging from simple trimming to keep the pathways open through to heavy tree work; construction work, fencing, drainage clearance and the occasional emergency task... the list goes on. And the key to getting that all done is the hard work of the Park's volunteer team. Corporate volunteers' groups from Ricoh and Barclaycard augmented the usual workforce by visits to the Park on a few days working on a variety of tasks including clearing the path to the bypass (not strictly Park's territory but needed attention anyway!) and



replacing sleepers in the Sensory Garden. In addition, Northants Community Payback team have worked hard at weekends within the Park itself and along BVW.

The poor weather and difficult conditions meant BVW access was restricted at times and work was slower but the volunteers managed to deal with most of the problems thrown their way. Alternating rain and sunshine really got those plants moving and they definitely have been growing at a rate of knots...keeping them controlled is an ongoing task. A major focus has been on clearing infrastructure along BVW of invasive ivy, trees and other vegetation, which can force brickwork apart. One bridge north of Draughton Crossing covered in ivy was barely visible until cleared – an amazing 50-60 feet of brickwork was uncovered.

If you have been walking through the Park, you may

have noticed the crop of green and black signs by the wayside or hanging from the trees. The team produced the signs but identifying the specific plants has been a project

for Talitha, student volunteer (and the brainier one of us), who has done a great job of researching each plant to classify them. The signs will help visitors learn about the species we have and encourage them to see that 'weeds' are simply wildflowers they do not know the names of yet. Probably overlooked by many were the fascinating Bee Orchids that burst into flower.



Unseen but in the background, there is a great deal of strategic analysis in process to develop a healthier environment via our Nature Recovery Strategy Officer. Open Mosaic Habitat, a new term to me, is post-industry land of mixed habitat on previously developed land. It can be extremely diverse, including such wide-ranging sites as railway sidings, quarries, former industrial works, slag heap, bings and brick pits. Areas that will be set aside to help save important species by enabling a variety of creatures to live there...the quarantined land at Brixworth Station is a potential Open Mosaic Habitat. Other longer-term projects include upgrading the BVW pathway on that very soggy stretch by Kelmarsh Station.

Within the Park, several Hibernacula (vertical and sunken) have been



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constructed to make homes for insects, reptiles and amphibians: especially important for their overwintering. One of the latest is 'The Jolly Lodger Hotel' in Jack's Wood. Our residents hide themselves away in those nooks and crannies.



And, finally, if you haven't spotted them already...copies of the 'Hackers and Slashers zine', a collation of volunteers' activities and stories. It even features recipes (including Doug's rocket-fuel Sloe Gin) that use foods that can be foraged from the Park. Fermynwoods Contemporary Arts created this booklet after spending a few days with us volunteers. You will find them available from dispensers in the Park at Folly Pond or Top Pond...and they are free to take, if there are any left.

— Keith Dobell

Local author publishes second children's book

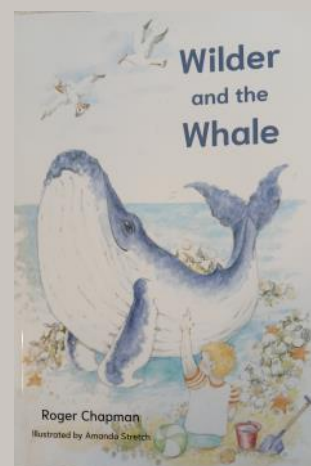
Local Brixworth resident, Roger Chapman, has had his second children's picture book, entitled 'Wilder and the Whale', published earlier this year.

As part of the Brixworth Community Centre's 25 year celebrations in May, Roger read the story to the Olive Shoots children's group that meets in the Centre on a Thursday morning. He was also able to show the children all the original illustrations for the book. Following this, Roger held a book signing event in the Centre foyer. "The children seemed to really enjoy the story and seeing all the pictures", said Roger. "The book signing also went well and I sold over 20 copies of the book and the previous one, 'Good Night Freddie' ", he added.

Roger has previously also written a book about fostering which is used widely across the UK as a guide for social workers but, since his retirement in 2021, he has concentrated on writing stories for young children. "My aim is to write a book dedicated to each of our three grandchildren", he said. "Freddie's and

Wilder's are now published and 'Olivia and the Butterfly' will be coming out later this year. It's now a case of waiting to see if any other grandchildren come along!", he exclaimed.

If anyone would like a copy of 'Wilder and the Whale', signed or otherwise (£5), please contact Roger on 07985 169240 or e-mail rchapman.sw@hotmail.co.uk 'Good Night Freddie' is also available on Amazon.



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Ever thought of trying jogging?

I created Brixworth Ladies Jog Club after realising so many ladies would like to try jogging but found so many reasons not to. I've trained ladies that have talked about jogging, but they were worried. What if they were seen by people they knew? What if they couldn't jog it all and had to walk? What if they look silly jogging? It was all about the confidence of stepping out the door for the first time and giving it a go. I ran some sessions with them and they really enjoyed it, but I found some just would never venture out on their own.



This is how Jog Club was born. I thought that being in the company with others in a similar situation would give confidence to those who were unsure – such

as ladies who had never jogged before, or were returning after not jogging for quite a while, or those who had injuries and surgeries that they felt had set them back a lot. Sharing the experience with others, jogging at their own pace whilst having a chat and walking when they wanted to would help make everyone comfortable, knowing everyone was in the same situation.

When I put the idea out there on Facebook, Brixworth let us know, I thought there may be a little interest, perhaps 10 people. But



over that weekend I ended up forming a WhatsApp group as so many ladies were interested in 'giving it a go'.

The first Tuesday we met, there were over 20 ladies, and we jogged, walked, chatted, encouraged and supported each other around the village for approximately 20 minutes. There were women from all different backgrounds, all different reasons for being there, the

atmosphere was lovely. They have discovered they are capable of jogging; no one is actually looking at them, other than to say 'well done' on being out there, there is no competition, there is no pressure to go faster or to go further etc. It is purely to get out there in the fresh air and to realise they were capable of so much more than they thought. It's not important how much was jogged or walked, what is important is that they are out there taking some exercise in their own way with others. I've been a Personal Trainer and Nutritional Coach for over 25 years and this is something I'm really proud of creating in the village this summer. The confidence of so many of the ladies each week has grown so much and is still growing, its brilliant!

Brixworth Ladies Jog Club meet on **Tuesday evenings** at **6.20pm** at the top of **Brampton Way by the park**. It is open to total beginners to jogging or returners after time away. And it is **FREE**. If you want to get involved get in touch with me through Facebook or Instagram [t_johnson67](#).

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Brixworth Drama Group

Brixworth Drama Group will be performing two one-act plays on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st September at 7.30pm at the village Hall.

The first of the plays is "**Charlie to the Checkout, Please**" in association with Lazy Bee Scripts Ltd, the same company that manages other productions including "Zoo" and "Reading Between the Lines", both recently performed by the Drama Group. In this play, it's Riley's first day at the new job, and she becomes apprehensive as her first customer complains about a product. Her day gets progressively worse as customer patience wears thin, tempers flare and hilarity ensues, with little help coming from management.

The other play is "**Little Grimley Saving the Planet**", the latest in the highly successful comedies by David Tristram. (Cast in rehearsals pictured top right). Here, the local amateur dramatics society is challenged to reduce its carbon footprint and to raise funds for some new low-energy theatre equipment.

Brixworth Drama Group Chair, Jon Mackley, said "We're immensely grateful for the audiences' support for our last production, 'Reading Between the Lines'. We are looking forward to a fabulous evening of entertainment. Having seen the casts in rehearsal, I know the audiences will have a fantastic time." Tickets will be available from the end of August from Brixworth Hardware and from Libby on 01604 880672.

Looking forward, the Drama Group are planning their 2025 season. Anyone who would like to be involved, whether on the stage or in one of the many behind-the-scenes roles, should contact Eileen on 07934 530220.

-Jon Mackley

Review of "Reading Between the Lines" from Karen Alderman

I had the pleasure of watching Brixworth Drama Group performing "**Reading Between the Lines**" in Brixworth Village Hall. This play was set in the lounge of the flustered hostess Rachel Stokes (Sally Courtney). Rachel's academic and mild-mannered husband (Carl Gardner) has just returned home from a research trip and only succeeds in getting in the way. Rachel has organised a village literary festival and is hosting a guest author, the romantic novelist Lydia Bray (Sue McAspurn), who is promoting her latest



novel. However, Lydia has moved away from her traditional romantic novels and is instead writing a much racier style. And while Lydia's new direction appeals to Mrs Groves, the housekeeper (Libby Bowers), there are concerns that this might offend the local vicar, Jonty Fullelove (Allan Pope).

To further complicate Rachel's plans her husband's friend Rievers Fenn (Jon Mackley), gambler and ladies' man has turned up. The chaos that follows him around threatens to derail the literary festival. Rievers is somewhat of a cad and a bounder who is trying to evade two old flames, one of to whom he owes a considerable amount of money (Rosann Wood and Eileen Truby). Much of the humour revolves around trying to prevent the vicar from seeing the content of the book and Rievers' financial predicament.

Brixworth Drama Group's rendition of "**Reading Between the Lines**" was well-executed as a traditional farce it did not disappoint. The actors took on their roles with much skill. I spoke to members of the audience afterwards and people named their favourites as the blustering vicar, the bounder, the strait-laced but underneath not so innocent solicitor. The housekeeper drew much praise for her stern ripostes and facial expression that told of her displeasure. One audience member reflected that the show was an iceberg and that so much work must have gone into not just rehearsing but all the backstage support.

Once again, the Brixworth Drama group provided an evening of first-class entertainment. Brixworth village hall was set with cabaret-style seating and provided a bar. I would highly recommend seeing their future performances. Tickets were priced at £8, excellent value for a light-hearted evening of entertainment. The cast were given a warm reception from the audience in this cosy venue.

- Karen Alderman



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For tickets and further information, check the Friends website: www.friendsofbrixworthchurch.org.uk.

This will be a very popular subject so early booking is advisable.

*Kate Knight, Trustee,
Friends of All Saints Church Brixworth*



u3a Brixworth & District

Brixworth and District u3a continues to enjoy monthly meetings where all members can hear guest presentations on diverse subjects. An example of some held so far this year:

In March just under 100 members were in attendance to hear a very informative and interesting talk given by Michael Kushner about Alan Turing and Bletchley Park. June saw an amusing presentation by the former Wimbledon tennis umpire Alan Grey. He had been an umpire and linesman for 25 years including officiating in six finals. He had many tales from his years on court, and many which he could not repeat to protect the individuals involved – we'll just have to guess to whom he was referring! This being June and Wimbledon the subject, we had to abandon our normal tea and biscuits afterwards for strawberries and cream, which was greatly appreciated by all the attendees. In July our scheduled musical entertainment from Fools Gold was unable to happen for personal reasons. Instead Colin Rowe stepped in at the last moment and gave a talk on Luxurious Locomotion – The story of the Orient Express. This included the origins of the Pullman rail carriages to which the American railroader George Pullman had given his name in the late 19th century.

Local History Group

In March there was a very well researched talk by Hilary Aslett on Boughton House and the Montagu family. The name Edward Montagu cropped up many times – there were several of them over the generations which are easily confused; careful attention was required throughout. It was, however, Ralph, 1st Duke Montagu who created Boughton House as it can be seen today. He had been the English ambassador to France and so was inspired to build the 'English Versailles'.

In April the fields around Delapre Abbey featured as the talk was given by Graham Evans of the Northamptonshire Battlefield Society. The Battle of Northampton was fought there in 1460 at the time of the War of the Roses and was one of the first occasions that artillery had been used in England. One of the oldest cannonballs to be discovered on English soil comes from this battle.

Over 30 members of the group visited Chester House Estate in May to hear about the work of the Archaeological Research Centre located there, which is becoming a main repository of all archaeological remains from the county. There is much work and cataloguing still to be done with the artefacts, let alone those which are still being excavated from the site.

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Walkers and Strollers

The group has been visiting many locations around the area including the Brampton Valley Way, the Grand Union Canal at Welford and West Haddon vicinity. The walkers take a slightly longer route and the strollers a slightly shorter route, but both always seem to end up at a pub at the same time for a convivial lunch!

Gardening Group



The season kicked off early in February with a visit to see the snowdrops at Thornby Hall. Whilst the weather was not at its best some members managed to venture into the woods in spite of the slippery mud. March saw a visit to Bosworth's Garden Centre at Burton Latimer for a very informative 'behind the scenes' tour given by Sam Bosworth. In May the group visited two excellent private gardens in Long Buckby where the owners explained their efforts in creating the gardens. There were also opportunities to purchase plants that they had raised themselves. Tea and cake was provided to all at the second venue in an old orangery. In June the group visited Ravensthorpe Nursery where the owners explained how they had developed the gardens and nursery over their 38-year tenure.

Science and Technology

Included in the Science & Technology groups activities have been a visit to Innovate Recycling Ltd in Northampton to learn about the processes involving the recycling of synthetic fibre carpets into useable polypropylene pellets. These are then sold on to be reused by moulders and made into new products, thus avoiding old carpets ending up in landfill.

In addition, group member Ray Bradfield has given a presentation on Vitamin D and its benefits to all. The taking of a supplemental dose may be of use to some people, given that the UK

does not seem to get much sunlight, which is one of the main sources, especially in the winter months.



Forthcoming topics at our monthly meetings are:

- 4th September – The story of Grace Darling
- 2nd October – The story of Punch & Judy
- 6th November – Morris Minors in the media

There are some 32 interest groups in total, each of which organises regular meetings for talks, visits or group activities – something for everyone.

If you would like more information please visit our website on www.u3asites.org.uk/brixworth/home where you can browse our Newsletters and find lots of information on membership and all the various groups that are available.

– Clive Tyrrell



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Short Mat Bowls – Where it all started

The short mat bowls game was first played in South Wales by two South Africans who came to work in the area.

They had played bowls outdoors in South Africa and, perhaps due to the poor climate and the long close season in this

country, they began to play a simulation of the outdoor game on a strip of carpet in a church hall.



It is played on a mat with full-size bowls, the mat being easily rolled up and put away for convenience. There is a ditch but this is simply an area marked at the end of the mat with white fenders. To compensate for the shorter distance a block is placed in the centre of the mat. This makes it impossible for a bowler to aim a fast straight bowl at the jack area – all bowls must use the bias to curl around the block of their target.

Some time later, the South Africans moved to Northern Ireland and took the new game

with them. Rules and conditions of play were drawn up and the game soon became well established.

It was introduced into England by Irish expatriates, but development was slow until the 1980s when its potential as a low-cost sport for people of all ages was realised. The English Short Mat Bowling Association (ESMBA) was formed in 1984, and is now the governing body of the sport.

If you are interested in joining our friendly group (no experience of bowls required) do come along to the Brixworth Centre Friday 2.30pm - 4.30pm or 7pm - 9pm. You will be very welcome.

Contact Jenny on 07522559673 or email brixworthbowlsclub@hotmail.com

Brixworth History Society

May saw the last of our spring 'in house' meetings; this was a most enlightening talk on the life and times of John Betjeman by Mark Temple.

In June we visited Harvington Hall in Worcestershire before travelling on to Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter. The Hall was the home of Catholics during the Elizabethan Age and was therefore subject to raids by soldiers for the protestant Queen Elizabeth. We were able to view seven priest holes in which the priests hid, often for several days, when the Hall was being raided by the troops. One of these was above the bread oven in the kitchen!



In July we were given a guided tour of Long Buckby. Few of us knew the history of the village, despite being only a few miles from Brixworth. So it proved to be an interesting visit of discovery.

The summer exhibition in collaboration with The Friends of All Saints opened in June and will run until September. It is held at weekends in the Heritage Centre, Church Street (2.30-5pm) and is entitled 'How Things Have Changed'. The old postcards of Brixworth have been updated to a modern view where possible (not always from the exactly the same position due to traffic, trees and new buildings!)

Looking forward to the autumn, we begin in September with a talk by Gary Shaeffer on 'The Cooper Collection – 3 generations of Photographers', in October Steve Dimmer is speaking about 'Tutankhamun, his life, death and rediscovery' and in November Colin Ray will be giving a talk 'Talking machines – the history of phonographs & gramophones'.

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall in Holcot Road on the 3rd Thursday of the month and begin at 7.30pm. Further details from our Facebook page or website: www.brixworthhistory.com or our email: helloBHS1990@gmail.com.

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08/09	Cheese and Cider Train	N'ton and Lamport Rail
12 & 14/9	Heritage Open Day	Kelmarsh Hall
13/09	Oxford Uni Drama Soc: Dr Faustus	Lamport Hall
15/09	Screaming Blue Murder Comedy Club	Royal
15/09	Milton Jones: Ha!milton	Derngate
16-17/09	Dear Zoo	Royal
16/09	Illegal Eagles	Derngate
18/09	Will Young	Royal
18/09	Sarah Millican	Derngate
19/09	Lamport and HH PC Meeting	Lamport Hall
19/09	Beverley Knight	Derngate
19/09	History Society: The Cooper Collection	Community Centre
19/09	NC Jazz: John Law	Royal
20/09	A Brother With Soul	Royal
20 & 21/09	Drama Group: Three One-act plays	Brixworth Village Hall
21/09	Larry Dean: Dodger	Derngate
21/09	A Tribute to Elton John	Derngate
21-22/09	Gala Weekend	N'ton and Lamport Rail
22/09	Cycle for Cynthia	Lamport Hall
22/09	Shaparak Khorsandi	Royal
22/09	Red Sky at Sunrise	Derngate
23/09	Brixworth PC Planning	Community Centre
24/09	Myra DuBois	Royal
24/09	Adam Kay	Derngate
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26/09	Brixworth Parish Council Meeting	Community Centre
26/09	Radio Ga Ga	Derngate
26/09	Kane Brown	Royal
27/09	Sarah Keyworth	Royal
27/09	Rachel Parris	Derngate
28/09	Paul Foot: Dissolve	Royal
28/09	Cube Disability Showcase	Derngate
29/09	Dads Army Radio Show	Royal
29/09	Fern Brady	Derngate
29/09	All-age Harvest Festival Service	All Saints Church
30/09	Maisie Adam	Royal

01/10	Black Is The Color Of My Voice	Royal
06/10	Autumn Walk and Artisan Fair	Kelmarsh Hall
06/10	Big Kids for a Quid	N'ton and Lamport Rail
06/10	The Wonder of Stevie	Derngate
07/10	Legends of the Dancefloor	Derngate
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11/10	ABBA: Thank You For The Music	Derngate
12/10	Give Me The Night	Derngate
13/10	Screaming Blue Murder Comedy Club	Royal
14/10	Brixworth PC Planning	Community Centre
14/10	Everybody Dance	Derngate
15/10	Australian Pink Floyd	Derngate
17/10	Tutankhamun - talk by Steve Dimmer	Brixworth Village Hall
19/10	10cc	Derngate
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26/10	A Taste of Game Dinner Party	Lamport Hall
26-27/10	Halloween Weekend	N'ton and Lamport Rail
27/10	Service of Remembrance	All Saints Church
28/10	Lloyd Griffith	Royal
29-30/10	Charlie Cooks Favourite Book	Royal
30/10	The Realm of Enchantment	Lamport Hall
31/10	Brixworth Parish Council Meeting	Community Centre
31/10	Our Little Hour	Royal
01/11	Ana Gargova: CHF Concert	Lamport Hall
02/11	Friends of All Saints Annual Lecture	All Saints Church
03/11	Dom Joly	Royal

03/11	Urzila Carlson	Derngate
04/11	Brixworth PC Planning	Community Centre
05/11	John Nicol	Royal
05/11	Dr Louise Newson	Royal
05/11	The Simon and Garfunkel Story	Derngate
06/11	Ben Elton	Derngate
07/11	Frank Skinner	Derngate
08/11	Kiri Pritchard-McLean	Royal
08/11	Royal Philharmonic: Film Music Gala	Derngate
09/11	Ed Byrne	Royal
09/11	Northants Sings Out	Derngate
10/11	NMPAT: Youth in Concert	Derngate
10/11	Remembrance Sunday	All Saints Church
16/11	Strictly Northampton Kids	Derngate
17/11	Screaming Blue Murder Comedy Club	Royal
18/11	Kevin Bloody Wilson	Derngate
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19/11	So This Is Christmas	Derngate
20/11	Lamport and HH PC Meeting	Lamport Hall
20/11	Fairy Tale of New York	Derngate
21/11	History Society: Talking Machines	Brixworth Village Hall
21/11	Gareth Malone	Derngate
22/11	Jools Holland	Derngate
23/11	Unversed	Lamport Hall
23/11	The Night Sky Show	Derngate
25/11	Brixworth PC Planning	Community Centre
26/11	Gary Delaney	Royal
27/11	Rob Newman	Royal
28/11	Brixworth Parish Council Meeting	Community Centre
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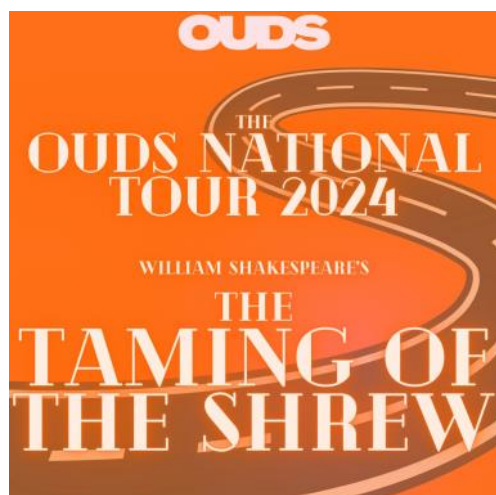
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September at Lampport Hall



As summer comes to a close, we begin to look ahead to our autumn series of events. September always seems to be a busy month at Lampport and this year is no exception.

On Friday 13 September we are delighted to welcome the Oxford University Dramatic Society for their 2024 touring performance of 'The Taming of the Shew'. Sir Gyles Isham (the last Baronet to live at Lampport Hall) was President of the Society in the 1920s and

performed this very play. This year's tour has been performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and we were thrilled to be selected as a venue amongst some prestigious company.

On Saturday 14 September we are looking forward to hosting our second Heritage Open Days event after the resounding success of last year. This year's outdoor event will explore the history of the Victorian travelling player with a tented encampment from Melford Hys Companie. There will also be costumed actors from Historic Legacies and traditional lawn games and a trail for children. Whistle Tot Lane will be providing a Victorian themed play village for little ones to immerse themselves in Victorian life through play. Moulton College will be attending to show traditional crafts including stonemasonry and furniture making. We will also have a large display of art by local artists in the stables from Northants and Rutland Open Studios. The event is entirely free including entry, car parking and all activities.

On Friday 25 October we will be welcoming María Linares Molero for a piano recital. Maria Linares was born in 2001 in Spain and

completed a BMus degree with Honors and is currently pursuing a MMus Degree on Instrumental Performance at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire with a full scholarship under Prof. Pascal Nemirovski. She is a Myra Hess Award holder supported by Help Musicians UK. In addition to being lauded as one of the young ambassadors of the "Lang Lang International Music Foundation", she has been the prize-winner in many distinguished national and international piano competitions.

Saturday 26 October sees the return of our popular Taste of Game dining event. Four courses of game-inspired brilliance will be served up by award-winning local chef Danny Tompkins. There will also be an auction on the night to raise money for charity.



Wednesday 30 October sees the final stay and play session of the year with The Realm of Enchantment for Fairy Emma's Mystical Witches and Wizards event. Suitable for children aged 2-11, it is sure to get them into the mood for the spooky festivities to come.

On Saturday 23 November we welcome Beckis Cooper for a performance of Unversed. An eager young actor in the city of London has got her hands on a discarded copy of Shakespeare's first folio. Newly printed and the hottest publication in town, all the plays exist together for the very first time. There's only one problem: the parts are all too out of reach for women to play on the public stage. Come along and be part of the rehearsal as Antonia gives herself permission to speak the verse and explore the profession of being a woman - both onstage and off.

For more information and tickets on all of the above events, please visit the website www.lamporthall.co.uk or phone 01604 686272.

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We were also delighted to be featured in a lengthy article in Period Living magazine earlier this year which looked at the stories surrounding this magnificent country home. In a few weeks we will also feature on the Heritage Explore podcast with Lady Violet Manners.



Our painting by Joan Carlile made its trip to the Tate a few months ago and is now proudly on display in London alongside other works by women artists until the end of October. The painting is also featured in the

glossy accompanying catalogue.

Lampport was also selected as the location for the new Maison Fete Et Cie summer catalogue with both the Drawing Room and the Oak Room looking beautiful bedecked with floral displays, antique crockery and bespoke table linen.

JJ Chalmers and Alice Loxton did some filming with us recently for Channel 5 to be aired later in the year and 'History Alice' also filmed a short reel for her Instagram whilst she was here which received over 8,000 likes and 116,000 plays!

-Eleanor Carter-Smith

Biggest ever Open Studios Art festival coming to Lampport has officially started!

The brochures have landed, the countdown has begun, and artists across the whole of Northamptonshire and Rutland have been busy creating for the biggest ever Open Studios event in the county. A total of 317 local artists are taking part in the hugely successful Open Studios event which returns this September, including the annual takeover of the stable block at Lampport Hall for the central exhibition.

Northamptonshire and Rutland Open Studios invites local people to visit the

artists, potters, sculptors, printmakers and craftspeople in their local area, to see where they work and explore the art that people are creating near to you. The brochure details all the artists taking part and is widely distributed to hundreds of public shops, cafés and public places. This year the successful event includes artists from the Rutland area too so there's lots of new work to explore. And to kick things all off, each artist taking part produces up to two pieces for the annual Central Exhibition at Lampport Hall which fills the historic stable block with a vibrant showcase of the artistic talent across Northamptonshire and Rutland.

The Central Exhibition opens on 1 September at 10am and is open Wednesday to Sunday every week of September 10am-4pm. Entry is free to the exhibition and there is a café and parking on site. There will be a variety of artists on site at Lampport giving live demonstrations and creating art within the gardens each day, and the very popular mini masterpieces mystery postcard sale is making a return where visitors can purchase a postcard for £10 but won't know which artwork is theirs until the end of the show.

Artists who are opening their studios to visitors are listed in the widely distributed brochure (available at <https://nros.co.uk>), and you can expect a warm welcome as well as sneak peek into their creative processes. There is also a raft of group exhibitions at galleries, art centres and museums across the area and pop-up exhibitions at lots of other venues.

Artist Louise Brooke from Middleton Cheney in the south of the county said:

"Northants & Rutland Open Studios is a wonderful, vibrant celebration of local art and artists. Since joining last year, I have been blown away by the variety of artistic talent right on my doorstep. The September Festival is the perfect way to explore and enjoy this... for free! I am excited to welcome visitors to my studio in Middleton Cheney for the first time this year. I will be working on some exciting new pieces throughout, as well as being on hand to share insights into my artistic journey, inspiration, and practice."



More information about all the artists and events is available on the NROS website at www.NROS.co.uk or you can pick up brochures in loads of places across the two counties for more information.

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Your First Step to Homeownership: A Guide for First Time Buyers

Embarking on the journey to find your first property is an exhilarating and life changing experience. As a first time buyer, making informed decisions is crucial to lay a strong foundation for your future as a homeowner. In this article, we explore the significance of evaluating location, amenities, and long term investment potential when choosing your first home.

5 Key Factors to Consider When

Buying Your First Home: By carefully considering these factors, you can find a place to call your own and make a wise investment for the future.

1. Location, Location, Location

Selecting the right location is essential for finding your ideal home. Consider transport links, such as bus routes, train stations, and motorway connections. Proximity to reputable schools is vital, especially if you have or plan to have children. Look for areas with a good selection of local shops and

services. Assess the availability of leisure facilities such as parks, gyms, and community centres to enhance your quality of life. A well connected and amenity rich area provides convenience and contributes to the long term desirability and value of your property.

2. Research the Local Amenities

Local amenities significantly enhance your daily life, so it's essential to consider the availability of recreational spaces like parks and sports facilities. Look for vibrant dining options, cafes, and entertainment venues that provide a social hub for you and your family. Access to quality healthcare services is also crucial for peace of mind. Prioritising these amenities not only makes your living experience more enjoyable but also makes your property an attractive prospect for future buyers.

3. Consider Long Term Investment Potential

As a first time buyer, it's important to

consider the long term investment potential of your chosen property. Look for areas with positive growth indicators, such as improving infrastructure, ongoing regeneration projects, or new developments. Investigate upcoming transport improvements, such as new train lines or major road expansions, as these can significantly boost property values over time. Working closely with an experienced estate agent can provide valuable insights into the local area.

4. Do Your Research

Proper research is the foundation of successful property buying. Look into local market reports and data to understand recent price trends, average selling times, and future forecasts for the area. Check planning permissions and consult local authorities for insights into upcoming developments or changes that might impact the neighbourhood. Analyse historical sales data and property appreciation trends to identify areas with a history of long-term growth.

5. Find Your Perfect Fit Beyond the Property Itself

The surrounding community significantly impacts your overall satisfaction as a homeowner. Consider your lifestyle preferences and values. Are you seeking an active community with local clubs and events? Are there community initiatives that align with your interests? Take the time to explore the neighbourhood, chat with locals, or attend local events to gauge the community's vibrancy and friendliness. Feeling a sense of belonging and connection will make your new house feel like a home.

Navigating the Homebuying Journey

Buying a home for the first time can be complex and overwhelming. Working with an experienced estate agent who specialises in the local property market and first-time buyers is invaluable. If you are a first-time buyer, feel free to call me on 01604 616886 or email stuart.little@horts.co.uk. I will be happy to guide you through the entire journey, from understanding your requirements and budget to finding suitable properties.

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2024/3197/FULL Willow Tree Farm, Merry Tom Lane Construction of agricultural livestock building.	BPC Supported WNC Pending

Join The Friends of All Saints Church Brixworth on 14th September for one of our free guided tours, a unique opportunity to explore this architectural masterpiece, nestled in the heart of Brixworth, a village rich in history. Imagine stepping back in time, to an era when Roman Britain was a distant memory, and the dawn of the Anglo-Saxon age was just beginning to break. It was in this historical interlude that the foundations of Brixworth's Parish Church were laid. Today, it stands proudly, a testament to over 1300 years of unwavering devotion and one of the largest surviving Anglo-Saxon edifice in all England. As you walk through its sacred halls, every corner seems to whisper secrets from its storied past. The walls, constructed from local stones and fragments of a Roman villas bear witness to centuries of transformation and pilgrimages. To the east, you will find the enigmatic remains of a ring crypt, a silent guardian of ancient rites and rituals, and to the west a rare example of an external stair-turret. Why not join us for a free guided tour of the Church and then possibly extend your stay to Brixworth to participate in an organised Brixworth Heritage Trail? The walking tour, starting from the Church will take around 60 minutes, allowing you to delve into the heritage of the village and possibly build up an appetite for some homemade cakes and refreshments which will be available to purchase during your visit. Prepared and served by The Friends of All Saints Church, in the nearby Heritage Centre. We will also be organising a



children's scavenger hunt inside the Church and grounds to keep everyone entertained on the day.

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Brixworth Library Update



We've had another busy summer at Brixworth Library. This year our Summer Reading Challenge theme was 'Marvellous Makers!' which focused on art and crafts and inspiring children's creativity through reading. We enjoyed loads of creative events throughout the holidays including drama workshops, musical theatre performances and art projects. All these fantastic sessions were fully funded by the Friends of Brixworth Library. Thank you so much to them for making these sessions possible. If you're reading this at the beginning of September, there is still time to get involved. The Summer Reading Challenge ends on 21st September. If your child has read six books over the summer holidays, then put them to good use: earn stickers, a certificate, and a medal. Just drop into the library and tell us what you've been reading.

Friends of Brixworth Library

A date for your diaries: The Friends of Brixworth Library will be back again with their ever-popular Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December. Shop local and support talented crafters, small businesses, and your local library. If you would like to book a stall for this event, or if you would like to be involved in future fundraising efforts, please get in touch with the Friends, email: friendsofbrixworthlibrary@gmail.com, or @FOBXL on Facebook.

Volunteers Wanted! We are looking for volunteers to help deliver our weekly events

for pre-school children and their families. We currently offer five sessions a week; but are particularly looking for help with Explore a Story on Tuesday afternoons. During this session we choose a picture book to share with the children followed by a simple craft and a game, or activity, inspired by the book.

We are hoping to build up a small bank of volunteers who could work alongside staff to help prepare, run, and clear up after this and our other sessions, and who might also be willing to lead them during staff absences or even on a more regular basis (although you would not need to commit to volunteering every week).

We are also looking for volunteers to help launch a Reading Friends group (where books are used to spark conversations, rather than a traditional book club) and to host our Chatty Café social group on a Tuesday morning. Full training and support will be given for all of these roles. Please get in touch to find out more.

Welcoming Spaces

Everyone is welcome to spend as much time as they like at the library, completely free, with no questions asked. Whether you are looking for somewhere to work, study, play, keep warm, or even just read a book, we are here for you. And, as part of the Welcoming Spaces initiative, you can help yourself to free tea and coffee too.

Community Cabinets

Are you part of a local group, organisation, or cause? Are you looking for new members or just want to let people know what you do? We have two glass cabinets available to host mini-exhibitions in the library. Hire is on a monthly basis and is completely free. Recent exhibitors include the BB Society and Brixworth History Society. If you are interested please email: brixworth.libraryplus@westnorthants.gov.uk or pop in and see us.

Needle Crafters

The Brixworth Needle Crafters meet every Thursday between 1:30 and 3:30pm. They are a small, friendly group who meet up each week to work on their own projects. Knitting, crochet, quilting... expert or novice...anything goes. They would love for you to join them. Just drop in.

Quieter Hour

We have recently launched our Quieter Hour on Monday mornings between 10 and 11am. Quieter hour aims to help our customers with sensory needs and their families enjoy the library. There will be no events during this time, staff will aim to keep noise levels to a minimum and we will encourage other library users to do the same.

Children's and Family Events

Free, term-time activities for under 5s

- **Explore a Story -walk-in** - Tuesdays 14:00-14:30 - interactive story session with craft.
- **9:30 Rhyme Time -online booking only** - Wednesdays 9:30-10:00 - singing with scarves, puppets, and instruments. (MUST be booked in advance via www.Eventbrite.co.uk)
- **10:30 Rhyme Time -walk-in only** - Wednesdays 10:30-11:00 - singing with scarves, puppets, and instruments. (paper tickets can be collected, in person, on the day)
- **Under Ones Fun -drop-in** - Thursdays 10:30-12:00 - meet other families with babies under one.
- **Pre-School Play -drop-in** - Fridays 10:00-11:00 - child-led play with toys for all ages.

Activities for primary school aged children

- **Construction Club** - Saturdays 10:00-13:00 - LEGO, DUPLO, K'nex and more...
- **Board Games Café** - Mondays 15:30-16:30 - traditional family fun
- **School Holiday Events** - crafts, scavenger trails and entertainers. Special events are advertised in the library and online here:
 - Facebook Events: www.facebook.com/BrixworthLibrary/events
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The Business & IP Centre Northamptonshire (BIPC) are delivering a programme of business support in Northamptonshire through your local library. "Build Your Business" is a programme to support established small businesses, entrepreneurs as well as anyone who may be thinking of starting their own business for the first time. The programme is fully funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). The programme will consist of personalised one to one advice sessions, webinars, workshops, access to specialist business databases, and start-up grants of up to £2,000.

Business drop-in sessions are run at Brixworth library each Monday morning between 9.30 to 12.00, and other bookable appointments can be arranged with a member of the team. To find out more about the Business & IP Centre Northamptonshire visit www.bipcnorthamptonshire.co.uk or visit the Brixworth Library.

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This service can include the option of telephone and face-to-face appointments in a local community setting, the introduction of home visits, as well as walk and talk sessions with your allocated Wellbeing Advisor. If you or someone you know would like to refer into the service, or you would just like some more information, please visit our website Wellbeing Service | West Northamptonshire Council (westnorthants.gov.uk) or call us on 01604 527340.

Saxon Spires Social Prescribers

The Saxon Spires Social Prescribing Team hold a drop-in; 3-4pm on the first Thursday of the month. Come along to meet others, discuss any help you may be looking for and to find out about local groups, activities, or services.

Other Services

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- blue badge applications and renewals (by appointment)
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If you would like us to pray for you or someone you know, please get in touch (see details bottom right hand corner). We'll keep anything you tell us confidential.

What we've been up to...



A massive thanks to the wonderful volunteers who helped with the churchyard garden party on 29th June!

The parish council has generously arranged for mowing parts of the churchyard, but we need volunteers to help maintain the areas the large mower can't reach. We have a churchyard garden party on the first Saturday of each month, and we need your help.

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Service of Remembrance
Sunday 27th October, 4pm



This is a short service, to remember those who we love but see no more. During the service we read the names of those for whom we have taken funerals over the past twelve months. If you would like to add a name of a friend or family member (whether they've died in the past twelve months or not), please get in touch.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10th November 2024

What's always going on...



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www.allsaintsbrixworth.org



- **We meet every week, in the All Saints' Church Building, at 10:30am.** The service lasts for about an hour and a half. There is a children's area with toys and a craft for Primary-School-aged children. There are also refreshments after the service. Everyone is invited and you will be warmly welcomed.
- **FAMILY FAITH AND FUN. 3rd Sunday every month. 4-5pm.** Aimed at families who find it hard to be with us on a Sunday morning. FFF meets monthly at the Brixworth Centre. We play games, sing songs, and have lots of silly fun, all while learning something about Jesus. Get in touch if you'd like to know more, or if you'd like to come along.
- **Thursday Lunch at The George (1st Thursday each month).** As a church family, we enjoy spending time and eating together. You don't have to come to church to join us for lunch, but you will need to book in advance.
- **Men's Fellowship (2nd Wednesday of each month) and "All Saints' Belles" Ladies Fellowship (3rd Thursday of each month).** A great chance for us to get to know each other and invite our friends into a relaxed atmosphere. The men often meet in The George Inn; the ladies in the Heritage Centre. Again, everyone is welcome!
- **Monthly Men's Breakfast (last Saturday each month) 8:30-10am.** We eat, drink and put the world to rights!

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As I write this, we are right in the middle of the Olympics in Paris. What was your favourite Olympic moment? Mine was Alex Yee's triathlon gold. What an athlete, what a race that was!!

It's also been interesting to see the different reactions of the athlete's after their race. Some, who made a final or won a medal have been delighted, while others, perhaps have had their hearts broken as they haven't achieved what they set out to achieve. What you can say is, all of them, no matter the sport or discipline, have been reaching to achieve a personal goal, whether it be a personal best, a semi final, a final, a podium or gold and nothing less.

This has had me thinking.

The bible says life is a bit like running an Olympic long distance race like a marathon or triathlon. That being the case, what are you reaching for? What is your goal or what are your goals in life? Do you have a spiritual ambition?

I ask these questions because the bible makes it clear that if you reach out for God in life and seek friendship with him, he will meet you in that, he will reach out for you.

I think of the moment where Jesus was walking on water and calls Peter out of his fishing boat to join him on the water (Matthew 14). Peter does that but soon becomes distracted by the waves, and begins to sink. As he is sinking he reaches out his hand to Jesus and shouts 'Lord, save me'. At which point, Jesus reaches out his hand to lift him up and save him.

It's an encouraging reminder that what ever sinking experiences we are facing, the invisible hand of God is only a prayer away. If we turn to God, through faith in Jesus, he lifts us up and then keeps hold of us no matter what happens in the race of life we have to run.

Maybe you would like to explore this a bit more? As a church, we meet at the Primary School every Sunday morning at 10.30am for a family service. You would be most welcome to come and explore!

Many blessings

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KIDS CHURCH

In our kids church we have fun week after week. We play games, hear stories from the Bible told in incredible and varied ways, create memorable craft and enjoy learning about and growing our faith together.

Kids church starts after about 20 minutes in the main service and is usually finished by 11.45. Kids church is for children of primary school age with 2 DBS checked adults leading the group.

We'd love to see you join us one day.

Esther, Hazel, Lara, Liz and Sue.



Free Mens Breakfast

We recently ran another free men's breakfast for the community.

There was not only great food (free!), but also great conversation.

This time, we discussed the topic of faith and politics. We are hoping to have another breakfast in September or October. Please look out for the posters nearer the time.



Dynamites

Our weekly Children's group, Dynamites, is starting back on Friday 20th September from 5-6pm.

It's an hour packed with fun for Primary aged children. If your child has been to our holiday club in the past, then Dynamites has a similar theme, helping the children of our community to hear the Good News of Jesus in a fun way.



Photo by: Sean Goodhart

What a brilliant time we had at the Family Fun Day this year. So many people came along to enjoy all that was on offer, whether that was the emergency services, the Bouncy Castle, or the free BBQ. Some liked the live music provided by Zach Ball (what a treat), others loved the gladiator challenge, the giant beach ball and the hook a duck. All seemed to have a wonderful time, no matter what they did. I know that as I looked around there seemed to be so many people laughing and enjoying a good family time together, not worrying about cost or keeping the kids entertained. This was clearly a good safe place for families to be. Thank you so much for all who helped make it happen, you and your efforts are all very much appreciated.

Why do we do it for free? We at Brixworth Community Church, realise that God's blessings upon our lives is free, and we want to share his free blessings with the people of our wonderful community. (MarkPalmer - Church Community Worker)




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
Wednesday:	13:30 – 15:00	Home study Group
	19:30 – 21:00	Home study Groups
Thursday:	10:00 – 11:30	Olive Shoots – a Mums & Tots group*
	19:45 – 21:30	Home study Group
Friday:	17:00 – 18:00	Dynamites Children's Club*
		(*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

 [@brixworthcommunitychurch](https://www.youtube.com/@brixworthcommunitychurch)

www.brixworthcommunitychurch.org (Charitable Incorporated Organisation number 1188559)



Brixworth Community Church Coffee Shop

Our village Community Coffee Shop and the place to meet, be kept informed of village life and be sure of a warm welcome.

Mon - Thur 10-3.00, Fri 9.30-2.30, Saturday 9.30-1.00

Pensioners' Luncheon Club Wed 12 noon*

*(membership currently full ask to be added to waiting list)

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

this non-profit making venture has a welcoming atmosphere



**Home of the All Day
Brixworth Breakfast
and much more!**



Chair's Chat

From our re-elected Chair, Councillor Jackie Bird

Community Grants

£2,300 grant awarded to the Friends of Brampton Valley Way and Brixworth Country Park

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A decorative and practical upgrade

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Brixworth welcomes a twice-monthly eco-friendly refill service to the village

Spratton Road Wellbeing Park Survey

Have your say and help us understand the needs of your physical and mental wellbeing

Chair's Chat

Another busy quarter has passed as the Council diligently works on both ongoing and new projects. This period has seen significant progress, including the maintenance and repainting of the railway benches. Additionally, we are excited to announce that the Parish Council has been gifted several historic benches from local business, Blasons Garage. This includes the one at the corner of Spratton and Northampton Road, crafted many years ago by Sam Blason's grandfather. These benches, along with the stocks made by Val Blason's father, will be repaired by our groundsman this year and added to our assets for regular maintenance.

The war memorial in the churchyard is also scheduled for repairs and a clean-up, thanks to support from Historic England.

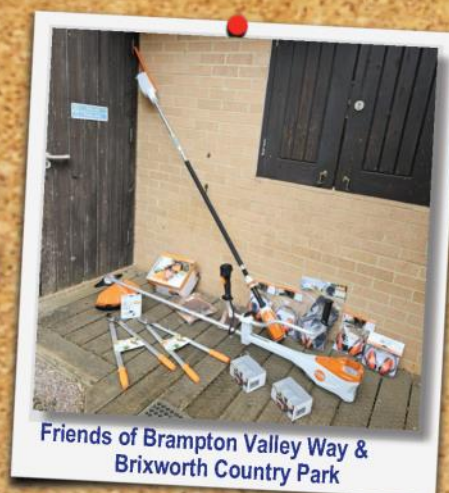
Exciting developments are underway at Spratton Road Park, benefiting the entire village. The community orchard is taking shape, and walkways have been cut through the park. We invite your views and ideas to help move this project forward. Perhaps you would like to sponsor a bench for the park or another area in our beautiful village?

Thanks to Mr. Troop and a group of dedicated volunteers, the planters around the village are now brimming with vibrant colors. Their efforts have contributed significantly to making our village look lovely and cared for once again. For more Council news, please visit our website or check out our new notice board located on the railings of the Community Centre car park.



Brixworth Parish Council has recently awarded a grant of £2,300 to the Friends of Brampton Valley Way and Brixworth Country Park. This financial support underscores the Council's commitment to preserving and enhancing our local environment and recreational spaces.

The grant will be allocated towards the purchase of essential maintenance and groundskeeping equipment. These tools are crucial for the upkeep of the beautiful landscapes and trails that attract numerous visitors to the area. Part of the funding will be dedicated to providing training for the volunteers, ensuring they can use the new equipment safely and effectively.



Friends of Brampton Valley Way & Brixworth Country Park



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New Brixworth Parish Council Notice Board Installed

Brixworth Parish Council has installed a new notice board in a prominent position on the railings of the Community Centre car park on Spratton Road, with the aim to enhance community engagement and ensure that residents have easy access to important information.

The new notice board will serve as a central hub for disseminating key updates from the Parish Council. Residents can expect to find a variety of crucial information displayed, including meeting agendas, minutes from previous meetings, upcoming event announcements, public notices, and other community-related news. This initiative is part of the Parish Council's ongoing efforts to foster transparency and keep the local community well-informed.

Brixworth Parish Council encourages all residents to regularly check the notice board for the latest updates. The Council believes that this new communication tool will significantly improve the flow of information and engagement within the community, promoting greater participation in local affairs.

For those who prefer digital updates, the Parish Council will continue to post information on its official website and social media platforms. However, the physical notice board remains an essential resource for reaching all members of the community, especially those who may not have regular internet access.



HOW TO REPORT



MISSED BIN COLLECTION

- Your bins are collected by a company under contract from WNC.
- You can report a missed bin collection after 7:30pm on your normal collection day.
- Your missed collection must be reported within 2 working days of your collection day.

REPORT IT

<https://www.northampton.gov.uk/xfp/form/310>



This Information has been brought to you by Brixworth Parish Council. All Incidents of this nature are reportable to and investigated by West Northants Council using any of the contact links above.

St David's Spheres and Planters

St David's Recreational Ground has received a charming and practical upgrade with the replacement of the old wooden posts along its edge.

The new decorative concrete spheres and planters, which have now been levelled, are now in place, adding both aesthetic appeal and functional benefits.

These stylish concrete elements are set to be seasonally planted, bringing vibrant bursts of colour and natural beauty to the recreational ground throughout the year.

In addition to their decorative role, the concrete spheres and planters serve a crucial purpose in maintaining the integrity of the playing fields, acting as a deterrent against unauthorised access, ensuring that the grounds remain protected and well-maintained for community use.



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Sponsor a Bench

Brixworth Parish Council is considering a new initiative aimed at enhancing the village's public spaces while offering a unique opportunity for individuals and local businesses to contribute to the community. The proposed scheme involves sponsoring a bench or a planter, complete with the option of a dedication plaque, as a way to beautify Brixworth and create lasting legacies.

To determine the viability and interest in the sponsorship scheme, Brixworth Parish Council is conducting a survey. The feedback gathered from the survey will be instrumental in shaping the final proposal and ensuring it meets the needs and desires of the community.

If there is sufficient interest, the sponsorship scheme will move forward with the input and suggestions gathered from the survey.

Access the survey here: <https://forms.office.com/e/lkwb8b84W5u> or scan the QR code with your smart phone.

Rita the Refill Roadster

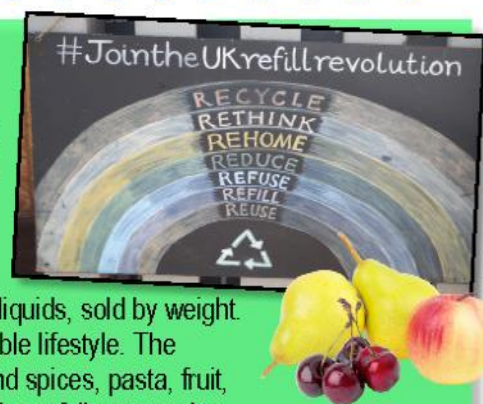
In an exciting move towards making sustainable shopping mainstream, Refill Revolution's beloved mobile shop, Rita the Refill Roadster, now visits Brixworth twice a month. This initiative is part of Refill Revolution's mission to provide low-impact and sustainable alternatives for everyday items, ensuring that eco-friendly shopping is accessible to everyone.

A standout feature of Refill Revolution is their zero waste refill service. Customers can bring their own containers and fill them with a variety of dry foods and household liquids, sold by weight. This initiative not only reduces packaging waste but also encourages a more sustainable lifestyle. The product range is extensive; covering nuts, baking supplies, laundry products, herbs and spices, pasta, fruit, beans, cereal, tea, coffee and seeds. All products are vegan-friendly, cruelty-free, and carefully sourced to ensure the highest standards of sustainability.

Rita's presence in Brixworth is a game-changer for those committed to reducing their environmental footprint. Shoppers can refill their containers with a wide variety of products, from household cleaning supplies to pantry staples, all while enjoying the convenience of a local service. The aim is to make sustainable living as straightforward and accessible as possible, encouraging more people to make eco-friendly choices in their daily lives.

One of the core values of Refill Revolution is its non-judgemental approach to sustainability. They understand that everyone is on their own journey towards reducing waste and living more sustainably. The team at Refill Revolution is dedicated to helping customers find practical and achievable ways to reduce their environmental impact. Whether you're a seasoned eco-warrior or just starting to explore sustainable options, Refill Revolution claims to welcome you with open arms.

Rita the Refill Roadster will be parked up outside the Community Centre on Spratton Road. Keep an eye on our social media pages for the upcoming Saturday dates when this service will be visiting.



Councillor Christine Ware (centre), Chair of the Brixworth Climate Action Working Group, meeting with Tommy from Refill Revolution (right), alongside Councillor Jonathan Harris (left).



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Spratton Road Wellbeing Park Survey

Spratton Road Wellbeing Park is an invaluable asset to our community, providing a serene space for relaxation, recreation, and connection with nature. As the Council looks to the future, we want to ensure that the park continues to meet the needs and desires of all who use it. To achieve this, the Council are seeking your input through a short survey on how the park is currently used and what you would like to see as part of its development.

Do you visit the park for exercise, picnics, or quiet reflection? Are there specific areas or features of the park that you particularly enjoy? Your responses will help us identify what aspects of the park are most valued and should be preserved or enhanced.

The Parish Council are open to all ideas and suggestions. Perhaps you'd like to see more seating areas, improved walking paths, or new play equipment for children. Maybe you have ideas for community gardens, fitness stations, or enhanced landscaping. Whatever your vision, we want to hear it.

Complete the short survey at:

<https://forms.office.com/e/DtFyrhxKg0>
or scan the QR code with your smart phone.



have your say



All Saints' Church Yard Monthly Maintenance
1st Saturday of every month
Any time between 10am - 1pm

Contact the Parish Clerk:



To contact the Parish Council please write to:

The Parish Clerk, The Information Point, Brixworth Library and Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth NN6 9DS

Email: parish.clerk@brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk
Telephone: 01604 347993

Full Council (Thursdays): 26 September, 31 October, 28 November
Planning (Mondays): 2 September, 23 September, 14 October
Finance & Personnel (Thursdays): 17 October, 16 January

Please check website & noticeboard to confirm dates and times.
All meetings are held in the Library and Community Centre.

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Brixworth Parish Council Team



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Busy summer at Northampton Sailing Club

As always, the weather has been variable, but it's certainly suited sailors, wind-surfers, wing-foilers and paddleboarders at different times during the season.

As well as regular Sunday and Thursday evening racing for the sailors, and Wednesday night Pirates club, Northampton Sailing Club hosted Inland Championships for the Phantom and Solutions classes and a Midlands Travellers' Series open event for the Solos.

The Northamptonshire Youth Series event took place in July with 37 boats competing. Training in the morning was followed by three races in the afternoon and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The club also hosted a wind-surfing Techno training day and Raceboard coaching as well as holding a paddlesports open day, which included a BBQ and disco in the evening – and even the sun joined the party. This is in addition to many great social events.



Sailability continued to provide opportunities for people with a range of impairments to discover the joy and freedom of sailing. Sailability runs every Monday and Friday (excluding bank holidays) and the first and third Saturday each month from April until the end of October.

The team is always looking for volunteers and you don't need to be an experienced sailor to join in the fun. See www.northampton

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[org.uk](http://www.northampton) for more details.

Northampton Sailing Club is open to members of all ages and abilities, and offers RYA training as well as taster sessions in a range of watersports to non-members. Members enjoy the use of the large expanse of water, beautiful surroundings and great onshore facilities all year round.

If you've been inspired by the Olympics or fancy making the most of late summer and mild autumn days and giving watersports a try, check out:

www.northamptonsailingclub.org

or email:

info@northamptonsailingclub.org

In addition, winter membership is available to sailors wanting to take part in the winter and 'icicle' series.

Discover the water and enjoy it!



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