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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

WHITE KNIGHTS TO THE RESCUE

Statement from the new Chairman
Neil Pound



*Back row (L-R): Neil Pound (Chairman), Tony Pratt (Treasurer), Dennis Law
Front row (L-R): Lynette Edwards, Theresa Marriot, Rachel Thayanithy, Alison Pound*



*Village Hall Committee
Chairman & Treasurer*

As reported in the last Bulletin, the Village Hall Management Committee had dwindled to three committee members, two of which had indicated their wish to stand down, and one representative from the Parish Council. In addition the Administrator wished to resign as soon as a replacement could be found.

At an E.G.M. held on the 12th June 2006, 17 members of the villagers attending the meeting put forward their names as committee members and were duly elected unopposed. The present constitution allows for 20 committee members. This is extremely good news for the village and bodes well for the future, particularly as the future of the village hall had been in jeopardy. Neil Pound offered to fill the post of Chairman and Tony Pratt offered to take on the post of Treasurer. Les Tyrer and Harvey Fox had stood down from these two posts respectively at the beginning of the meeting and therefore as the only

candidates Neil and Tony were confirmed in their posts.

Committee members are Paddy Fox (Parish Council representative), Jolene Simpson, Rachel Thayanithy, Lynette Edwards, Teresa Marriot, Julia Hanna, Alison Pound, Dennis Law, Sanchia Hedges, Adam Cooper, Paul Miller and remaining member from last committee Dennis Coles.

The first meeting of this committee was held on the 26th June and amongst items considered were a revised constitution (original drawn up in 1969), fund raising, grant applications and maintenance of the hall.

Four applications have been received for the post of Village Hall Administrator to replace Kate Williams, who will resign when the appointment is made. Kate has recently taken on extra responsibilities with her 'day job' which entails increased hours and therefore cannot find sufficient time to carry out both jobs.

Neil Pound says 'We have now had the opportunity to assess what needs to be done over the next year to safeguard the future of the hall and it is clear our efforts must be focussed on balancing the books by increasing the usage of the hall, ensuring that inflationary costs such as energy are reflected in usage charges and finding imaginative ways in which the hall can be used'.

He goes on to say 'I am optimistic we will be successful as there is a wave of enthusiasm and energy running through the committee with many ideas being generated to help us save the hall. I think we all realise the hall is a tremendous asset for the whole village and one of our early aims is to ensure we get this message across to all Brixworth residents. We will also be organising some social functions and these will be publicised shortly'.

Finally, Neil pays tribute to the outgoing Chairman, Les Tyrer and the outgoing Administrator, Kate Williams, when he says 'It is clear that Les and Kate have put in many hours of work in running the hall and I, on behalf of the new committee and all those that use the hall would like to thank them for their tireless efforts'.

If you would like further information or would like to know what the hall can offer you, please contact Neil on 880143

HANGING HOUGHTON AND LAMPORT NEWS

The Barn Dance that was held at the end of June was a great success with well over a hundred local people attending. We were very lucky again with the weather, which if anything was a little too hot. Many thanks are given to all those who attended and to all the helpers, plus a special thank you to Tom Saunders for all his help and the use of his barn.

Another working party was held at the end of July to progress the tidy up of the Lamport churchyard. This was arranged by Mary Parker of the PCC and was attended by 15 local residents from the two villages. The work is now starting to make a difference to the church grounds which are now greatly improved. If you have the opportunity to call in at the church to view the grounds I am sure that you will be impressed with the work that is being done.

A revised planning application has been submitted for the Clint Hill Farm site - Ref. number DA/2006/0828. This application is for

- 2 x detached 6 bed houses with paddocks
- 2 x attached 5 bed houses
- 3 x attached 4 bed houses
- and 1 x detached 3 bed house.

These plans can be viewed at the DDC offices at Brixworth Library if you need further information, quoting the above reference number. *Mike Philpott.*

HAROLD SCOTT

1917 - 2006



Harold Scott died at the age of 89 on 25th July 2006 in a nursing home in Chesterfield. He and his wife Ethel, who died in 2004, moved to Brixworth in 1984 and were former residents of New Street.

Harold joined the Merchant Navy in 1933 and sailed throughout the Second World War in some of the most dangerous waters in the world. In cargo and troop ships, he traversed many times, the North and South Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans, the Mediterranean and the Straits of Dover (Bomb Alley). He escaped injury, but learned afterwards that several of his previous ships were later sunk. On Remembrance Day, he laid the British Legion's wreath at the war memorial in the All Saints' Churchyard for a great number of years.

He was a member of the International Guild of Knot Tyers and at their meetings he lectured and demonstrated his expertise in tying complex knots. Just before he moved north to his nursing home, he taught boys at Northants Grammar School, the skills of knot tying.

Harold was well known in the village and will be missed by his children Karen and Stuart and their families as well as church members and friends in Brixworth.

CPL AROMAS

At the meeting convened by the Parish Council for residents and representatives of CPL Aromas held in May 2006, it was agreed by CPL that an electronic 'nose' device be placed in a resident's garden to determine the constituent parts of the offending odours. To date this device has not been installed by CPL. It is understood that residents have made about a dozen calls to the CPL incident number 01604 882100 during the summer regarding pungent smells emanating from the CPL factory.

The Event of the Summer Brixworth Charity Garden Party 2nd September 2006

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The Brixworth Youth Foundation is holding a Charity Garden Party on the 2nd September at Lake House, Brixworth Hall Park, Brixworth. Mr and Mrs Tuckley of Lake House have kindly offered their wonderful grounds to raise money for the Youth Club. The garden party will begin at 4pm and run on into the evening. Alongside a barbecue, bottle tombola and raffle, there will also be a charity auction on the night. Tickets are just £10 for adults, £5 for children over 12, with children under 12 going free. Tickets include the barbecue, a welcome drink and the entertainment. Live music will be provided by the Commodores. Ring Jill Burwood on 889009 or Jane Ames on 889150 for ticket information. All funds raised at the garden party will go towards the running costs of the youth club and to buy extra play equipment.

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???? PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE ????

Brixworth people have their say

Brixworth Parish Council gave the people of the village the opportunity to state their views on issues that were concerning them and how highly (or otherwise) they ranked the quality of those issues in the village. This even included how satisfied people were with the work the Parish Council does on their behalf.

This questionnaire was a great success. It gave the people in the village some information about the activities of the Parish Council and told the Parish Council a lot about what the people in the village felt about things. It was disappointing that only 109 households returned the questionnaire, but the Parish Council will continue to work to get more people involved in its business.

Anti-social behaviour by youths around the village was clearly the issue that was most important and of greatest concern to the people of the village. This was illustrated in both the answers to the questions and the comments added to the questionnaires. A significant proportion of the people who commented about anti-social behaviour commented about "feeling intimidated by large groups of youths" but recognised that they may not be doing anything wrong.

The shops and the Library and Community Centre were identified as particular places where youths caused greatest intimidation by their presence.

There was a strong comment from the respondents that there should be more visible police presence around the village and one suggestion was that the PC should employ a special constable.

There were several comments that there should be more for the youth of the village in order to provide them with things to do other than hang around the village streets. More support for the Youth Club was mentioned by a number of people.



Another issue of concern, where quality was not ranked as high, was the village environment. There were a number of comments about litter, the need for more litterbins and more frequent emptying of litterbins. Litter on the streets is the responsibility of Daventry District Council and the Parish Council is responsible for clearing litter on the playing fields.

There were issues where the Parish Council was spending its resources in areas that people did not see as a very high priority. There were other areas where there were less resources being spent but which the people felt were of high

priority. An example of this was the facilities available for youth.

However, many of the issues of concern raised were not the responsibility of the Parish Council but for which other bodies are responsible, i.e. road safety. The Parish Council will try to influence other bodies to provide quality services that meet the expectations of the people of Brixworth.



So what now?

Your Parish Council will be analysing your comments and will develop an action plan that addresses the issues that you have raised as concerns. The Council will hold an open meeting in September or October to feedback the results of the questionnaire and action plan and to hopefully get people to volunteer to work with the Council to improve those issues of most concern. Please ensure that you attend this meeting to enable your voice to be heard.

The winner of the prize draw for a free Sunday lunch for two in the Old Post House was Lynn Aitken.

LOCAL CHARITY - FUNDS AVAILABLE

The foundation of Thomas Roe is a local charity with funds available to persons aged less than 25 years and resident within the parishes of Brixworth and Scaldwell.

Cash grants are available to any qualifying person for use for educational purposes. Grants have been made to assist in the purchase of school uniform, books and course materials, musical instruments and computer equipment and would be available towards the costs of travelling expenses linked to an educational venture including school trips.

Anyone wishing to apply can pick up an application form from the Library in Brixworth or from the Information Service located within the library building on Spratton Road. Alternatively an application form and any further details about the Charity can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Ursula Morris on 505554. Meetings of the Trustees are held twice yearly to consider applications. These are currently held in early September and in March

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BRIXWORTH CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

BEHIND THE SCENES AT A VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL



The school held its annual fete on Saturday 24th June. The fete combines both aspects of the Parents and Teachers Association's roles - fund raising for the pupils and organising a social and recreational occasion for the local community.



This year, because of the World Cup, the fete started sooner, at 12.00 noon. Liam Dolman, an ex-pupil and now a Northampton Town footballer, cut the opening ribbon. The weather was kind and the whole event went well in a relaxed and happy atmosphere. The fete raised over £4300. There was an excellent response from local companies and parents, who donated raffle prizes and gifts for the stalls.

The sponsors included Barclays (with the £4£), Xansa IT Software, Co-op, O'Riordon Bond, Haddonstone, QMP, Troop and Sons, CPL Aromas, Watson, Petroleum, Ker Plant Ownership, Grant Thornton Accountants, Daisy Roots, Foden, Pitsford Lavender, Coveys, Mrs Gemma Campbell and Mrs Gravestock.

With the funds raised the PTA will be able to support the proposed improvement to the outdoor equipment and activity area for the pupils, and the building of a large sails type sun shade.

Photographs on the front page were taken by George Hammerschmidt and photographs taken on pages 5, 8, 10 & 14 were taken by Jane Neill. We are grateful to the suppliers of other photographs (photographers unknown)

Have you ever wondered what children of the village get up to when they attend pre-school? When asked do they reply 'nothing'. In fact they may have seen a medic treating patients, a gardener planting seeds, a mum or dad in the kitchen making dinner. They may have been creating wonderful music, building a world using wooden bricks and figures, reading in the book corner, or creating with cardboard boxes, masking tape and other junk items.

Children learn new skills in a Learn through Play method. This means that, through planned activities, they will build up confidence, skills and abilities to develop and grow. Using play dough helps the child build up the strength and dexterity of their hands to hold a pencil. Using paintbrushes when painting allows the child to make big movements with their arms to help co-ordination of making the first steps of writing and mark making. Dressing up and play kitchen (role-play) allows for social skills, talking to themselves leads to talking to others and expressing ideas and thoughts. A mat with cars, lorries and garage allows a child to learn sharing skills, negotiating for turn taking.

There are two Pre-Schools who offer these experiences for children here in the village of Brixworth. These are Ladybirds Pre-School and The Centre Pre-School.

In keeping with National Standards, staff are involved in gaining qualifications to continuously provide a well run Pre-School. Training allows staff to gain knowledge of child development. This is required to provide appropriate activities and experiences for children in their care. Training is an ongoing process and regularly reviewed and updated.

A document issued by the Department for Early Years Education called The Curriculum Guidance for the Foundation Stage is used from the age of 3. This is used in the day to day planning of the pre-school. Each child in the setting is observed and documentation kept of their developmental stage. Each child is seen as an individual and such activities are planned for their abilities. The Curriculum Guidance document helps to plan the progress of each child. The use of this document is continued during Reception Year at School.

Both Pre-Schools are charity registered and management run by a Parent Committee. They include a chairperson, treasurer, secretary and general committee members, and are responsible for the management of the pre-school, undertaking such things as interviewing and employing staff, fundraising, obtaining criminal record clearances for staff and committee, indeed all things required to operate the pre-school.

There are Ofsted Inspections for Care and Nursery Education which are carried out on a regular basis, to check that the registered person meets the national standards for under 8's day care. The reports can be viewed on the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk

Contact number for Ladybirds Pre-School 07855 051516 or Centre Pre-School 01604 889060. Theresa Marriott

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RECREATING A REC

Parish Councillors need your advice



The Parish Council has for some time now been well aware of the increasingly urgent need to upgrade recreational/play equipment on the Spratton Road Recreation ground – precious to us all because it is one of the few open spaces left in our overcrowded village centre. The current play equipment, whilst still passing safety standards, does little to entice village mums and tots who probably press on to the far more pleasant St. David's playground and the splendidly equipped country park. Over the past year, councillors have researched a variety of possibilities for recreational improvements whilst above all recognising the need to retain the essential 'greenness' of the recreational area.

Of particular interest will be the opinion of the membership of Brixworth Youth Club. Since there are such a high proportion of teenagers in the village, it is felt that a BMX/skateboard/roller blading 'street course' together with a multi sports system for 5-a-side football and basketball might go some way to providing much needed recreational entertainment for the teen years and of course there are plenty of interesting options for the younger age groups.

What is needed, first and foremost is village consensus on this proposal – parish councillors are not experts on community play areas and in that sense know no better than any other resident, so consultation and general approval for this venture is vital.

Letters are to be sent out to all households in the immediate environs of the recreation ground alerting them to the proposal and all residents are invited to a public meeting on the 13th September to be held at the Library/Community centre at 7.45pm. Please come along and have your say – your opinion is important. Plans, drawings and options will be on display. At that meeting it is hoped that a working party can be formed to take this basic proposal forward. Taking it forward will involve further research, further consultation and plenty of fund raising

Paddy Fox

THE NEXT BRIXWORTH DRAMA GROUP PRODUCTION "THE HOLLOW CROWN"

"The Hollow Crown" by John Barton will be performed on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd September at 8pm in Brixworth Village Hall. Tickets are £5.00, £4.00 concessions and are available from Lovell Hardware, Spratton Road, Brixworth and Heather Pool on 01604 881166. The performance will be given in a cabaret-style environment with a licensed bar.

The play features the lives of the Kings and Queens of England, from King Harold to Queen Victoria, told in their own words and in the words of their contemporaries. There are four performers who speak the words of the Kings and Queens or of the people who wrote about them, Jane Austin, Horace Walpole and Shakespeare amongst others. The production is at times very funny and sometimes moving and sad.

This production, is a little different to the normal plays and pantomimes offered by the Drama Group, but is presented in association with the History Society as an 'extra'. There will be a private performance for members of the History Society on Thursday 21st September.

"The Hollow Crown" is adaptable for performance in theatres, village halls, schools and churches. If you have a possible venue and would like to consider commissioning a performance please contact:- James Skeggs. Telephone: 01604 882492 e-mail:james@skeggs37.freemove.co.uk

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BEWARE OF A DARK STRANGER



BRIXWORTH & SCALDWELL SCOUT GROUP AT NAILER INTERNATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

On the 15th July 2006, the post was delivered early to parts of Brixworth, in particular to a house near the Church. On Saturdays, Royal Mail can deliver between 7.00am and 1.30pm., but on this occasion, the postman knocked on the door of this house and handed over three small parcels. The occupant accepted the parcels, but because it was early and an anniversary was due, he thought that the parcels were presents from relatives and would open them a little later. Ten minutes after the postman, there was a knock on the door and a smartly dressed black man said he had spoken to the postman and the three parcels were for him and had been delivered by mistake. He asked that the parcels be handed over as he was the rightful recipient. The occupant of the house looked at the parcels and saw that they were correctly addressed to the occupant.

The caller was asked for his address and he professed to live near the pub at Hortons Avenue. As this was a fictitious address, he was asked for his telephone number so that he could be contacted when the occupant had opened the parcels. This was provided and later proved to be false.

The parcels contained three mobile phones which had not been ordered by the occupant but had been charged to his bank direct debit card. A phone call to the mobile phone provider, as well as a call to the bank, stopped the transaction. However further transactions had taken place on the debit card which fortunately were stopped in time.

The police, who were informed, were reluctant to give an incident number as no money had been lost even though fraud had clearly been involved. A few hours later, the police telephoned that a similar incident had occurred in Kettering later in the day with the same man.

The occupant of the house acted very sensibly, though it is worrying that he got an incident number only by insisting on it. These phones could have been used for roaming and several thousand pounds could have been charged to the debit card in a matter of days before it was detected by the mobile phone provider.

It is believed the details of his debit card were obtained by the fraudster, from transactions by the occupant on the internet.

Please learn lessons from this incident and be careful who you disclose the security number to on the back of debit and credit cards. Insist with the police that they give you an incident number for perceived crime. The Police are proud that despite increasing crime, the number of recorded offences has dropped by 1%.



Brixworth and Scaldwell Scout Group went to the Nailer International Jamboree which was held at Towcester Race Course at the beginning of August.

Nailer 2006 was the fifth Nailer International Jamboree held by Northamptonshire County Scout Council, which is open to all Scouts and Guides from the U.K., and to both movements throughout the world

The Scouts camped with scouts from Spratton and Welford troops for the week, the Cubs camped for three nights and the Beavers visited the camp on the Sunday for their annual Beaveree. Activities included

archery, air rifle shooting, bell boating, crystal maze challenges, fair rides, grass tobogganing, climbing, abseiling, inflatables plus many many more. The Cubs were proud to win the tug of war competition, beating all the other Cub packs on site.

The group would like to thank Atkins, Brixworth Lions and the Parish Council for their financial support, which enabled the group to purchase new tents, a dining shelter, tables and benches and cooking equipment, which is all essential for a week away camping.

Jane Macken Cub Scout Leader

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A star of stage and screen has agreed to become the patron of Brixworth Drama Group.



Bernard Cribbins (77) is best known for his many film roles, which include Carry on Columbus, Carry on Spying, Carry on Jack and the Railway Children.

The well-known character actor also has a wealth of experience on the stage, having appeared in everything from Shakespeare to Broadway musicals, including Guys and Dolls, Anything Goes and My Fair Lady.

Chairman James Skeggs, worked as Bernard's understudy on a number of pantomimes in the past. Bernard remembered James and immediately agreed to become patron of the Drama Group

He will do things such as writing programme notes, offering us advice as well as raising our profile.

Bernard Cribbins is our first patron and in a letter to James Skeggs said he was delighted to accept the position.

Of all the quick change acts in the village hall during the latest Brixworth Drama Group production, the most difficult was the interval change as Andy Knight and Tony Farrow exchanged their manic personas for guitars and Amanda Pickering a clog dancing costume for a place at the microphone, as together with Terry Oliver and Andy Bransby, 'Dramarama' gave their first public performance as the interval entertainment. Sandwiched between 'A Pressing Engagement' and 'Last Tango in Little Grimley', two comic offerings, they gave a cabaret style feel to an informal evening where the audience sat at tables with nibbles provided and the option to have drinks at the table.

In *A Pressing Engagement*, Richard, played with overtones of Stan Laurel by Mike Culverhouse, awakes with a day missing from his life, a monumental hangover and a new fiancé. Worse, his wife is due home at any minute. Amanda Pickering, fully clothed or not, is convincing as the sweet and innocent 'fiancé' Abigail in the madhouse. Elizabeth, played by Amanda Pilgrim on her debut, makes us understand why Richard wants a new fiancé, but can they be kept apart and Richards's rather worthless bacon be saved? Enter Terry, played by Tony Farrow, and Henry, played by Andy Knight, who have to do for Richard what best friends have to do

The action is fast and furious as Henry and Terry, making a great team, put themselves on the line, and everything else, in a bid to prevent Abigail from meeting Elizabeth until Abigail thinks she's in a madhouse, and Elizabeth thinks Abigail is some kind of mad intruder. The excuses and explanations get lamer and lamer. Meanwhile, in blunders Mrs Henshaw, in a delightful cameo by Libby Bowers, who may or may not be Abigail's mother, but just happens to be there to buy Elizabeth's riding gear...no kidding. All the ingredients for the British farce are here,

handled with pace and panache by the entire cast, ably directed by Eunice Ellis on her debut.

Cap that. Enter the country's second most incompetent amateur dramatic society, insolvent, understaffed and going under, Margaret the Prima Donna, Joyce the unfulfilled Diva, Bernard the odd-job man and trainee stage weight, and control freak Gordon, for their last AGM. But Gordon has a plan – sex sells seats, especially in *Little Grimley*. His play will transform their fortunes, though one wonders how as they blunder from one piece of comic ineptness to another as they try and rehearse, test the lighting, build the set and learn their lines, all at the same time. Gordon, played unflappably by Stuart Cooper as the man keeping his cool while the remaining members of the society 'butcher' his prose, steers the proceedings. Margaret, played with élan and a very silly limp by Heather Pool, and nice but dim Joyce, played to perfection by Eileen Truby, rehearse convincingly but incompetently under Gordon's erratic direction. Eileen's Ostrich impression was a treat. Meanwhile, Bernard, played by James Skeggs, pressed into unwilling service as set-builder turned butcher, litters the stage with beautifully-timed interventions. Alec Hodgson directed, providing useful cover for his nearly-secret weekend away, and Sue I'Anson covered his absence.

Judging by the frequent howls of laughter the audiences on all three nights enjoyed the productions immensely.

The usual suspects in their smart new black attire kept everything running smoothly and there were many compliments about the informal setting of tables complete with flowers organised beautifully by Jean Templeman. No doubt this setting will be used again.

Robin Pool

POLICING THE COMMUNITY

In January of this year, the Police sector office had to move out of Spring Hill and it is currently located with the Northampton Criminal Investigation Unit on the Moulton Park Industrial estate.

The Home Office has required all forces to have Neighbourhood Policing Teams/Safer Community Teams set up by April 1st 2007, but preferably before. Brixworth is the preferred location and I have found suitable office space on the Old Harborough Road.

Currently the force is trying to recruit 98 PCSO's – in order to staff up all the Safer Community Teams across the County. We will get one additional PCSO. Our team will then consist of 1 Sergeant, 2 Constables, 3 PCSO's and 6 Parish/Special Constables and this team would be 'red circled' to the North Sector, so we will not be abstracted away due to demands of the larger towns.

TAE KWON-DO?

You know you can!



Due to the success of our Northampton UTA TaeKwon-Do School in Roade, we have opened a new School in Brixworth. Both Schools teach authentic TaeKwon-Do and promote excellent fitness, flexibility, confidence, coordination and much more. As well as adult and junior TaeKwon-Do classes, we have also introduced Lil' Dragons for 4-6 year olds. Classes are fun and energetic, teaching basic self defence and also valuable life skills. Enrolments for the adult and junior TaeKwon-Do classes are every 6 weeks. Lil' Dragons can enrol at any time. You are very welcome to come along and watch any of our classes before enrolling.

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BRIXWORTH CENTRE, CHURCH STREET

After a combined effort of 31 years of loyal service to the Centre, Pat and Stephen James have decided to take a less active role in the centre committee. They will now act as Trustees and continue to monitor the progress and development of the Centre as a venue for the local community. The committee members, old and new, would like to take this opportunity to thank both Pat and Stephen for their dedication to the Centre over the years and will look forward to working under their guidance in the future. The committee would also like to thank Mrs Gwynth Wilson for her sterling work as secretary and liaison person for the pre-school.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DENYS WATKINS-PITCHFORD M.B.E.
KNOWN AS BB 1905 – 1990

Dear Sir

Mercedes HP advance ICT at Brixworth
Primary School

I don't have children of my own, but if I did I would have loved for them to be able to use the ICT facilities that local firm Mercedes HP Engines have provided at Brixworth Primary School.

In an ever increasing world of cynicism, what joy it is to read about a group of workers who you could feel by every plaudit that was given, had put their heart and soul into such a worthwhile project.

Led by their site maintenance manager Debbie Carless they went above and beyond the call of duty and for that I would like to say a simple thank you to them on behalf of the people of Brixworth, which is something the published article omitted to do.

Because they could have easily taken their time and money and invested it into much higher profile projects that would have benefited their company more in the long run, but they decided to keep it local.

There is a saying in America called "pass it on," which means quite simply what can I do with my time and money to help somebody for no other reason than to just help them.

Well every single one of these workers should feel proud that they have done just that for many countless generations to come who will use this fabulous facility and who knows it might even be used in the evenings when classes are finished to educate the computer illiterate adults, which sadly I am one.

Well Done To All
Mr. R.M. Levins

Dear Bulletin

More good news from your Parish Council!

At last we have ownership of the remaining land on the Ashway playing field and can begin making it into an area to be proud of and that people want to visit.

But we need your help to get it right. Already I have spoken to people living nearby about access points to the South West corner of the playing field – where the path from Eastfield Road meets the Ashway.

There is an 'unofficial mud path through the bushes, and another along the path by the dog bin. We are writing to ask adjoining property owners what they think, but all you dog walkers, sports people, kids on the way to school and short-cut takers – what do *you* think? It's a small but important detail that could shape this part of the playing field for years to come!

Your Parish Council Recreation committee wants to know your feelings – contact any Parish Councillor, come to any Recreation Committee meeting (dates on our notice board near Troops Greengrocers) or e-mail me on bpcchair@googlemail.com. This is just one item we want to ask you about – there will be more. Your thoughts are important to us and really matter.

Yours sincerely

Ian Barratt

Chairman Brixworth Parish Council

The Bulletin would be pleased to receive comments regarding the views expressed by the Vicar in his letter (insert) on the traffic problems in Northampton Road.



Last year was the centenary of BB's birth and the BB Society obtained a grant to create a nature trail in Brixworth Country Park based on the 'The Little Grey Men'.

The BB Society is working with N.C.C. to provide a fully accessible trail which will tell the story and give related information about the flora and fauna to be found locally. There will be a storytelling seat for readings and performances for children. Seven schools from the surrounding area including Brixworth are involved. The project will continue into 2007 when there will be an official opening ceremony. So far the Society has received great enthusiasm from all those taking part and they have found that BB's work still strikes a much needed chord in our modern very busy world.

I can be contacted on 01604 842010 if you would like to know more or if anyone has any memories or stories about BB.

'This project has been supported by the Local Heritage Initiative' Susan Edwards

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VILLAGE DIARY

In order to prevent clashes on the dates of fund raising events held in the village, the staff of the Information Office, have kindly agreed to hold a diary for the use of village organisations. The effectiveness of the diary will of course depend upon members of village organisations filling in their dates, preferably as soon as they are known. The Parish Council has agreed to donate the diary

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL BYE-ELECTION

Notice up on 31.8.2006: nominations to DDC by noon 8.9.2006 and if contested, election on 5.10.2006. There is one vacancy. **Any more white knights?**

BRIXWORTH POCKET PARK



ENTRANCE



PART OF THE INTERIOR

Off Tantree Way in Eaglehurst, there is a jewel – an oasis of tranquillity – an open space for all to use – with freshly mown grass and an excellent place for a picnic.

The site lies just off Holcot Road in Brixworth village, and is part of a former ironstone gullet. It contains a small woodland and meadow with a steep slope on the southern boundary. The old quarry workings have been turned into a habitat for trees, with plants, animals, insects and birds, including spindle, hazel, silver birch, field maple and blackthorn, lords and ladies lesser celandine, great tit, blackbird, song thrush, pied wagtail, chaffinch and small tortoiseshell butterfly. The pocket park is managed by the Brixworth pocket park group. If you want to play a part in the

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The team will continue to work on behalf of the centre and its users to ensure that it remains a prominent venue and a major asset to the community.
Jeanette Richards

BULLETIN BOARD

OVERDUE THANKS

From the Bulletin Committee

The Brixworth Bulletin is a non-political and non-profit making community newspaper and is run by a small committee who give their time without any recompense, to provide a service to the village.

The majority of the present distributors, who tirelessly pound the streets every 3 months, to ensure everyone receive a Bulletin, have been with us from the very first Bugle in 1992.

The Bulletin committee would like to thank sincerely all our distribution team for their hard work over the years namely:-

Leslie Eaton, Hilary Culverhouse, Jackie Bishop, Jack Bason, Peter Oliver, Tony Everard, Jerry Dobson, Phil Spiller, Janet Hickman, Colin Dyson, Beryl Smith, David Hymas, Sara Brooks, Phylidda Hammerschmidt, Judy Smith, Ann Ruch, Mrs Wiles, Gabriel Leeming, Jeannette Dawson, Roger Verallo, Aiden Connolly, Bob Chattaway, Christie Syed-Brown, Rod & Bev King, Caroline Monk, Jane Stocks, the Anderson family and members of the committee.

Many thanks to our previous distributors and to George Hammerschmidt who provides excellent art work for the Bulletin free of charge.

ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE UPLANDS

Progress Report

QMP have surveyed the Adult Education Centre, in Church Street, free of charge, and will issue a report of work deemed necessary to refurbish the Centre for the History Society with an estimate of the costs. The steering committee will then meet to consider the report. Members of the group have cleared away trees and bushes from the sides of the building at the intersection of Church Street and the incline up to the church. Atkins has agreed to make good the area around the foundations as the walls were being affected by the growth of vegetation.

Brixworth Centre Pre-School

The children from Brixworth Centre Pre-School have recently taken part in a sponsored 'Pedal Push' in order to raise money for ChildLine.

This took place on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd June 2006. The children had to ride or push a bike or scooter around a marked out course around the playground. All the children took part and really enjoyed themselves. Afterwards they all received a certificate, stickers and a medal to show all their families and friends what they had done to help ChildLine. They raised a grand total of £348.30. Well done!

Every day, calls from around 2300 children are answered by ChildLine. However, due to the huge demand for the service, hundreds more are unable to get through. ChildLine urgently needs more vital funds to help even more lonely desperate children. To find more about organising a Pedal Push 2006 event at your local nursery, call Harinee Selvadurai on 020 7650 6718 for an information pack.

10th Open Studios Arts Festival

Brixworth artist, Mandy Dawkins, will be taking part in Northamptonshire's 10th Open Studios Arts Festival with a display of her silk paintings. This year she will be sharing a venue at Thornby Village Hall with 5 other artists – painted ceramics by Carol Kimble, sculpture and 3D by Rupert Emerson and oil and watercolours by Angela Holmes, Yvonne Mitton and Alison Bull.

Their exhibition and demonstrations will take place on Saturday and Sunday 2nd & 3rd, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8th, 9th & 10th, Saturday & Sunday 16th & 17th September from 11.00am to 4.00pm on each day. Admission is free.

Further information on this and other local venues can be found in the Open Studios events brochure available at most public libraries, Gunnett's shop on Northampton Road or by logging onto www.openstudios.org.uk.

MOON WALK

On Saturday 20th May, Philippa Page, Gill Taylor and Jeanette Leggett took part in the Moon Walk. This is a 26.2 mile walk around London during the night. They started in the evening and walked through the night until morning. They raised £700 for the Breast Cancer Charity

The Bulletin congratulates all the above for raising so much money for the various charities. We thank Liz Bell for supplying the information.

BRIXWORTH CENTRE PRE-SCHOOL MUMS

Many of the mums from the Pre-School have been busy raising money for Cancer Research by taking part in the Run for Life. The races, which are each 5km, have been held at many locations around the area including Silverstone, Leicester and Bedford. Sandra Dalton (chairperson), Alison Sparkes (supervisor), Karen Gould, Sharon Green, Lynsey Gulliver, Tracy Gilbert, Liz Bell, Lis Gravestock, Natalie Gravestock, Kirsty Sullivan and Lynne Compton raised £1,400. If you didn't get the opportunity to sponsor any of the ladies who took part in the Run for Life and wish to make a donation to Cancer Research, you can still do so, by going online – www.raceforlife.org or by phoning 08705 134 314 (credit/debit card)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 2006

The total amount raised in Brixworth during the Christian Aid week was £1,833.31.

Thanks to all who contributed and to those who distributed and collected the envelopes.

Stephanie Arnold and Vanessa Crooks
(Christian Aid Week organisers)

If you would like to help with the organisation of next year's Christian Aid Week, please contact Vanessa Crooks on 883608 or Stephanie Arnold on 881692

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch now meets at the Olive Branch coffee shop every two months. The next meeting will be held on the 5th September at 19.30. New members are always welcome and you get access to details of crimes within the area. If you do not wish to attend meetings and you have internet access, we can send you by e-mail all the crime information.

Our aim is to get more residents in Brixworth aware of any problems that occur in our village as quickly as possible.

Bob Noden Village Co-ordinator

Tai Chi Class

A Tai Chi class is starting on Monday 11th September 2006 for 8 weeks. The classes will be held at the Community rooms at Brixworth library between 2.00 – 3.00pm. They are designed for people of all levels of fitness aged 50+ and will cost £21.50 which includes one week free.

Sheena Humphreys

**BRIXWORTH ORGANISATIONS
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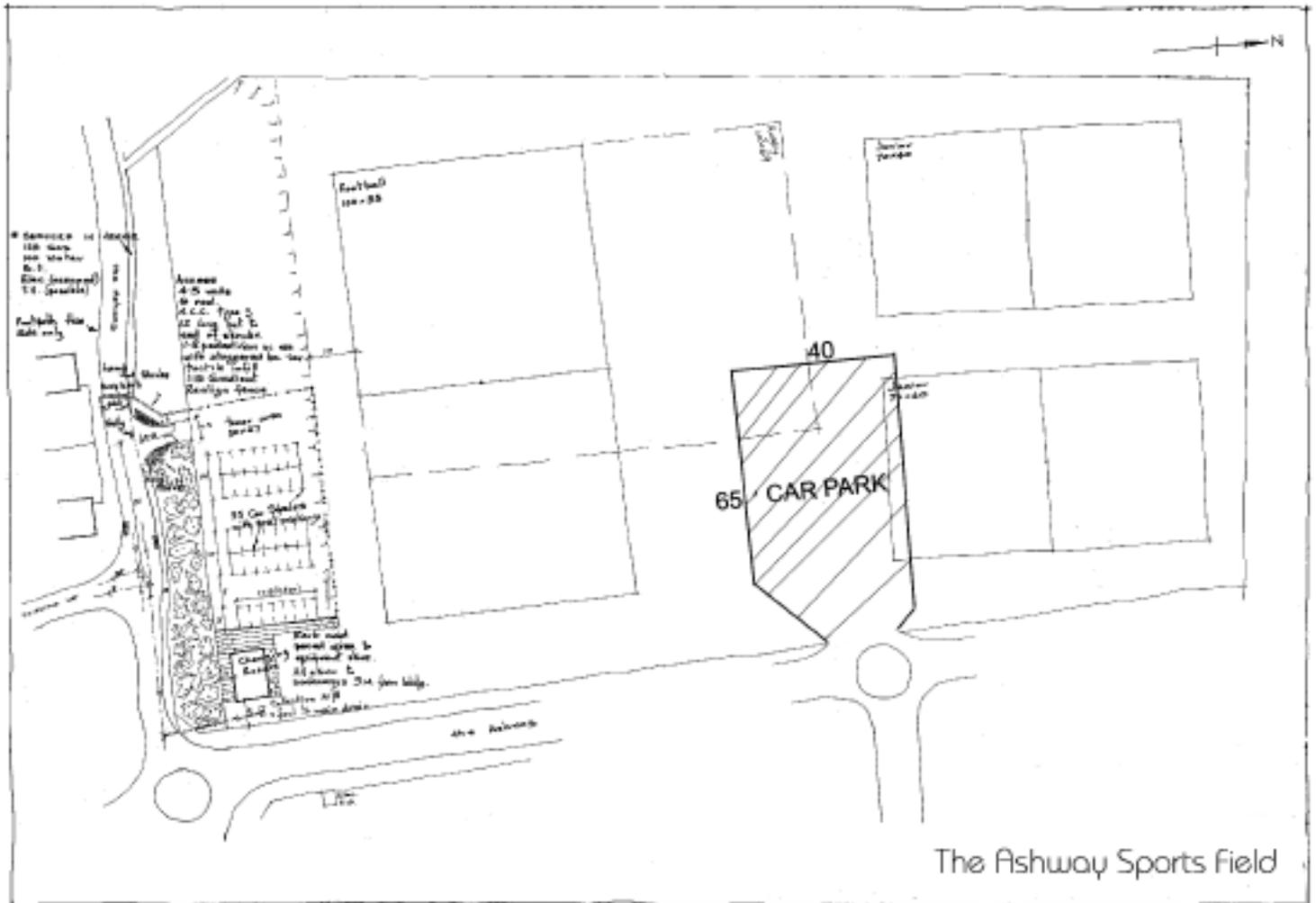
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ASHWAY PLAYING FIELDS



The new council in July 2004 decided to reject the tenders for purpose built brick changing rooms in favour of prefabricated custom built ones. Subsequently it was decided to re-site the changing rooms and car park as shown above. Planning permission from DDC was obtained for this change.

However the developer was reluctant to give lease agreement for the land transfer until the Ashway road had been adopted. This would not have been a problem if the original access close to the existing car park had been maintained. At the council meeting of the 27th June 2006, the chairman of the P.C. reported that the council had received the lease agreement for the Ashway playing field public open space. It has taken two years and considerable effort on behalf of the council to resolve these legal difficulties.

It is understood that the car-park will now not be moved and the position of the playing pitches will have to be reassessed. The alternative positions of the car park are shown on the drawing.

Bob Chattaway has been appointed Parish Council Representative for the Ashway playing field development and he plans to hold a review meeting shortly.

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COUNTRY EYE

By Brian Webster
**Fuchsia bright for the Elephant
Hawkmoth?**



If you want to survive in the harsh world of nature, the best thing to do is to find a lifestyle which you are good at, and stick to it. For example moths are generally thought of as creatures of the night, and most of them are. They are also mainly dull or neutral in colour, although many of them pretend to be something unappetizing. Quite a few make a good living out of looking like a bird dropping, or a piece of hard dead stick.

There are always beasts that seem intent on breaking the mould, and the elephant hawkmoth is one such. The picture is unfortunately in black and white but its colouring combines olive green with carmine pink and lilac. This scheme seems to work well but you try decorating your living room based on these colours! As it is a large insect with a three inch wingspan, and by no means rare around here, you might think that everyone would be familiar with it. But by day, it hides away in the ground litter where, despite its bright colours, it blends in very well. At night it flies rapidly in search of night-scented, nectar-rich flowers like those of the honeysuckle. It probes with its extra-long tongue to sip sustaining nectar from the flower base.

In fact it is the caterpillar of the elephant hawkmoth that is more likely to attract your attention. When I was a boy, in days long since slipped away into the mists of time, I used to find it along ditches and stream-sides, where it fed on the tiny leaves of marsh bedstraw. It always seemed out of place, being as long as your little finger, on such a fragile-looking plant. But then it switched to eating the leaves of the unrelated and abundant rosebay willow herb. Not content with this, in the past ten years or so it has increasingly turned up in our gardens, where it eats the foliage of the fuchsia.

On many occasions I have been brought the caterpillar to identify. It is earth-brown in colour and if disturbed it has the trick of rearing up, and pulling the first few segments back into its body, revealing two black spots

which look remarkably like eyes. It completes the illusion by swaying cobra-like from side to side. I guess more than one small bird will have been put off eating what is thought was a king-sized lunch, and not a few humans to my knowledge have given it a wide berth. Towards the end of summer the full-grown caterpillar leaves its food plant in search of a place to bury itself and turn into a chrysalis. It is at this time it can be found wandering along the garden path.

As if all this wasn't enough you can see from the picture an advanced, swept-wing aircraft design as invented by nature millions of years ago. Surely that should put us humans firmly in our place?

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BRIXWORTH VANDALISM

At the beginning of August some flat slabs from outside the Library/ Community Centre were ripped up and thrown through the window of the D.D.C. Information Office. The following night attempts were made to burn the boarded up window and items in the toilets of the Centre. The police were informed.

BE PROUD BRIXWORTH

You deserve it!



Pictured here are two of the team members who worked together to answer the questions of the four ACRE judges who visited the village in May. Mike Nice, Administrator of Brixworth Library Community Centre and Jane Macken, Clerk to B.P.C. Photograph by Jane Neill

On 25th July at a presentation evening at the offices of Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) Brixworth was declared runner up in the 2006 Northamptonshire Village of the year Competition (Sponsored by DEFRA & Calor) and was similarly awarded second prize in 'The Building Community Life' Competition. Out of a possible maximum score of 147, Brixworth was awarded 134.5 points. We were pipped at the post by the Village of Geddington – but only just!

The 'Village of the Year' competition is not about pretty villages and posh infrastructure, It's about the people in them and about daily living in a thriving, caring and inclusive community. The questions from the judges, who had spent a morning walking around the village, chatting to local people, were probing and focussed almost entirely on the strength of the voluntary work ethic in the village and the amount of time that ordinary residents contribute towards helping their community.

It's about organisations and individuals who work, often for very little obvious thanks, for the benefit of their local community and in this village, there are literally dozens.

These are some of the remarks later recorded by the judges.

YOUNG PEOPLE 'Pre-school children are very well catered for. Youth and after school clubs are thriving with good facilities.(Score 18 out of a possible 20)

BUILDING COMMUNITY LIFE: 'There is a wide variety of clubs, organisations and services available to the whole spectrum of the community with excellent meeting facilities all of which are well used.' (Score 36.5 out of 40).

VILLAGE LIFE 'There are many events and facilities available and details are distributed efficiently via notice boards and the 'Brixworth

Bulletin'. (Score 29 out of 29)

ENVIRONMENT Residents and youth clubs help in maintaining the environment. History Society, maps etc. encourage interest in local history, pathways and parks. (19 out of 22)

THE WOW FACTOR 'There is a great impression of 'inclusion' with much enthusiasm shown by everybody that we met. The facilities available are very high standards and are used to the full'. (9 out 10 marks).

Chairman of the Competition judges, David Scudamore commented 'Choosing the winning villages was extremely difficult. Generally the most successful villages were those where the whole community was involved'.

WELL DONE BRIXWORTH!

Paddy Fox



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REF NO. & DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	P.C RECOMMENDATION & D.D.C. DECISION
DA/2006/0279 The Lodge, Harborough Rd. Listed building consent for amendments to stable block conversion and alternative garage design to serve house and conversion.	PC 25/4 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2006/0315 The Lodge, Harborough Rd. Amended scheme for a garage block to serve the house and stable block conversion.	PC 25/4 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2006/0305 The Gables, Holcot Rd. Demolish existing outbuildings and new proposed kitchen and garaging with playroom over.	PC 25/4 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2006/0152 20 The Ashway. Two storey extension at rear of dwelling.	PC 25/4 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2006/0164 5 Juniper Thorn. Conservatory to rear.	PC 23/5 No Observations. DDC Approved.
DA/2006/0169 Hutchinson 3G UK Ltd. Brixworth Water Tower, Broad St. Installation of three 1.7 metre telecommunications antennas and supporting poles, one 300mm and one 600mm diameter dish antennas, radio equipment housing.	DDC Refused.
DA/2006/0371 37 Brackenborough. Conservatory to rear.	PC 25/4 No Observations. DDC Approved
WP/2006/0171/F Sywell Aerodrome. Highway improvement works consisting of road widening and realignment of stone wall.	PC 25/4 Support for application
DA/2006/0488 10 Damherst Piece. Two storey side extension	PC 23/5 No Observations. DDC Approved
DA/2006/0494 10 Hall Farm Close. Two storey extension to rear of dwelling.	PC 23/5 No Observations except extension must not infringe 45% line.
DA/2006/0485 Mercedes Benz, Wood Park, Morgan Drive.	PC 23/5 No Observations DDC Approved
DA/2006/0529 Adjacent 1 The Ashway. New two bedroom dwelling.	PC 23/5 Objection to this application. Design out of keeping with buildings nearby and building plot considered to be too small. DDC Refused.
DA/2006/0575 Brixworth Water Tower Broad St. Installation of 9.2m guyed lattice mast on roof with three 600mm transmission dishes, cabling and internal equipment panel.	PC 27/6 Strong Objections on 4 counts. DDC Refused.
DA/2006/0614 Brixworth Nursery Farm, Holcot Rd. Installation of septic tank/oil tank/electricity supply housing.	PC 27/6 No Objections but concerns re road during construction. DDC Approved.
DA/2006/0617 Pebble Cottage, 2 Cross Hill. Conservatory to rear.	PC 27/6 No Observations.
DA/2006/0660 Pitsford Cycle Hire, Brixworth Country Park. Extension to form additional cycle storage area.	PC 25/7 No Observations
DA/2006/0708 83 The Ashway. Loft conversion and extensions.	PC 25/7 No Observations
DA/2006/0699 10&12 Kennel Terrace. Conservatories at rear of both properties.	PC 25/7 No Objections
DA/2006/0774 The Lodge Brixworth Hall Park. Car port and extension to laundry room.	PC 26/7 No Objections
DA/2006/0776 30 Grass Slade Front porch and window canopy.	PC 26/7 No Objections
DA/2006/0782 1 Litchfield Close Single garage at front of dwelling.	PC 26/7 No Objection.
DA/2006/0789 Land adjacent to 33 Lesson Road. Outline application for a new dwelling	PC 26/7 No Objection
DA/2006/0797 38 Brampton Way. Two storey extension & first floor extensions to side of dwelling.	PC 26/7 No Objection.

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RIGIFLEX REDEVELOPMENT

Peter Garley, Managing Director of Rigiflex confirmed that suitable premises had been found locally to Brixworth and that he hoped that all legal matters and any modifications to the new premises would be complete within the next two or three months.

John Wilcox of Haddon Developments Ltd said he hoped to obtain vacant possession by the late autumn. All the existing buildings on the site are to be demolished.

GRANT APPLICATIONS TO BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

At a special council meeting held on the 4th July 2006 to consider grant applications to the council, the following decisions were made:-

Brixworth Christian Fellowship

Parish Nurse allowed free use of the Community Centre for the next year.

Brixworth Youth Club

Award granted of £2,500 towards providing a tarmac outdoor play area.

It was also resolved to award a grant of £3,000 for part rental of the club premises.

Neighbourhood Watch

An award of an initial grant of £50 to cover set up costs for the group.

Brixworth CEVC Primary School Parent Teacher Association

Award of a grant of £1,250 towards new outdoor play equipment was approved.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ON WHEELS (NOW)

NOW is managed by ACRE and employs two advisers, Lucy Hawes covering Kettering, Corby, Wellingborough and East Northants and is based at the Connexions office in Rushden and David Bengé covering South Northants, Northampton and Daventry and is based at Towester Connexions.

NOW aims to assist young people to access education, training or employment where they would otherwise struggle without their own transport.

NOW offers three levels of assistance from guidance on current public and community transport provision, personalised travel plans, small loans to assist towards the costs of first months bus fare to the loan of a moped, complete with all safety equipment and training for approximately six months. The moped loan is to give young people a kick start whilst they save with the local credit union for their own transport.

For scheme information you can visit www.northamptonshireonwheels.org.uk or call the advisor covering your area:

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SPORTS PAGE ***** SPORTS EDITOR: John Blason

Brixworth Junior Cricket goes from strength to strength



Acknowledging that the future success of any club lies in the strength of its junior section, Brixworth CC has focused heavily on a development programme for its youngsters throughout the season.

From Under 9 right through to Under 17, there has been a tremendous amount of interest and support at all age groups.

Record numbers have attended Wednesday night coaching sessions and for the first time we have run 3 competitive teams at U11, U13 and U17 age groups.

With increased numbers comes the need for additional equipment and the club is indebted to Merry's for its ongoing support of junior cricket in the village. We are now in a position where we're well equipped and have most of the necessary tools required for the youngsters to develop successfully in the game.

Our U9s won the inaugural St Crispins tournament earlier this season, winning all 3 of their matches and beating Towcester in the final.

The Under 11s will finish a long and enjoyable season in 7th or 8th place out of 12. The team has made great progress throughout the summer and we wish those progressing to U13 level every success next season. The team has been enthusiastically led by George Jackson who has led from the front with several impressive all round displays. Rhys Jones has bowled consistently well and late arrivals Aaron Pietrzak and Jack Marriott have shown great potential in the few games they've played towards the end of the season.

A very young Under 13s team has battled well in a tough league and with the majority of the team available for selection again next season, bolstered by some new arrivals, we should see significant improvements all round and several

victories in the league are bound to follow. Toby Cowley has kept wicket and batted to a high standard, and Joe Curtis has supported well with bat and ball. Callum Johnson has bowled with good pace and many others have chipped in with important contributions throughout the season.

The U17s finished a very creditable 3rd in their league. This group shows real potential with players such as captain, Tom Chapman, Adam Shulver, Fraser Bennett and Ashley Hammond representing the senior 2nd XI and making good contributions on a regular basis. Chapman and Shulver also made their 1st team debuts in the Northants Premier League against Stony Stratford earlier in the season.

Many thanks to all the parents, scorers and umpires who have helped and supported throughout the season. The club has great talent at a junior level and much to look forward to in the coming seasons.

Andy Bransby, Keith Waters, Chris Timm

Brixworth All Saint's Football Club
After finishing a successful season last year, pre-season friendly matches and training are underway. For anyone wishing to join in the training sessions at St. David's playing field, please come at 7.00pm on Wednesday evenings. We are looking for strikers and anyone who is prepared to become a linesman.

The end of season dinner at the Elizabethan at Welford was a very enjoyable night with awards going to the following people:

1st Team manager's player: Gareth Hughes.

1st Team Player's player: Neil Dolman.

Reserve Team manager's player: Nigel Eldred.

Reserve Team player's player: Simon Linnell.

Young player: Sam McCallum.

Clubman: Dave Franklin.

Special thanks to Dave for all his hard work at training. Thanks also to Euro Scaffolding for their generous sponsorship of kit, L.A. Catering and Beverley Linnell.

At the A.G.M. John Buckby retired as Chairman after 40 years service for the club. Sarah McCallum is our new chairman, Carl Ward is Vice-Chairman and Sharon Ward is treasurer. New committee members are Fiona Richardson, Derek Prickett and Dave Franklin. John Buckby has an honorary place on the committee.

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