

# BRIGSTOCK

# NEWS

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## BRIGSTOCK NEWS

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPT

- 3 URC Barn dance, Village Hall, Kellys Eye
- 8 BINGO at Harpers Court 7-30pm
- 10 Historic Churches Bike ride
- 16/17 BRIGSTOCK BEER FESTIVAL - Village Hall
- 19 Ladies Leisure Group - Games Time at URC
- 23 St Andrews Church, Mrs Laing, "Travels in a 2 seater"
- 25 OLIVER! Meeting at URC 3pm for all interested
- 27 WI Social Night
- 28 Hist Soc—Village Hall - "Roman Villa at Piddington" 7-30pm

### OCTOBER

- 2 URC Harvest Festival
- 7 URC Beetle Drive
- 8 "Last Night of the Proms", Yarwell Band, Village Hall 7-30pm
- 11 WI AGM, 7-30pm
- 13 BINGO at Harpers Court 7-30pm
- 17 Ladies Leisure Group—Mystery Lunch (Not sure where)
- 17 Men's Club - first meeting—WI Hall 10am to 12 noon
- 25 WI Social Night
- 26 Hist Soc - Village Hall - "Story of Wicksteed Park" 7-30pm
- 28 Evening dance 8-11pm, Village Hall

### NOVEMBER

- 6 Brigstock Bonfire Night, The Meadow from 6pm
- 8 WI - Nick Penny on "Harps and Nightingales" 7-30pm
- 10 BINGO at Harpers Court 7-30pm
- 12 FRUMETY BAND - Hist Soc, Village Hall, 7-30pm
- 21 Ladies Leisure Group - URC - Xmas crafts
- 22 WI Social Night
- 23 Hist Soc - Village Hall - Upstairs, Downstairs at Deene Park 7-30
- 25 Evening dance 8-11pm, Village Hall

### DECEMBER

- 1 Brigstock Living Calendar starts
- 3 PANTO - Babes in the Wood - Village Hall 2pm
- 8 Evening Dance, 8—11 Village Hall
- 14 Historical Society - Village Hall - Xmas Party

## BRIGSTOCK BEER FESTIVAL

16th and 17th SEPTEMBER



**THIS IS DRAWING RAPIDLY CLOSER—**

**Friday Night is Comedy Night.** A great value event at only £10 a ticket. This year we are getting our comedians from a new agency. So we hope to have **Mitch Benn** as the lead comedian. He is a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's satirical programme [The Now Show](#), and has hosted other radio shows. Benn has performed at several music festivals, and at the [Edinburgh Festival Fringe](#). He has also released seven studio albums. He will appear along with **Wes Zaharuk and Brian & Krystal**. (Line up may change— check website for latest details)

Tickets went on sale in August, but there may be a few left. Check with the Post Office and committee members.

**SATURDAY AFTERNON—FUNDAY.**

**This year we will open at 1pm**, an hour later than usual, but will still give 5 hours of drinking time before we close. Mothy—our Blues Band—will be playing during the afternoon, and we will have the Vikings, the Carnival Drums and Mr Punch and Judy to entertain us, plus others. This closes at 6pm

**SATURDAY EVENING— FREE EVENING!! From 7pm.**

This year we are not charging for entry. Still adults only and we have a great Irish Band to play for us—called Magoo. They will start with a quieter set with good familiar songs, but will work up to a grand finale for the weekend. Entry may be limited if numbers exceed capacity.

**BEERS AND LAGERS—** we are trying this year to get as many beers that we have not had before. A challenge, but we think that we can get some new ones for you to savour.

So book the days in your diary and watch our website and facebook page.

**[www.brigstockbeerfestival.com](http://www.brigstockbeerfestival.com)**

**If you want to sponsor us or help in any way, give the Chairman, Chris Allen a ring on 07471 502952. or [chrisallen043@gmail.com](mailto:chrisallen043@gmail.com)**

# St Andrews Church

We have finally crossed the i's and dotted the t's on the paperwork that is needed to advertise for a new vicar. It is hoped the advert will go out from the Peterborough Diocese at the end of August/ beginning of September but it is unlikely that an appointment will be made until the New Year. We are all hopeful there is a suitable candidate just waiting to come and lead us in our mission.

Some of you will be aware that the rectory and rectory room are to be sold; a more modern economical rectory is to be purchased in Stanion for the new incumbent when an appointment is made. Whilst this brings to an end the long tradition of having a vicar in residence in Brigstock the beautiful house will always be there as a reminder of the previous occupants and the wonderful history that surrounds all of the church buildings and grounds.

Services are continuing as normal but I want to draw your attention in particular to our 'All Age' services that are held on the second Sunday of each month at 11am. This is a 30-minute service without communion that is designed for children and adults and extends the worship the children take part in during their time at Brigstock Primary school. It would be wonderful to see all of the 110 children who attend the Church of England school (and their families) but even a small percentage would fill us with joy. The service contains readings and singing (we are pretty good with the action songs these days!) and story telling. It is a much more informal gathering. Do come along and join in one month if you are able. Everyone is welcome. All services are followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

Since the last newsletter Mrs. Penelope Escombe has retired as Churchwarden after 20 years of service and in July we thanked her for all of her dedicated service with gifts and celebration cake. Mr. Carl Hector continues as Churchwarden and Mrs. Linda Ellison has been appointed as the new Churchwarden.

In May a very successful Christian Aid collection occurred around the village, the house-to-house collection amounted to £960.10. This collection involved over 500 houses and 32 roads, which were covered by 10 collectors achieving a 43% envelope return. Our neighbouring United Reformed Church provided four collectors to assist us and also had a breakfast event on the Sunday, which raised a separate £ 77.41 for the charity.

## St Andrews Church—Cont'd

We would like to thank all of you who generously donated, all of the collectors and everyone else who helped to increase awareness of the event.

We have also been busy fund raising. The springtime mini market was held alongside the plant sale and was well attended. The sun shone brightly for the summer fete – a combined fete with Brigstock Latham's primary school, a wonderful time was had by all. Many thanks to all who contributed items, helped with stalls or who came to support the event over £1,800 was raised, this was split between the church and school

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September we look forward to welcoming Mrs. Mary Laing to talk on her travels around the world in a two seater. This promises to be a most fun and interesting talk so do look out for tickets when they go on sale.

## Ladies Leisure Group

Our group has had some very enjoyable and tasty meetings in the past few months! We celebrated the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with cream teas in the June Small room, then in July we had a very good lunch at the Country Park followed by a gentle walk in the woods. An outing to the Bridge Hotel in Thrapston in August for cream teas was also very pleasant.

Not all of our meetings involve food, however, and in September we shall be back in the June Small room on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> for a games/bingo and Beetle Drive afternoon. On October 17<sup>th</sup> we will be out for a mystery lunch, and on November 21<sup>st</sup> Sheila Wise and her daughter, Claire, will be getting us involved in some Christmas crafts. December's meeting will be our annual Christmas lunch, which will be a bring-and-share meal in the June Small room.

All ladies who are free on the third Monday of each month are welcome to join us. We meet in the June Small room, Mill Lane at 1.30pm unless otherwise stated.

# Brigstock Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan has been on a slight slow down while we waited for the results of the Gladmans appeal. If they had won, then it would not really have been worth going on as any developer could apply for planning permission and get it under appeal even if East Northants rejected it.

So now that we know that the appeal has been dismissed, it is full steam ahead to get the Neighbourhood Plan completed.

The committee are now looking at the possible sites which could be developed to give around 35 houses which the survey of residents showed was the preferred growth over the next 15 years. We will be bringing these back out to all residents to comment on or approve in the near future.

We are also preparing the justification for the proposed open spaces, so that these can be protected from future development .

The actual plan is being written now, so that when we have all the information together, we can complete it as soon as possible.

Please watch out for more information and reply to any questionnaires that come out.

Do look at the Parish Council website if you want more details.

## Superfast broadband speeds for Brigstock!!

Fibre broadband is being brought to Brigstock at present. I have asked for some dates but.....

The only comments that BT has is to recommend people watch the Northampton website for announcements of network going live and that they should monitor their phone number through this web site.

<http://www.dslchecker.bt.com/adsl/ADSLChecker.TelephoneNumberOutput>

Once the fibre goes live, it will appear on the results page and that is confirmation that they can order a fibre service. Most line numbers are monitored on this site, occasionally a 'no data' result may appear if the phone line is fully unbundled and remember not all service providers offer fibre broadband so be prepared to shop around.



# Brigstock Pre-School Playgroup

The children at playgroup will soon be back enjoying themselves with our fun and educational sessions.

The longer hours are still proving to be very popular and we have decided to continue with them. The longer sessions are on a Monday and Thursday (8.45am – 2.45pm).

If you would like any information on the playgroup it can be found on our website [www.brigstockplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.brigstockplaygroup.co.uk) or please feel free to contact us on 01536373197 / 07708977714 or by email [contact@brigstockplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:contact@brigstockplaygroup.co.uk)

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## Brigstock WI - Park Walk, Brigstock

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Since our last bulletin, Brigstock WI have obtained a grant from **Central England Co-operative** to replace the curtains in the WI Hall. This new look will create a new fresh appearance of the inside of the hall. Believing in supporting local businesses, **Wooster Interiors**, of Brigstock have been chosen to make the curtains for us.



To complete the new look, we have planned to revamp our tiny garden at the front of our hall later this summer, so those who have had to walk past, watch the weeds grow and see its unkempt appearance will, hopefully, be pleasantly surprised when it is finished. Our grateful thanks to **Churchfield Stone Co Limited**, of Harley Way, Lyveden who has kindly donated the stone feature for the garden.

Generosity does not stop there. We are now the proud owners of a storage monks pew bench, beautifully crafted and designed by **Tony Gough**. Tony used old wood panels that were removed from the hall many years ago. If this is up-cycling, then it can only be up-cycling at its best.

### WI Contacts:

Visitors and new members are welcome to join us on our members evening (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month) and our “open to everyone” social evenings (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month). For further information, please call either Liz on 373672 or Glenda on 373987. For enquiries to hire the hall, please call Hilary on 370015.

### WI Meetings and Social Meetings:

Officially we don't meet in August; however no rest for the wicked, WI members Judy and Steph organised a quiz village walk. This year members went to Woodford and finished at the Pickwick Tearooms at Manor House Farm. A little plug for them; if you've not been before, its well worth a visit.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** Speaker is Jayne Hackett talking on Charity Trekking in Cuba and China. Competition is Holiday photo in an exotic, or unusual location. Meeting at WI Hall at 7.30pm

### WI Social Nights—cont'd

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September:** Themed social night for members and non members. Meeting at WI Hall at 7.30. Come and have a cup of tea and meet new people.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October:** Brigstock WI AGM, followed by cheese and wine. 7.30 start.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October:** Themed social night for members and non members. Meeting at WI Hall at 7.30. Come and have a cup of tea and meet new people.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November:** Speaker is Nick Penny talking on Harps and Nightingales. Competition is A simple home-made musical instrument. Meeting at WI Hall at 7.30pm

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November:** Themed social night (will probably be something Christmassy). Meeting at WI Hall at 7.30pm. Come and have a cup of tea and meet new people.

## BRIGSTOCK BONFIRE NIGHT

Bring all the family to this years Bonfire Night on the Meadow

**Sunday 6th November**

**Gates Open 6pm, Bonfire 6-30pm**

**Fireworks 7-00pm**

Tickets will be available nearer the date or Pay on the Gate.

**BBQ, Mulled Wine, Cricket Club Bar,  
Guy Competition**

Can you help on the night, build the Bonfire, selling tickets?  
Contact Sally Wilks or Chris Allen

## **BRIGSTOCK NEWSAGENT AND POST OFFICE**

Hello. My name is Sally and I have recently taken over Brigstock Newsagent. Subject to a successful interview I am hoping to resume Post Office services as soon as possible.

I am open daily from 8am-5pm Monday to Friday and 8am-12 noon at the weekend, selling:

- Newspapers, magazines and puzzle books – these can be put-by for you and new titles can be ordered in
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- Slices of freshly baked cake and biscuits to takeaway, handmade by DonnaLulu Cooks in Thrapston
- Takeaway teas and coffees
- Ice creams

I will be adding to my product range over the coming weeks and months and welcome any ideas you may have. Please pop in and say hello.

I look forward to welcoming you in the shop soon.

Sally

## **VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2016**

### **BRIGSTOCK WAS AWARDED HIGHLY COMMENDED**

The judges came round for the Village of the Year on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May in the morning and met with various people. We recently received our grading and were pleased with the Highly Commended.

Thanks to Liz Searle for organising the entry and judges' visit and all the others involved.

## **GLADMAN DEVELOPMENT, OFF BENEFIELD ROAD- APPEAL DISMISSED.**

The Public Enquiry called by Gladmans after their planning applications were rejected started on 19th July. East Northants Council had their staff and barrister facing a team of 5 from Gladmans. It started with a site visit to the village with several residents joining in to give their views to the independent examiner.

There then followed 7 days examination where experts from both sides were called to give evidence or be questioned. Several residents and representatives from the village gave evidence, explaining why they thought it was not a suitable development for the village. A lot of the arguments revolved around whether there was an adequate supply of allocated housing sites in the district as per the Council's Joint Strategy.

There were also discussion about traffic, drainage, archaeology and the environment. It was very difficult to judge at the enquiry which way the decision would go. The Inspector said that it would be about 5—6 weeks before a decision was made.

However on 15th August, it was announced that the appeal had been dismissed and Gladmans would not be able to develop their site. The Inspector stated that the Council's Joint Strategy had only just been approved by the Secretary of State and that there was no evidence that the proposed housing could or would not be delivered in the district. He continued that Brigstock was a village with a good open space between it and the by-pass and that this area should remain undeveloped. There is still the very remote possibility that they appeal to the High Court, but this seems very remote.

A lot of work was put into fighting this development by residents in the village, especially the residents group and the Parish Council, and this has helped East Northants Council to beat the application.

It is now imperative to get the Neighbourhood Plan completed so that the village does get extra protection under planning law to control the building of new houses.

There is a report elsewhere in the newsletter about the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan

## *Brigstock United Reformed Church*

The past few months have been really busy ones for our church. First, we invited people to give us as many of their unwanted household things as they could for our Summer Clearout. This went on for the whole of June, and during that time, items were sold at the Open Door coffee morning, a raffle was held, and the mountain of goods just grew! A lot of work is involved in sorting and packing the boxes, but it was eventually finished and we ended up with 84 boxes and 42 black sacks to send to Salvatex! The van that collected them all was full to the brim. The whole event raised £651 for our funds, and we are especially grateful to Sharon and David Eldred who did a lot of hard work and organising behind the scenes.

In August we started a new venture-a weeks' Holiday Club for children of primary school age. We had no idea how many children-or their parents!-would be interested, but we had an excellent response and the week went really well. There is a separate report about the Holiday Club with more details of what went on, but we are really indebted to Helen Johnston who did the bulk of the organising, together with Paula Addison-Pettit and Graham Baty; without their skills and enthusiasm it wouldn't have happened. We are also very grateful to volunteers from the church and from other organisations who gave up some time to help out; their assistance was very much appreciated.

We have a few more events to look forward to; another Barn Dance will be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Village Hall. Tickets are still available at £7.50 each, to include a ploughman's supper, and the music will be provided by Kelly's Eye.

On October 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a Beetle Drive in the June Small room, Mill Lane. Our last Beetle Drive became very competitive, and tickets will be quite limited due to space, so make sure you get yours early! Details will be on posters nearer the time.

### **URC Cont'd**

Our harvest celebration will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and this year we are supporting a charity called Mary's Meals. This charity, which some of our young people are particularly interested in, aims to provide at least one good meal a day for children all over the world. For more information about this charity, or anything else to do with our church, please contact Helen-373712, Sheila-373225, Jean-373468 or Samuel-480916.

Finally, if you are at a loose end on Wednesday mornings, why not pop into the June Small room between 9.30 and 11.30 when the Open Door will welcome you for coffee, lots of chatter and quite often cake!

## **BRIGSTOCK LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR 2016**

The Annual Advent Calendar event will be taking place in December from the 1st through until Christmas Eve.

Each evening at 6.45pm one window of the Living Advent calendar window will be unveiled at houses around the village. The window displays can be simple or works of art - it does not matter - participating is fun and the location can be anywhere in the village. The contribution can include 'extras' such as recitals or songs - last year we were even served Christmas pudding at one home!

There is no specific theme - you can chose anything you like! Take a look on the Brigstock Living Advent Calendar page on Facebook page for inspiration.

If you would like to be involved please email me or pop a note through my door with your contact details.

I'm also looking for a volunteer to assist with the nightly write ups, photos and upload to social media. (Facebook and Instagram).

Jane Jones

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### **Who can use CallConnect?**

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### **How do I book a journey?**

You can book a CallConnect journey by calling our booking team on 0345 263 8153. When requesting a bus journey, have your membership number and journey details ready. You can make a booking up to seven days in advance. You can also request same-day journeys but please give a minimum of one hour's notice.

All bookings are subject to availability.

### **Fares**

The amount you pay to travel depends on your journey. Each service area is divided into zones – the further you travel, the more you pay. Booking office staff can tell you the cost of your journey so that you can have the correct fare ready. Children aged under 5 travel free with an accompanying adult. If you hold a valid concessionary bus pass due to age or disability, you can use it on CallConnect buse are accepted during off-peak travel (after 9.30am).

### **CALL CONNECT— Cont'd**

#### **Opening and Operating Times**

CallConnect operates 7am-7pm, Monday- Saturday

Details of any local variations are available from the booking office.

The booking office is open from 8.00am-6pm, Monday-Friday; 9.00am-4pm on Saturday; and closed Sundays and Bank Holidays.

#### **Need a little help?**

Our vehicles are fitted with low-floor steps and are fitted with a taillift to ensure they are as easy as possible for everyone to use. For wheelchair passengers, CallConnect can accommodate one fixed wheelchair per bus. Passengers wishing to travel in their wheelchair must inform us of the make and model to ensure it meets our safety standard of being impact-tested. Travel in a wheelchair is subject approval and availability.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

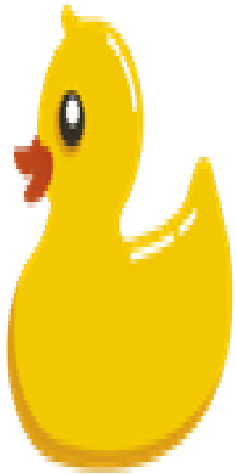
Following several break-ins to properties in the Village, it was felt beneficial to restart the Neighbourhood Watch system again. This used to be active, but has declined over the years with co-ordinators moving away. There was a successful meeting held in early August and new co-ordinators volunteered for most streets in the village. These are still being set up into the district system and they should be contacting residents in their streets. In you don't hear anything in the next 4 weeks, contact Glenda Stephen who has a list of roads and their co-ordinators. ( [g.stethen@sky.com](mailto:g.stethen@sky.com) ).

More information will be included in the next newsletter

## **SUNNYSIDERS CLUB**

Sunnysiders would welcome some new members. They are a group of young at heart Senior citizens who meet for a variety of activities every Tuesday at 2pm. This includes lunches, quizzes, talks and outings. Membership is £1.50 per week which covers refreshments, subsidised lunches and outings. Everybody is welcome but car drivers and a few more men would be very welcome. If you are neither of those you are still very welcome. Details from 373383.. Volunteer Drivers are also required.





## BRIGSTOCK WI

Duck tickets for WI Duck Race to be held at the Beer Festival are available from committee members on the Saturday afternoon of the Beer Festival, 17th September.

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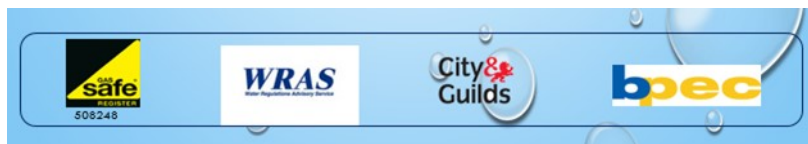
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## BRIGSTOCK CRICKET CLUB 2016

Recognition for Brigstock Cricket Club Stalwart

For almost forty years Alan Bamford has been the backbone of our Village Cricket Club. This dedication service to cricket was recognised this year when Alan was awarded the Northants Cricket Board Life-Time Achiever award at Northants County Ground and, later, at Lords, the home of Cricket.

Alan has driven the club to its present position as a Key club in the Northants league. Dogged personal performances on the field come second to the pride in team and club achievements and in good cricket being played. As our Club 'Historian', Alan can fondly recount tales of village lads, a lifetime ago, playing cricket in a meadow full of cow pats. Today the pitch, the meadow itself and our facilities and teams are the envy of many clubs, and are much admired by all visiting teams. Alan initiated the youth coaching and continues to lead and drive it. Many of our players have come through the 'Bamford Academy'.

Always a Club Committee Member, long service as team captain, always able to see the bigger picture, Alan has served our village cricket club with passion and energy. We are all very fortunate that Alan has been a mainstay of our Club for so many years and we are proud that his service to local cricket and our Community has been recognised and rewarded.

So make a point do getting down the Meadow where our Club remains a key part of your Village Community.

Pete Burdett, Chairman. Tel. 01536 383478

## DANCES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

All are welcome to an evening of ballroom, sequence and Latin dancing. Raffle available, but bring your own drinks and glasses. Tea, coffee and biscuits available at the interval. Dress smart / casual. 8—11pm

Next dates - Friday 28th October, 25th November, 9th December

£5.00

Joan and Dave on 07711171007 or [guido@derosa.me.uk](mailto:guido@derosa.me.uk)



Come and join our friendly group : we meet weekly during rehearsals at Laxton Junior School, East Road, Oundle.

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## Historic Churches Bike Ride.

For many years people from Brigstock have taken part in a Ride and Stride sponsored event. Half of the money raised supports St Andrew Brigstock and the other half to Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust. This year it is on 10th September. Details from Steph on 373422.

## BRIGSTOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP £10 per year otherwise £3 per visit

Talks usually take place at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Below are the evenings planned up to Christmas

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| 28/09/16 | <b>The Roman Villa at Piddington</b><br>Roy Friendship—Taylor | This promises to be an informative talk about the excavations at Piddington. Piddington may be a backwater now, but in Roman times it was part of a thriving economy with wide ranging trading partners. |
| 26/10/16 | <b>The Story of Wicksteed Park</b><br>Ian Addis               | Most of us have been top Wicksteed Park, but why was it created?<br>Ian Add tells the interesting story  |
| 23/11/16 | <b>Memories of a House-keeper at Deene Park</b>               | A local Upstairs, Downstairs story   |
| 14/12/16 | <b>Christmas Meeting</b>                                      | Our usual Christmas get-together with entertainment  |

Last year the Historical Society was involved in a project to record local stories and turn them into contemporary folk songs. Some of you may have attended the workshop with local musician Paul Rogers. A followup concert was held on a Saturday afternoon in April but many of you were not able to attend. We have therefore decided to invite Paul and his group **Frumenty** to come back and perform the songs again at an evening concert on **Saturday November 12th at 7.30 p.m.** Please make a note in your diary and come along. There will be a bar and tickets are £6 available from the post office or phone 373428.

# BRIGSTOCK

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Mrs Margaret Smith	Councillor	01536 373209
Mrs Elizabeth Searle	Councillor	01536 373672
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Mrs Terry Towns	Councillor	01536 373861
Mr Ken Motion	Councillor	01536 373598

We were very pleased that common sense has prevailed and the Gladman appeal was turned down. Thank you to all of you who made the effort to come and support the village at the appeal and who wrote letters of objection. We can breathe a sigh of relief that the village will not have an inappropriate urban-style housing estate. Through the Neighbourhood Plan we can look at the most appropriate places for small developments for the next fifteen years or so continuing the steady and sustainable growth of the village. As part of our street lighting upgrade we have reviewed where we think street lighting is needed in the village with the aim of getting down the number of street lights to about 100 thus saving considerably on energy costs. Opposite is a list of those lights which we think could be removed. Please look at the list and send your comments to our clerk, Nigel Searle. Unless we hear otherwise we will assume that residents are happy for those lights on the list to be removed when we fit the new LED lighting

# PARISH COUNCIL

**Could these lights be removed? Let Nigel Searle know.**

No.	Location	POSTCODE
1	Stanion Road, outside Windmill cottages	NN14 1DZ
2	Stanion Road, 2nd from bypass	NN14 1DZ
6	Bells Close, O/S 4	NN14 3JG
9	Swan Avenue, outside 12	NN14 3JQ
13	Stanion Road, outside 24	NN14 3HW
14	Stanion Road, opposite 20	NN14 3HW
21	High Street, outside 58	NN14 3HA
23	High Street, OPP Latham Street	NN14 3HA
25	Hall Hill, OPP War Memorial	NN14 3EZ
32	Mauntley Avenue, outside 8	NN14 3HF
34	Mauntley Avenue, outside 20	NN14 3HF
36	Mauntley Avenue, outside 26	NN14 3HF
45	Sandlands Close, outside 8	NN14 3HL
56	Lyveden Road, outside 8B	NN14 3HE
59	The Syke, nr junction Church Street	NN14 3HR
68	Park Walk, outside 22	NN14 3HH
71	Park Walk, Middle of (opposite 11)	NN14 3HH
74	Bridge Street, outside Park Cottage	NN14 3ET
76	Bridge Street, outside Surgery	NN14 3ET
81	Mill Lane, junction Hall Hill	NN14 3LU
88	Benefield Road, junction Back Lane	NN14 3ES
92	Farm Close, opposite 1	NN14 3EF
97	Bridge Street, nr bridge	NN14 3ET
99	High Street, opposite 29	NN14 3HA
103	Park Walk, opposite 9A	NN14 3HH
107	Stable Hill, opposite 4	NN14 3HN
114	Sandlands Close, outside 13	NN14 3HL
123	Woodyard Close, By the Gate to Field	NN14 3LZ

## KNIT AND NATTER

The Knit and Natter group meet in the Three Cocks PH on Wednesdays from 10 until 12, We undertake our own projects plus sell items for charity. So far this year we have raised money for Air Ambulance and MacMillan Nurses. We also take part in the Advent Window event. Please contact Steph 373422 or Glenda 373987 Donations of surplus wool gratefully received

## EVENING TELEGRAPH

Should you wish to advertise your organisation in the Evening Telegraph newspaper please contact Steph Beckett on 373422 or [steph@beckett13.fslife.co.uk](mailto:steph@beckett13.fslife.co.uk) Items should be sent by the Thursday of the preceding week for the Thursday publication



## The BERYL SIMON CUP

Every year we invite pupils attending Brigstock Latham's Primary School to submit an entry for the Beryl Simon history project. This year the topic was "Shops and Trades in Brigstock". We were very pleased to receive over thirty entries, some from individuals but many from groups of children.

As usual the standard was very high and it was extremely difficult to choose an overall winner. There were models and booklets and posters with some wonderful illustrations and photographs. We loved the interviews with older members of the village recalling their experiences of the different shops and trades in Brigstock. One old resident said that you used to be able to get anything you wanted in the village!

The various projects were mostly beautifully presented with some lovely clear handwriting combined with clever use of the computer. The winner this year was Neve Clifton with an enterprising Brigstock Monopoly game which combined some great facts about the shops in Brigstock with a fun way of presenting the information.

The entries will be available to view at Brigstock Beer Festival so please come along and be impressed by all the hard work that has gone into the projects.

Thank you to all those children who took the time to take part in the project. We hope you enjoyed learning about Brigstock and what it used to be like.



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## BRIGSTOCK LATHAMS CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The PFA had a frantic end to the summer term with three events in three days. The Village Fete was shone on, as usual; big thanks to the sun, the helpers and competitors for getting stuck in and making it such quirky fun. It's part of what makes living in a village special, as was the Wind in the Willows staged the following day outside at the school - a real treat and a great production.

The day after THAT was the leavers' assembly; a celebration of the school year with special mention to those leaving to secondary school. The PFA put on food and drink to extend the celebration - it's part of our remit to add to existing events as well as run unique ones.

It'll be the start of a new year for us as the school starts back with new pupils and teachers - it's the time when we encourage fresh members into the organisation to bring their ideas and enthusiasm aboard. Don't forget, this is the Parents and FRIENDS Association of the school - if you feel you have something to offer, even if it's just your time or perhaps one particular event you'd like to see happen - then please get in touch with the school or Richard Fincher.

Thanks indeed for your support to date; there will be a eclectic selection of excellent entertainment coming your way - do keep an eye out on Facebook and lamposts around the village to see what's coming up.

**December 3rd - Its Panto Time at the Village Hall again — O Yes It Is!!!  
This year it is Babes in the Wood. 2pm start.**

Richard Fincher, Publisher-at-Large

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## LATHAMS CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

The usual busy end to another busy year! The results for the national assessments at Reception, Year Two and Year Six were very good indeed this year. There has been much change within the primary curriculum in the last year and pupils were being assessed in ways that the staff were becoming conversant with as the year progressed. It is a cause for real celebration that the results of all three groups were super; being well above both county and national levels once again.

The Leavers' Assembly took place, as usual, in July. This is primarily an opportunity for the school to celebrate the achievements of the Year Six pupils who are leaving the school after, in most cases, seven years. There was the usual mixture of songs, awards, humour and the photographs of the class from across their time at the school.

This was also the opportunity for the school community to say "goodbye" to those members of staff who are moving on. Mrs Aldridge, Miss Thompson and Mrs MacKinnon have all been very popular members of staff and have contributed much to the school over their time on the staff. Whilst they will be much missed, it is a cause of satisfaction that the school has managed to secure very high calibre replacements for all three.

Another leaver, of course is Mr Garley. He has made a very significant contribution to the life of the school as Headteacher over the last three years. The standard of teaching and learning has certainly improved, the school had a very creditable Ofsted report and the results of national assessments have continued to be amongst the best in the county. The school is delighted to report that Mr Garley will be replaced by Mr Jones in the new role of Executive Headteacher, a role that will be shared with Stanion CE School, another successful local school. The sharing of an Executive Headteacher is becoming a common model, particularly for small village schools, and there are many examples of this model being very successful.

The pupils, staff and parents are now enjoying their well-earned summer break before embarking upon what is bound to be yet another exciting year for the school!



# JOIN THE BRIGSTOCK WI 200 CLUB

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THE FIRST DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SEPTEMBER WI MEETING

NAME.....  
ADDRESS.....  
TEL.....

- 1) This Club is a charity draw, conducted and organised voluntarily by the committee of Brigstock WI. It is called "The WI 200 Club" and anyone over the age of 18 years of age can purchase shares.
- 2) The objective of the Club is to raise funds for Brigstock WI Hall to ensure its survival in the village and at the same time to allow members of the 200-Club the opportunity to win worthwhile prizes.
- 3) The annual subscription is £12 per share. Anyone wishing to purchase shares must complete an application form & return it together with a payment of £12 per share.
- 4) Draws take place monthly (except August) with a Bonanza Draw at the December meeting.

(For a full copy of the rules, please contact Brigstock W.I.)

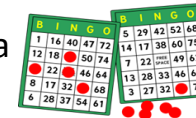
## BINGO

Bingo is held in Harpers Court Lounge once a month on a Thursday at 7.30pm .

Cash prizes and refreshments.

New players welcome, all ages.

September 8th, October 13th, November 10th



## BRIGSTOCK CONSOLIDATED CHARITY

The Charity consists of a number of small endowments made in the past chiefly for the benefit of the Church and the poor of Brigstock. When these endowments became "consolidated" and up-dated it was clearly laid down in law who could benefit. After certain expenses, one quarter on the income goes to St Andrew's Church. The rest of the income is for the relief of need, hardship or distress, either generally or individually, of the people resident in Brigstock. Each case is considered on its own merits which means taking into account the particular circumstances of the individual. **All cases are dealt with in the strictest confidence.** After the needs of those in financial distress have been considered, the trustees have the opportunity to give grants to village organisations which benefit village residents. If you wish to make an application for yourself or on behalf of someone else, please contact the secretary Mrs Sally Wilks or one of the trustees whose names can be found on the noticeboard in the church porch.

The charity also manages the allotments on Benefield Road, the income from which goes towards supporting the charity's purpose. If you are interested in going on the waiting list for an allotment please contact the charity's secretary, Sally Wilks, 373428.

## THURSDAY LUNCH CLUB 12.30 THREE COCKS

There is a senior citizens lunch every Thursday at the Green Dragon PH. A two course meal, and varied entertainment is on offer for £7. Do come along and have some fun.

Further details from Jim Clarke on 373717



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## **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

### **Volunteers sought for Custody Visiting**

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is looking for volunteers to join the county's Independent Custody Visiting scheme. Independent Custody Visitors are volunteers who visit people in custody to check on their welfare, that they are receiving their rights and entitlements and that the conditions they are being held in are satisfactory.

Brian Warmington has been volunteering as an Independent Custody Visitor for 8 years. He said: "I visit detainees in Corby Police Station to ensure all rights are upheld. I had never heard of custody visiting until I read an article in a local paper. I thought this is something I could do as a 'pay back' to society. "It is important that communities have confidence in their local police service and we help provide this community oversight."

The volunteers visit in pairs and follow a rota which means they carry out a minimum of one visit every two months. Volunteers visit the Custody suite in Corby Police Station or the Criminal Justice Centre in Brackmills, Northampton. Detainees are asked a number of questions relating to their welfare and are asked for consent to view their custody records to check everything is being processed and recorded properly. Report forms are completed and sent back to the Office of the Police and Crime Commission, who liaise with the Force about any issues.

A training programme is provided for all volunteers and regular meetings are held to have the opportunity to talk about any concerns. Alexa Daly, from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner said: "Independent Custody Visitors play a vital role in maintaining standards of custody and the treatment of detainees.

"We're looking for people to join the scheme who live or work in Northamptonshire and are aged 18 or over. It's essential that anyone interested is able to be impartial, objective and non-judgemental, as well as being able to communicate effectively with people from different backgrounds."

People interested can apply online by visiting [www.northantspcc.org.uk](http://www.northantspcc.org.uk).

If you would like to contact the Commissioner, he can be reached at [Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk)

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Brigstock United Reformed Church  
**SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB**



The first week of August was a hive of activity at the United Reformed Church, with a total of 25 children taking part in an incredibly enjoyable week. We very much appreciate the support of parents, children and our band of 17 volunteers, in making this first Holiday Club at the URC a huge success.

With *Transformation* as the theme of the 'Wastewatchers' programme, children were welcomed to a rubbish tip in the entrance foyer of the Church. Day by day this was transformed with the colourful craft the children created, reflecting God's transformation of the world through Creation and how we can take responsibility for looking after our environment, helping to keep it beautiful. This idea was taken beyond the Church as we helped to improve parts of the school garden and tidy up around the village memorial.

Each day children enjoyed a range of activities – clay, lego, junk modelling, food tasting, minibeast hunting, gardening, parachute games, glass painting, hama beads, litter picking, pond dipping, sweep netting, fossil hunting – songs, stories and games. It was great to see their engagement and enjoyment in everything they did and how well they all got on together.

We were also introduced to the charity 'Mary's Meals' [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk), an organisation that aims to provide chronically hungry children with one meal every school day, encouraging education that can lift them out of poverty in later life. You can find out more information about this on our stall at the village Beer Festival on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September. There will also be a screening of a short film 'Generation Hope' on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the URC. This is all being organised by members of the Young Church and more details will soon be available.

The Holiday Club has kick-started a project to 'transform' our church in order to serve the community further, with fundraising to make improvements to the worship area and renovate an upper room – so another year we could have even more children coming along!!



## **Brigstock History - May-Day Revels**

The scholars attending Latham's School, Brigstock, had quite a gala day on Friday last, when they carried out their usual May-Day festivities which were of a very bright and enjoyable character.

The children, in their best attire, and gaily decked out with garlands and flags, assembled in the school playground at one o'clock and marched in procession to the Hall Hill. Here the crowning of the May Queen took place. The throne was represented by a gaily decorated trolley. This year Lorrie Millard was elected May Queen by the children and she was accompanied by the following four maids of honour: Ivy Beeby, Linda Millard, Annie Deans and Evelyn Hill; while Vernon Millard was crown bearer and Jack Beeby sceptre bearer. After the crowning of the Queen, the children sang very nicely the May Day song "Come lasses and lads". Then followed a country dance by a group of girls which received much applause. Another song "Welcome May" was sung and then the whole of the children marched past and saluted their Queen.

The children were then loaded in vehicles, kindly lent by Messrs. W. Beeby, J. Bellamy, C.N.Spencer, W.Palmer and H.Binder, and were conveyed to Farmingwoods Hall, where they were kindly received by Mr and Mrs Wallis and after singing their songs and dancing the country dance, they were handsomely rewarded.

Arriving back at the school about four p.m., the ladies 'committee had a bountiful tea ready, to which ample justice was quickly done. After that the children and their parents re-assembled in a meadow on the Thrapston Road, kindly lent by Mr W. Beeby. Here the maypole dance was charmingly done several times during the evening by two groups of girls, also the country dance. At intervals races and other games were indulged in. The evening performances were much enlivened by the presence of the Brigstock Brass Band who kindly gave their services. At eight p.m. the children re-assembled and after hearty cheering for the ladies and gentlemen, who had done so much to make the day so enjoyable, each child was presented with a bag of sweets and an orange.

**From Kettering Leader and Guardian Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1914**

## **Greetings from the Friends of Fermyn Woods Country Park**

The Friends of Fermyn Woods Country Park (FWCP) thought that that we would use this edition of the village newsletter to provide some information about "the Friends". The Friends group was originally set up following the Senior Ranger at the time arranging a meeting in 2009 inviting anybody with an interest in the country park to attend. At this meeting it was highlighted that several of the Country Parks within Northamptonshire had set up "Friends groups" who had facilitated hosting various events and activities at those parks which in turn had generated funds to help improve the parks. There was a great fondness for FWCP among the people who attended the meeting and so they decided that they too should set up a Friends group to help support the park. The newly formed group then formed a committee and arranged to meet every other month so that they could discuss ideas to support the Park.

Over the years one of the main ways that the Friends has achieved this aim is by hosting a significant number of events. The group was very fortunate in that its original Chairman, Pete Rogers, was the lead singer in a Rock and Roll Band and as he very kindly volunteered their services, over the years the Friends hosted several "Rock and Roll" nights. Another event that has been a very popular over the years is "Carols by Candles". For many people the singing of carols at various points around a candle lit park has become a regular event in their yuletide celebrations.

Other events worth a particular mention include the quiz nights in The Green Dragon with our quiz master "Ranger Pete" asking an eclectic mix of questions as well as "Brass in the Park" which included the award winning Youth Brass 2000 playing a medley of tunes. More recently there was the owl night which included an informative talk followed by the opportunity to hold owls of various sizes. As well as being fun these events have been raised a considerable amount of money which has been invested back into the country park to improve the facilities e.g. education structure, dog walker shelter, bird cameras, furniture for a children's area within the café, orienteering plaques.

If anybody is interested in becoming a member of the Friends please get in touch with Pete Burdett (tel 373478) or Giles Owen (tel 373191)

## Who's Who in Brigstock: Margaret Knight

Margaret Knight moved from Northumberland, where she was born and brought up, to Brigstock in 1959 after her marriage to husband Paul, who was serving in the RAF at that time. However she did have an earlier connection to the village, for, after leaving school aged 14, she came to Fermyn Woods Hall to serve on the staff as a trainee cook. A friend of her mother was a cook there and had found a place for her. Margaret worked and lived in at the Hall, which was then the residence of the Bellville family, for about two years before returning north. Captain Bellville had come to Brigstock to become Master of the Woodland Pytchley Hunt based in the village. Margaret's parents both worked for the railways in Northumberland and, on her return, Margaret also found employment there as a clerk and worked at many different stations in the area, including Newcastle Central.

Paul's parents had a shop in Bridge Street, opposite the school, and Margaret lived there and helped in the shop, while her husband was completing his RAF service. Before moving to that location Mr and Mrs Knight had another store at the bottom of Benefield Road and behind that shop were the bake-house and a petrol station, as many people in the village will still remember. The Bridge Street shop was a general grocery store. Deliveries of goods were also made round the village and some customers came to expect personal service. On one occasion at 11pm on Christmas Eve Margaret received a call from a customer to say that the family had just returned home and had no tea or coffee in the house and could some be sent round straightaway. The request could not be fulfilled as, apart from the fact that everyone was in bed, the shop was alarmed and could not be opened till the following morning. Margaret also recalls that one of the items sold in the shop was snuff, which sold well but which she hated serving, as she did not like the smell of it or the way it was consumed.

When the children were born the family moved to Tresham Lodge on Benefield Road. This gave them a lot more room but the house had no modern amenities. There was no mains electricity and no hot water system in the house. Paul had a generator rigged up to provide lighting and a boiler in the outside barn was used to provide hot water for bathing the children and washing clothes, both done in the outhouse.

Looking after the children and helping in the shop didn't leave much spare time for anything else. She must have been very happy to move to Stanion Road, while the children were young, to a house with more modern amenities. After Paul's parents gave up the shop Margaret worked for a time at Wallis and Linnel's factory in Brigstock and later worked from home making duffel coats for Gloverall's of Wellingborough.

But during these busy years and ever since, the Chapel, now the United Reformed Church, was an important part of Margaret's life. She has served as a Church Elder for many years and helped with the essential organisation of the church by producing preaching plans and booking visiting ministers for the Sunday services. Margaret also took over as church organist after Becky Smith. The chapel was important in the social as well as religious life of its members and one of its popular activities was the concert party. Margaret was a member of this group who not only provided entertainment for the village but travelled to different places in the area to put on shows. She is also treasurer of the Open Door coffee mornings held each Wednesday in the meeting room at the chapel.

Paul became interested in finding out the details of the Lancaster bomber which crashed at Luscombe's Lodge on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1943 near the site of the present gliding club in Brigstock. He also wanted to have a memorial erected at the site to commemorate the three airmen who died on that day, Sergeant Thomas G. Higgins, Sergeant George C O'Neill and Flight Sergeant Cecil E. Ryall. After a great deal of research and fundraising, a memorial was installed near the site of the crash. At the official Dedication Ceremony on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1998 a Lancaster, a Spitfire and a Hurricane made a fly past to commemorate the occasion. The gliding club had given permission for their club room to be used for refreshments. Margaret and her friends had catered for an estimated 60 people to be there but when they looked out they could see about three times that number at the ceremony. After a few moments of panic a quick trip to the Co-op was organised to save the day and make sure that there was enough for everybody. Paul also helped to put up another roadside memorial to commemorate another fatal air crash which took place between Benefield and Corby. Both of these memorials are now looked after by Kevin Flecknor.

Produced by Bill Simon

## **Litter picking award.**

After the week long village litter pick in April, I sent a short report and pictures to CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England). I heard later that the village had been nominated for an award and prize money of at least £150 to be spent on helping to keep the village tidy. In the CPRE magazine published in July it announced the village had won £150 as a runner up, the winner was Little Houghton. The cheque will be presented at the CPRE annual meeting in September in Northampton.

Thank you to all litter pickers in Brigstock, whether you took part in the organised events or you did it on your own.



This is what was collected on the Saturday event, when 33 people took part with tea served afterwards by WI and then more was collected during the following week. The parish council had already authorised some litter pickers and hoops to be bought before this was announced so we have some available for you or a group to borrow. If you would like to borrow them please contact Liz Searle on 015360373672.

## **Weeding round War Memorial**

There have been comments about the War Memorial being untidy and so at the last Parish Council meeting it was suggested that all the different organisations in the village take it in turns to weed it on a monthly basis. So I am drawing up a rota so I hope that all the organisations will do their month and keep it tidy. If we all weed regularly it won't be too bad when it is our turn.

Liz Searle

# **BRIGSTOCK THEATRE GROUP**

presents....

## **OLIVER!**

### **The Musical**

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**Backstage** (*make-up, costume, props, set design and build etc*),

**Musicians**

**Front of house etc.**

Come along to an open meeting to find out more

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 3.00pm**

**June Small Room, URC, Mill Lane, Brigstock**

**Auditions will be held the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Weekly rehearsals begin Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

For more information, contact Helen Johnson or Peter Marsden Findlay

## TAPESTRY FROM MAUNTLEY HOUSE

In the Village Hall store room, there is a tapestry which is reported to have come from the old Mauntley House. This has been advertised on our local Facebook page to see if anyone was interested in displaying it. To date no-one has offered. One suggestion was that local resident may wish to borrow it to display in their homes on a rota basis. It will be out on show at the Beer Festival on the Saturday afternoon. Do come and see it and give us your views.

## BRIGSTOCK COMMUNITY CHOIR

July saw the last meeting of the Community Choir. It has been running for about 3 years, but the numbers attending dropped down to about a dozen which made it very hard to sing the parts and learn new repertoire.

All the members of the choir were every grateful to Julia and Helen for all the hard work that they had put into the choir over its time, and very sorry that it had come to an end.

Do look out for the new project to put on a musical production by the village. Details are available elsewhere in the newsletter.

## Calling all Retired Men

A new men's club is opening in Brigstock thanks to the Northamptonshire Rural Wellbeing Service which is kindly supporting us to set up a club for older men. This will meet on a regular basis.

Come along to the first meeting on Monday 17th October at the WI Hall from 10am to 12 noon with a free brunch and a chat—Just turn up

If you are interested in helping launch the new group, or know someone who would like to come along, call either:

Hilary Webster 370015    Glenda Stephen 373987  
Steph Beckett 373422



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