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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 1 Brigstock Living Calendar starts— 3 Cocks PH 6-45pm
- 2 Playgroup, Wreath Making, Village Hall, 7-30pm
- 3 PANTO Babes in the Wood Village Hall 2pm
- 8 Evening Dance, 8—11 Village Hall
- 8 BINGO, Harpers Court, 7-30pm
- 10 URC, Xmas Tree Festival, 10—2pm
- 10 Cricket Club Quiz Night, Village Hall 7-30pm
- 10 Carols in the Park, Country park, 6pm
- 11 Carols on Hall Hill, 6pm
- 13 WI, Members Christmas Party, WI Hall, 7-30pm
- 14 Historical Society Xmas Party, Village Hall 7-30pm
- 17 St Andrews Church, Xmas Tree decorating, Church, 10-30am
- 18 URC Christmas Carols, 3pm
- 20 PFA Carol Singing round Brigstock, 6pm Park Walk
- 21 Country Park, Explorer Day, 11-2pm
- 24 St Andrews Church, Christingle services 4pm and 6pm
- 26 Cricket Club Tug of War, etc. Noon, The Meadow

JANUARY

- 10 WI "The French Can-Can" 7-30pm WI Hall
- 12 BINGO, Harpers Court, 7-30pm
- 16 Ladies Leisure Group—Quiz and Games, URC 1-30pm
- 20 Film Night, "Danish Girl", Village Hall, 7-45pm
- 24 WI Social Evening, 7-30pm WI Hall
- 25 Historical Society, Burns Night, Village Hall 7-30pm
- 28 PFA Curry Night Village Hall

FEBRUARY

- 14 WI, Surprise Night, WI Hall, 7-30pm
- 16 BINGO, Harpers Court, 7-30pm
- 17 Film Night, "Brooklyn", Village Hall 7-45pm
- 20 Ladies Leisure Group, Lunch at Lyveden New Bield
- Historical Society, Brigstock Memories, Carl Hector, VH 7-30pm
- 26 St Andrews Church, Pudding Club, Village Hall, 2pm
- 28 WI Social Evening, 7-30pm WI Hall

MARCH

- 11 St Andrews Church, Race Night WI Hall, 7-30pm
- 14 WI "Recycle and Renew", 7-30pm WI Hall
- 20 Ladies Leisure Group, Easter Cards and Decs, URC, 1-30pm
- 22 Historical Society—Witchcraft in Northants, Village Hall 7-30pm



Brigstock Film Night 2016/17 Season

Brigstock Film Night returns for a short season of films for your Friday night entertainment at the Village Hall. We welcome and encourage all villagers and your family & friends to come along — it's a sociable night, with drinks and refreshments available before the film and during a short interval.

Here are the forthcoming dates and films for your diaries – get your baby/dog/mother-in-law sitters booked now and come and join in!

Friday 20 January 2017 – The Danish Girl (cert 15) (120 minutes)

A year after Eddie Redmayne proved his incredible capacity for reinvention in "The Theory of Everything," the freckle-faced Brit pulls off the ultimate identity overhaul in this box office winner.

Friday 17 February 2016 – Brooklyn (cert 12A) (112 minutes)

This film won the BAFTA Award for Outstanding British Film this year. Young Irish immigrant Eilis Lace (Saoirse Ronan) navigates her way through 1950s Brooklyn and romance.

Doors open at 7:15pm. Films start at 7:45pm and finish by around 9:30pm.

Tickets: £4 on the door – advance booking not required.

More film details will be posted on the usual lamp-posts, the Village Hall notice-boards, and to the Brigstock Village Information and Events Facebook pages prior to each film.

Call for Volunteers: the small crew that organise these events are looking for extra pairs of hands on each Film Night to help with things like setting up the film equipment, setting out chairs, serving refreshments, and taking entrance fees on the door. If you're 16 or over and would like to help (it could make good CV / University application material!), then please contact: Alison Millen on 373028 or Emma Poole on 370142. No commitment to all dates needed.

St Andrews Church

We in Brigstock count ourselves very lucky to have such a wonderful church and active, yet not large, congregation however across the country the story is not so good. A number of churches close their doors for worship each year and lie dormant or are 're-purposed'. You may not be aware that in order to keep a church open, in addition to maintenance/improvement costs and utilities, there is a fairly hefty financial commitment that has to be met locally through a programme of fund raising, donations and regular giving. The support we get from the community is wonderful and long may it continue but we cannot afford to be complaisant. Despite awaiting the appointment and arrival of a new vicar, who will hopefully lead us for many years to come, we are continuing to work hard to keep the fundraising momentum going and have put together a programme of events for 2016/2017. Please look out for posters and come along and enjoy. Future events include the much enjoyed and missed Pudding Club so get those spoons ready for the 26th February at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Tickets will be going on sale early in the New Year. We also have the re-scheduled talk by Mary Laing, on the 7th April, about her journey around the world in a two - seater car. This promises to be wonderfully entertaining, and at times, hilarious. You can also look forward to the return of the superb Corby Male Voice Choir on the 28th April. All of the money raised will go to the church and hopefully help us to maintain it and install a servery and disabled toilet. these are essential to make our church fit for the 21st century and meet the needs of all. We have a small committee who are driving this project but we are very keen to enlist the help and expertise of anyone who can give some of their time to help us. If you think you can help in any way please contact one of the Churchwardens, Carl Hector 01536 373410 Linda Ellison 01536 373511.

As we approach the festive season plans are in full swing for the Christmas services, details can be found below. This year we are inviting the children of the village to make a Christmas decoration for the tree that will be put up in church. We will be hosting a tree decorating session on Saturday the 17th December between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon when we look forward to welcoming the children (and their families.) Free refreshments will be served but donations will be gratefully received. Please come along everyone is welcome.

St Andrews Church—Cont'd

Also we have a 'Festive Fifty' quiz sheet available from Brigstock Newsagents for just £1. You can test your knowledge and have the chance to win a cash prize. Completed sheets should be posted in the box at the back of the church by the 30th December.

As in previous years one of the highlights will be our Christingle service on Christmas Eve. There will be two services one at 4 p.m. and one at 6 p.m. For safety reasons numbers will be restricted to 200 per service. Admission will be by way of tickets, which can be obtained (free of charge) from Carl Hector, 16 Sandlands Avenue 01536 373410, Barbara Platt 4 Bridge Street 01536 373240 or Allison Porter 5 Stable Hill 07933 804432.

Services for the Christmas period are as below:

Thursday 15 th	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
December	
Saturday	10.30 – 12 noon Children decorating Christmas tree
17 th December	(no service)
Tuesday 20 th	9.30 a.m. Brigstock School Children's Service in
December	church.
Thursday	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
22 nd December	
Saturday	4.00 p.m. Christingle
24 th December	6.00 p.m. Christingle
	11.00 p.m. First Mass of Christmas (Midnight Mass)
Saturday 25th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion, Sudborough
December	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, Lowick
Thursday	No Holy Communion Service
29 th December	
Sunday 1 st	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion Service for the four
January 2017	churches in the Benefice at St Peters Stanion

BRIGSTOCK BEER FESTIVAL



The 2016 Brigstock Beer Festival held in September was another great success. The weather held off, after threats of rain and we stayed dry on the Saturday afternoon. We started erecting the bar at 1pm on the Friday and were ready for the Comedy Night at 6pm. We had some really good comedians and one big name who did not come up to scratch which was not expected. We had sold out and the atmosphere was wonderful and a lot of the beer was tasted and consumed!!

Saturday afternoon had a full stage of performers from a superb band, through the Clog Dancers, Carnival Drums and Mr Punch. The Meadow was full of entertainment, with the Vikings, fair rides, welly wanging and bouncy castle.

The Saturday night was unfortunately rather quiet from an audience point of view. We had a new Irish Band who played well and the entry was free!! Lets see what we can do next year to bring more people in.

Overall the weekend made about £3700 for the local groups and charities which was a remarkable effort. This brings the total raised since we started the Festival to about £78,000 for local charities and groups

There will be some changes next year, and this starts with Rob Leaning taking over as Chairman from Chris Allen, Chris has been Chairman for 11 years and felt that it was time for a change at the top.

A big thanks to all those on the committee that have worked so hard during the last year and to all the others who come along to help to ensure that we had a smooth running weekend.

Next years dates are 15th and 16th September 2017 www.brigstockbeerfestival.com and on Facebook

If you want to sponsor us or help in any way, contact the Chairman at Leaning1962@yahoo.co.uk

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CHRISTMAS FAMILY PANTO ROBIN HOOD AND BABES IN THE WOOD.

3rd December at 2pm Village Hall.

Cost per ticket £6 or family for £20.

Tickets from school office, post office or on the door.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

will take place on

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11th

At 6 p.m. on Hall Hill

Please join us for music around the tree, mince pies and mulled wine,

and a visit from a special guest.



This year the tree is kindly being provided by Dave and Sheren Haines of CTS Transport Group.

What's on at Fermyn **Woods Country Park?**

Nature Tots

Thursday 8th December

10am-11.30pm

A parent and toddler group with a difference. Explore nature through the seasons. £3.50 per child, including a nature walk with an Education Ranger plus a craft activity and drink. Call 07703 160 878 to book a place.

Pay and display charges apply.

Festive Quiz

Saturday 17th to Saturday 24th December

11am-3pm

Find out some festive facts, all about plants and animals. Pick up a copy of our self-led quiz from the Skylark Café. £2 to take part including a cuddly festive prize.

Pay and display charges apply.

Carols in the Park

Saturday 10th December

6pm for 6.30pm

6.15pm Advent window unveiling

Join the Friends of Fermyn Woods Country Park on a candle lit procession around the park. Led by the parish priest of Brigstock. Bring your own lantern and enjoy the beauty of the park by night. Warm clothes and stout footwear advisable. Suggested donation of £1 per person. All proceeds go towards the up keep of the park and its





Wednesday 21st December

11am-2pm

Try beginners orienteering for FREE. Use to the map to follow the trail and find the Christmas themed markers. Complete the course and receive a certificate and a sticker!

Pay and display charges apply.

For more information on any of these events call 0300 126 5933 or speak to a member of staff. CountryPa(№ks





Pre-school Playgroup

Hello everyone,

We have so many exciting things coming up at playgroup and are very much looking forward to the festive season.

We are once again have our ever popular wreath making on the 2nd of December, held at the village hall at 7:30pm

Playgroup have also been invited to join in with the united reformed church's first Christmas tree service. The children will be making a craft item to add to the tree. This event is on the 10^{th} of December. We would love for you to join in this event which will have various activities from 10-2.

We will also be holding an open morning and having a Christmas party. If you would like to join in with any of these exciting activities please contact Sarah.

We currently have some space available for 2 year olds up to school age children please call Sarah on 01536373197 or 07708977714 to discuss your needs.

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BRIGSTOCK VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

CPRE awarded the village £150 for our efforts in this years litter picking events, which was used to buy some more litterpickers (we now have 12) so if you want to volunteer to help keep the village tidy contact Liz Searle (373672) to borrow pickers and hoops for bags.

Attached is picture of Liz collecting the award from Sir Paul Hayter, chairman of CPRE (Commission for Protection of Rural England .



The Parish Council has received notification about Village of the Year 2017. As we were highly commended in 2016 it would be good to try and better that. So look out for more details on how you can help in the New Year.

Reminder for tidying War memorial.

Thank you to the groups who have already "done their session" and here is a reminder for the next few months.

November 2016	Parish Council	Sally Wilks
December 2016	Cricket Club	Pete Burdett
January 2017	Playgroup	Sarah Connellan
February 2017	PFA	Richard Fincher
March 2017	Historical	Sally Wilks

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BRIGSTOCK LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR 2016

The windows of this years living Advent Calendar will open on December the 1st. As previously the unveils will be at 6.45pm unless otherwise stated.

There are some new contributors this year which is great to see!

Each evening a new window will be 'opened' in an unveiling countdown. Most householders provide a little nibble or tipple and the evening are great fun to share.

Please do come along! For safety, do wear high viz safety items if you have them and please keep tight hold of children!

'Nothing but Lovely,' Tracey Sharp has kindly agreed to produce our map again and these will be available on our Facebook page, in Brigstock newsagents and in The Co-op.

Although the event is about community, not charity, there will be a gentle nightly bucket collection which this year is for Equata (Equine Assisted Therapy Association) who are based just outside the village at Grafton Park Lodge.— see item below.

Further information about the Living Advent Calendar look on the Facebook page 'Brigstock Advent' or contact Jane Jones 01536 37129.

EquATA (Equine Assisted Therapy Association)

EquATA offers a whole family experience with nature and horses, we offer a combination of therapies tailored to individual needs for people on the autism spectrum. We also aim to help others with depression and low self confidence.

Private sessions and experiences are all related to individuals.

Fun and relaxation is key to our centre and all animals and people are treated with utmost respect.

Grafton Park Woodland is our playground and we are open 4 days a week 10-6 in Summer and 10-3 in Winter

Grafton Park Lodge. Tel 01536 330533
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NN14 3AE

BRIGSTOCK LIVING ADVENT CALANDER

DIARY OF LOCATIONS

1	Thursday	Three Cocks Pub High Street (Brigstock Knit & Natter)
2	Friday	Brigstock Newsagents 34-36 High Street
3	Saturday	28 High Street
4	Sunday	4 Park Walk
5	Monday	30 Back Lane
6	Tuesday	Brigstock Latham's School, Bridge Street Approx 6pm - Following the Christmas Fair & Café, to which all are welcome.
7	Wednesday	Brigstock Coop
8	Thursday	9 Sudborough Road
9	Friday	4 Bridge Street
10	Saturday	Brigstock Country park @ Carols in the Park 6.00pm - After the unveil, this window is only viewable 11-3pm during Café opening hours.
11	Sunday	12 Hall Hill (after tree lighting at 6pm)
12	Monday	1 Bridge Street
13	Tuesday	24 Bridge Street
14	Wednesday	Hannah's Hair & Beauty, Church Street
15	Thursday	Mill Lodge, Mill Lane
16	Friday	7 Church Street (Brigstock WI)
17	Saturday	2 Church Street
18	Sunday	6 Park Walk
19	Monday	16 Sandlands Avenue, (Brigstock Sunnysiders)
20	Tuesday	25 High Street
21	Wednesday	14 Swan Avenue
22	Thursday	The Cherry Orchard, 23 Park Walk
23	Friday	30 High Street
24	Saturday	Parish Church to visit crib

NEW MEN'S CLUB IN BRIGSTOCK:

It might seem a little odd that 3 women, with the help of funding from Rural Wellbeing, wanted to set up a Men's Club in Brigstock. Brigstock is not short of clubs and social events but it did get us thinking. What if we started a group for men, where they could do men's things, chat about what men like to chat about, and more importantly it would be their group.

The first meeting was held at WI Hall on 17th October. Us ladies were holding our breath wondering if anyone was going to turn up. Either it was a good idea after all, or the smell of hot toast and crumpets (not us) beckoned the chaps in, or maybe they were "sent"!!!!!

Second meeting on 31st has been and gone and the third on (14th Nov) at WI Hall is where us ladies dropped out to leave the men to it. The fourth meeting (28th Nov) already arranged entirely by the Men's Group will be at The Olde Three Cocks, where Paul and Margarita kindly agreed to open the pub, for the group to meet for tea/coffee and biscuits and a chinwag. Those wanting to stop for a pint after, the licensing doors open at 12 noon. It is expected to then be every 2 weeks from then.

By the time this goes to print, us three ladies will no longer have any involvement. If you know someone that would like to go along and find out what its all about, Des Robinson will be only be too pleased to point you in the right direction – telephone 373090.

Hilary Webster, Steph Beckett and Glenda Stephen would like to wish the group well and well may it continue.

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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.

DO YOU WANT AN ALLOTMENT?

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 an allotment please contact the charity's secretary, Sally Wilks, 373428.

There are ones available now - start now, and have wonderful fresh vegetables next summer and through the winter.

THURSDAY LUNCH CLUB 12.30 THREE COCKS

There is a lunch club for Senior citizens held every week at the Three Cocks Public House. A 2 course meal and coffee is served for the fantastic prize of £6.95. There is usually a voluntary activity following the meal. Do come along you will be made most welcome. Further details from Jim Clarke on 373717.

BRIGSTOCK LATHAMS CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

PFA - events and happenings

The new school year is well under way, bringing a new challenge set by the School Council for the PFA fundraisers: a new playground! The school's new Head, Mr Jones, is also the Head of Stanion School and they have recently upgraded their outdoor area. It didn't take long for the children to learn that this could be a possibility at Brigstock, so we are now faced with the goodly sized task of getting a new outdoor play area.

The hog roast went well at the Beer Festival, which is always a good start to the fundraising year. We've also just held a jumble sale in the school hall - there will be more of these and the quality of the children's clothes, in particular, is very high so keep an eye out for posters.

Next up is the school disco, always enjoyably frantic and limited to children from the school - sorry about that. Or maybe not.

The Village Hall Pantomime is by the talented and always entertaining Looking Glass Theatre, and is on Saturday 3rd December at 2pm in the Village Hall - it's Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood. Tickets from the Village Shop.

And... we have NEW events for the whole village coming up, oh yes!

On 20th December there will be carol singing around the village, starting at 6pm outside the bottom of Park Walk, near Harper's Court. This beautiful trilling threatens to make the very doves cry, so make sure you're around to enjoy, shower the singers with compliments and and gluwein, and top up the rattling buckets.

The enormously successful, and filling, Curry Night returns at the Village Hall on 28th January - the perfect weekend to finish post-Christmas abstention and enjoy the remarkably good cooking from the village spice-meisters. Tickets will be on sale shortly from the usual outlets - please ask at the shop if you can't get hold of any.

Please contact Richard Parton - the current Curry King of Brigstock - to enter a dish at richardgp13@gmail.com, or look at Facebook Brigstock Village Information. If you're off the web, leave your details at the Village Shop.

BRIGSTOCK LATHAMS CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION - Cont'd

We'll be creating recipe cards of all the entrants, which will also be on sale during the evening so you can recreate the genius in your own home.

Later in the year we will have a Nearly New sale of clothing in the Village Hall - that will be pre-Easter, then another Pudding Club on 14th May, and a Round the World Wine Tasting on or around 21st June - after all, it takes a long time to get around the world holding a wine glass, so it needs to be on the Longest Day.

Richard Fincher, Chairman.



Tuesday 20th December 2016 at 6pm Meet at 9a Park Walk, Brigstock (the bungalow)

Raising money for the Brigstock Latham's PFA
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Come along and spread some Christmas cheer!

Who's Who in Brigstock: Carl Hector

Carl Hector has lived in Brigstock all of his life and probably knows more about the history of the village than anyone else. He was born in 1938 in a 3-storey cottage called Fern Hollow at the entrance to Church Walk situated where Harper's Court now stands. He lived there with his parents and grandparents and they had a long-term lodger, Tom Ellis, who was one of the main farmers in Brigstock. Although he had more than one farm including Nicholl's Farm with a farmhouse on Park Walk opposite the WI hall, as a single man Tom seemed to prefer the home comforts of Fern Hollow. Tom had a big influence on Carl while he was growing up for he used to spend many happy hours on the farm. In fact he thinks that he spent as much time on the farm as he did at Brigstock School. At 11 years old he went on to Corby County Modern School for Boys. He hated school except for metalwork and regularly got the cane as did most of the other boys. One teacher had two canes, one black and the other a light colour. He asked Carl one day which do you prefer, chocolate or pineapple. When Carl replied neither, he ended up with both, one on each hand.

Carl remembers that during the war years two landmines were dropped from aircraft just outside Brigstock. The family hid under the stairs as they thought the bombs were going to fall on the village. He also recalls that Czech soldiers were stationed at the Mill. They had half-track tanks and other armoured vehicles and used to drive these through the village. You can still see the marks on the high pavement where these vehicles caught the side of the road. He also remembers the American Air Force bombers getting into formation over Grafton before heading off on daylight raids on Germany and dropping flares when they returned to indicate the damage sustained by the plane and the crew.

A dramatic incident happened when Carl was 7 years old. While playing up at Ellis's Farm with his friends, three girls, he decided to light a fire. Unfortunately it was too near the stackyard and the hay went up in flames, burning buildings, machinery and some unfortunate chickens and ducks. Carl was petrified, especially when he was interviewed by the village policeman but luckily Tom Ellis realised it was purely accidental.

Ten years later he witnessed another tragic incident involving fire when he saw from his bedroom window a single seater jet flying over the village in flames. He followed the fire engine on his bike up Old Dry Lane to find

that it had crashed just outside the village in Harry's Park Wood, just off Weldon Road, killing the pilot.

On leaving school Carl worked for Tom Ellis for seven years doing a variety of jobs on the farm and it was there that he learned to drive a tractor. Later he worked for a short time in the Steelworks but did not like being inside all day. He then took a job as a lorry driver delivering slag from the steelworks which was used as a fertiliser on farms all over the country. Later he was a lorry driver for Tarmac and British Oxygen. He was then given a month's trial by Trevor Smith at Woodlands Garage and ended up staying 36 years until his retirement. Carl met his wife Lyn at Corby ten pin bowling alley where he was a keen player and also a part-time doorman and they were married in 1965. They have three children, Edward, Elaine and Carol.

Carl also loved his cricket and started playing for Brigstock aged 14 and continued well into his 40's. He helped to put up the cricket pavilion which was used before the present pavilion was built. It was purchased for £10 from the brickworks at Elstow, dismantled, brought to Brigstock and re-erected by the club members themselves.

Carl has had a long time interest in the history of the village and was one of the founder members of the Brigstock Historical Society in 1978 along with Beryl Simon and Heather Bailey. He has been involved with the Society ever since, collecting old photographs and stories of the village, giving slide shows and taking groups on guided walks around the village. He gets regular visits from Brigstock school students when they have school history projects.

Carl has also made a valuable contribution to St. Andrew's Church. He has been a bell ringer for 22 years, initially being taught by Brian Cope, and he is now the Tower Captain. Carl says that at present there are not enough bell ringers and more volunteers would be appreciated. Carl took on the duties of church-warden ten years ago and part of this work is to ensure that the fabric of the Church and everything in it are well maintained. He used to go up into the tower every two days to wind up the clock but now that is automated and he only has to alter the hour and occasionally adjust the time.

Carl was also a member of the hand bell ringers who played at events in the village but unfortunately due to members leaving, they do not have a team at present but they hope to re-start in the future.

Apart from all these many activities Carl has raised hundreds of pounds for the Church on his annual sponsored cycle rides for the Historic Churches Trust.

BRIGSTOCK

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL			
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BONFIRE NIGHT

Thanks to everyone involved in organising Bonfire Night this year. It all went very smoothly and once again a profit was made. Don't forget that if you are a village organisation you can apply to the Firework Fund for financial help with a project. Last year the fund paid for filing cabinets for the village archive to be kept at the village hall.

PARKING

Parking is an on-going problem in the village and we have been working with the police to encourage people to park more considerately. When you are parking please be aware that pedestrians, including parents with pushchairs, people with shopping trolleys and motorized buggies, need to be able to use the pavements. Please don't park near a junction or dropped kerb.

LIGHTING

We have listened to your comments regarding removal of lights in the village and will take them into account when undertaking the street lighting up-grade. Because the new LED lighting should be more efficient we hope that this will compensate for the few lights we are taking out of action. However, lights can be reinstated if there is enough support.

PARISH COUNCIL

GRASS CUTTING

One of the recurring complaints the Parish Council gets is about the standard of grass cutting in the village. At present this is undertaken by the County Council, and we get three cuts a year. We don't think this is enough so we have decided to ask East Northants Council through their contractors to cut the grass six times a year. Of course, this will mean extra expense but we hope that you will really notice the difference. We will have to increase the precept slightly to cover the cost but the village should look a lot tidier. Thank you to all of you who keep the verges outside your houses neat and tidy. It really is appreciated.

WORK IN THE CONSERVATION AREA

If you are undertaking any work in the conservation area please be aware of what you can and cannot do. Check with the planning department at ENC. For instance, if you are installing a satellite dish it should not be visible from the road. If you want to fell a tree you need to apply for permission.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

We have a vacancy on the Parish Council as Charlie Koris no longer lives in the village and found it difficult to get to meetings. If you are interested, please contact Nigel Searle our clerk who will tell you what you need to do. We are particularly interested in having someone with an interest in representing the young people in the village.

May we wish you all a very festive Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



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 4th Wednesday of each month.

Below are the evenings planned up to April

14/12/16	Christmas Meeting	Our usual Christmas get-together with entertainment
25/01/17	A Burns Night Celebra- tion Bill Simon	A proper Burns Night celebration with haggis bashed neeps and tatties not to mention a wee dram or two. More details nearer the date.
22/02/17	Brigstock Memories Carl Hector	With the help of his extensive collection of slides Carl will recall past events, lives and people of Brigstock in his usual inimitable style
22/03/17	Witchcraft in North- amptonshire Kevin Varty	Popular speaker Kevin Varty returns to entertain us with tales of local witch-craft.
26/04/17	Archive Films of Northamptonshire Local Film Trust	Fascinating glimpses of Northampton- shire history through moving pictures from the local archive.

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

Items should be sent by the Thursday of the preceding week for the Thursday publication

Memories of Christmas between the Wars

Extracts from an article by I.M. Tooley "A Village Childhood" written in 1987

Irene Tooley was born in 1922. She lived in the village all her life and worked at Wallis and Linnell's clothing factory.

"One of the highlights of our year was the Christmas party given to the school children by the late Captain and Mrs Belville at Fermyn Woods Hall. Transport was provided and there was always a huge Christmas tree with a large quantity of parcels underneath. We had a lovely tea and, before going home, each child received a present and an orange.

The village band always looked smart in their uniform. On Christmas Eve, the band toured the village playing Christmas carols and it was a lovely sound, especially on a frosty evening. They also turned out on Christmas morning. On Boxing Day it was an annual event for the band to organise a whist drive and dance which was held in the school. Whilst our parents played whist, we children watched the dancing. We loved to watch the Grand March of the Lancers and to see some of the shorter ladies being lifted right off their feet as around and around the group circled.

The Congregational Choir also toured the village on Christmas Eve. At the time they had a large choir with several male members. I remember how well they used to harmonise.

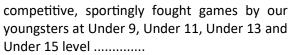
The Kettering Co-operative Society paid a dividend on purchases at half yearly intervals. The members queued up in the Co-op yard and waited on the iron staircase to the upper room where payments were made. After the "divvi" had been paid, many mothers went to Kettering to buy the Christmas presents for their families. "

Submitted by Brigstock Historical Society

BRIGSTOCK CRICKET CLUB 2016

The Cricket Club in Winter

Long warm summer days at the Meadow are a distant memory





... teenage Club Members stepping up to play for our 2nd team and Weds evening team and doing themselves proud

.......... Wednesday team winning the league and 1st team coming 3rd in Div 1 of the County League after promotion last year.

......Seriously enjoyable social evenings and events open to the whole village.

While you are waiting for all this and more to come round again next year, why don't you join us for

General Knowledge Christmas Quiz social evening

organised by Cricket club committee

at The Village Hall, Sat Dec 10 Teams of 6, at £6 per head.

Cheese and wine included.

Tel Pete Burdett on 373478 or Peter *Hedges on 373358 to book a table and for more info*

Boxing Day on the Meadow after the Hunt.

The return of old favourites. Tug of War?? Egg Throwing, etc while you have a drink or two at the Cricket Club.

A Merry Christmas and a big thank you to so many of you village folk for your support for our Cricket Club over the year.

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Pete Burdett, Chairman. Tel. 01536 373478



Brigstock Latham's Church of England

Primary School

We have all been extremely busy in school over the past three months. The children returned from their summer break looking very smart and eager to learn. We have new staff, new curriculum plans and a new weekly newsletter of our own. Please have a look at our school website, www.brigstockprimary.org.uk to see what we've been up to each week.

Nick Sharratt Visit

In September, we were fortunate to be visited in school by the famous children's illustrator Nick Sharratt. He spent the day working with the children and demonstrating how he creates his wonderful masterpieces. Nick is renowned for his illustrations in the Tracey Beaker book series and other books such as Socks and Shark in the Park. It was a fun day and we would like to thank the PFA and Mrs Ettridge for making it happen.

School Trips

Our Year 5/6 children were lucky enough to spend a week in Norfolk on their residential trip. They were very excited as they boarded the coach ready for their adventure. The trip was led by our new class teacher Miss Kirby. We are all so proud of the children as they demonstrated skills such as perseverance, problem solving and resilience. After a long 5 days, they returned to school looking rather tired and happy to see their families. The children got to share their memories with parents the following week in a special assembly.

The children in Year 4 had the time of their lives when they spent a few days on residential at Edale in Derbyshire. It got off to a shaky start with delays on the train network but after lots of laughter and a Burger King treat they arrived ready for their adventure. Mrs Griggs led this trip and she commented on how hard the children worked. They all embraced the challenges and we know they have made some memories for life.

Remembrance Service

On Friday the 11th November the children took part in a very special remembrance service at the war memorial in the village square. The church council and school council all worked hard to write prayers and share the reasons why we must never forget. It was a moving service and the children were wonderful. We had a minute silence at 11 o'clock and laid poppies to remember the fallen.

A group of Year 6 children represented the school by laying a wreath of poppies during the Remembrance Sunday service at the war memorial.

We are now busy preparing for our Christmas Nativity and Young Voices Concert in Birmingham. The fun never stops at Brigstock Primary School.



Doesn't seem possible that when putting fingers to keyboard for the last newsletter write up, the weather was so hot. There we were tackling the garden in the heat and picking blackberries for jam making, on an unusually hot day. Here we are, woolies and gloves out of mothballs, getting ready for winter activities. Already underway is our WI Living Advent Window, our contribution to URC Christmas tree display and our own annual Christmas party.

We have at last finished the revamp of our garden. We just wait for the alpines to spread and soften the look.

Brigstock WI has been successful in obtaining a grant for a new heating system. The old overhead heaters will be replaced with modern, energy efficient heaters that will heat the building, rather than heat just our heads, with an added bonus of being more environmentally friendly. This is all

thanks to Northamptonshire Community Foundation and

Steve Bennett will do the installation.

Our monthly social evenings are open to anyone who wants

to come and see what we get up to. Ladies from the community came and joined our September and October social when we made "fiddle" blankets and aprons for dementia patients. Everyone brought along things that could be sewn on, such as key rings, zips, different textured squares, bangles etc. These blankets have a calming effect on dementia patients and the aprons are particularly good for patients who put things in their mouths. The items were given to Abbott House, Oundle and Seagrave House, Corby. Some members were able to visit Abbot House in October and had a very moving and first-hand experience of what a difference the blankets make to patients.



WI meets at WI Hall, Park Walk on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 and social nights 4th Tuesday. Visitors are always welcome:

13th December – Members Christmas party (no social in December)

16th December - unveiling of WI Advent window at the barn, 7 Church Street at 6.45pm

10th January - Speaker David Price "The French Can-Can"

24th January - Social night

<u>14th February</u> – A night organised by members (not committee) - surprise!!!

28th February - Social night

14th March - Speaker Shirley Allen "Recycle and Renew"

<u>For more information on Brigstock WI, please call Liz on 373672 or Glenda</u> on 373987

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).

More information will be included in the next newsletter

SUNNYSIDERS CLUB

A l lively bunch of Senior citizens meet every Tuesday in Harpers Court Lounge for a variety of activities and refreshments. New members very welcome. Membership is £1.50 which covers refreshments, subsidised lunches and occasional outings. Everybody is welcome but car drivers especially welcome or if you do not want to join but are able to offer transport to somebody you would be very welcome. Details 373383.

DANCES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

All are welcome to an evening of ballroom, sequence and Latin dancing. All are welcome, come along for a great evening of music and dancing. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tea coffee and biscuits are available during the interval. £5.00 on the door, raffle available.

Friday 25th November 8-11pm

Friday 9th December 8-11pm Christmas Party(Please bring a plate of food to share) Friday 27th January 8-11pm

£5.00 on the door, please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Tea Dance Sunday 20th November 2-4.30, Non in December Tea Dance Sunday 15th January 2-4.30pm £4.00 on the door, tea/coffee and cakes included.

Joan and Dave on 07711171007 or guido@derosa.me.uk

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Brigstock United Reformed Church

Thank you to all who supported our Barn Dance in September; we had a very enjoyable evening and hope to repeat the event next Autumn. Unfortunately we had to cancel our Beetle Drive but we plan to have another one after Christmas.

Our Young Church has been doing a lot of work this Autumn for Mary's Meals, a charity which provides a hot meal for schoolchildren in many countries. More details of the money raised and the next part of this project, involving the schoolchildren here, are below. Please help to support this project if you can-just a donation of pencils or a notebook will all help.

With Christmas fast approaching, we have two new ventures this year. On December 10th we are holding a Christmas Tree festival for the day, serving coffee and mince pies in the morning and soup and rolls at lunchtime. We are very grateful to several village organisations who have offered to decorate a tree on the theme of Christmas Carols and we are looking forward to seeing our lovely chapel decorated in this way. More details are on posters in this newsletter and in the village.

Our Carol Service this year, on December 18th, will be a "Nativity from scratch"-and you are invited to dress up as a character from the Nativity story. There is no obligation to take part if you are a bit shy, but do come and join in as we sing traditional carols and listen to the story.

On Christmas Day we have a 30 minute very informal service in the June Small room and all are welcome to attend. All offerings at our Christmas services will be given to a local charity.

A very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year to everyone in Brigstock from all at the URC.

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Mary's Meals

www.marysmeals.org.uk

Brigstock URC Young Church spent time during September and October raising money for the charity 'Mary's Meals', an organisation whose vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education. Their mission is to enable people to offer their money, goods, skills, time, or prayer, and through this involvement, provide the most effective help to those suffering the effects of extreme poverty in the world's poorest communities.

The Young Church organised a stall at the village Beer Festival and the viewing of a short film, 'Generation Hope'. This film follows the lives of young people who, as a result of receiving Mary's Meals as children, have been able to go on to achieve more than they ever would have done without.

Donations from the Harvest Festival Service held at the URC and a shared Harvest Supper with friends from St Andrew's also went towards the final total of £335.00. It costs just £12.20 to feed a child for a whole year through Mary's Meals. With match funding from the government this amount raised will feed 55 children for a year. A tremendous effort from Young Church and from people's generous donations. Thank you.

The URC is continuing to support Mary's Meals through The Backpack Project. Many children receiving Mary's Meals don't have basic learning tools such as pencils and notepads. This project allows them to get the most out of their lessons through donations of backpacks full of the things they need. For many, a Mary's Meals backpack will be the only gift they'll have ever had.

So as we approach Christmas we will be putting together as many of these 'gifts' as we can. The children at Brigstock and Stanion Village Primary schools have been invited to join in with this project. If you are interested in putting together a backpack then please contact Sophie or Helen on 01536 373712 or email mattandhelenj@aol.com

December at the URC

Advent Bible Study

LIVING IN THE LIGHT

Four Mondays in Advent, beginning November 28th June Small Room, 7.30pm



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SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER 3.00pm

A Nativity Service for all
Come dressed as a
shepherd, Mary, Angel,
donkey...whatever you
would like to be. Join in with
the telling of the birth of
Christ, with carols and
readings. Refreshments
served after the service.

Christmas Tree Festival

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER

10.00am - 2.00pm

Coffee & mince pies Homemade Soup from 12noon



Christmas Day Service

SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER 10.00am

A short service of Celebration for all ages





Brigstock United Reformed Church, Mill Lane

Minister: Revd Samuel Silingwe 01536 480916 Secretary: Mrs Sheila Smith 01536 373225

BRIGSTOCK NEWSAGENT

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT!

Claire has recently taken over the shop and coffee lounge with a fresh new look.

We offer delicious homemade cakes and savouries from local cook Donnalulu. Have you tried their cheese and Marmite flapjacks?

Filled rolls - fresh daily. Free range eggs, local honey.

Gluten-free breads and cakes. Grasmere Farm meats
— sausages, ham, scotch eggs, bacon.

Fresh bread delivered daily.

Bean-to-cup coffees.

Homemade thick shakes.

You are welcome to come and relax in the coffee lounge or take away. We are dog friendly.

We shall be offering a selection of local arts and crafts.

Open on Boxing Day for hot drinks and bacon and sausage rolls Post Office opening soon.



As Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, my primary aim is a simple one: to make Northamptonshire safer.

In order to ensure that everyone is working towards the same shared goal, I've already undertaken a great deal of work to ensure that Northamptonshire Police will play a

central role in both the development and delivery of the new Police and Crime Plan for the county, rather than this simply being a strategy set by my team and I.

This is why - for the first time - a joint workshop for members of staff from the Force and my Office was held to develop ideas for a joint strategy. I want the force and my team to deliver the Police and Crime Plan, but I also want everyone to want to deliver it.

Northamptonshire is a large place. It's home to nearly a quarter of a million people, there's over 300,000 domestic properties and 268 parishes, which are joined together by a network of over 2500 miles of highways. Our current budget for policing Northamptonshire is around £122million. Although this might sound a lot, given the size our county and ever increasing challenges we face, it means we'll have to make some difficult decisions on how our limited resources are allocated. This is why the opinions of every single person in the county matters. Please do head to www.YourPCC.co.uk and let us know what you think.

Finally can I wish you all a Happy Christmas and should you need any help or assistance, please contact me at:

commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk.

Stephen

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Thank you to all those people who help the village hall committee in delivering this newsletter. We do try and get it to everybody although some parts of Brigstock stretch a good way out of the core of the village. If you are reading this and sourced it from other than through your door please let us know so we can ensure a copy reaches you. Spare copies are in the Newsagents but we do try and keep our printing costs down.

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Brigstock Neighbourhood Plan

Work is still progressing on producing the Brigstock Neighbourhood Plan. The latest parcel of work has been in the assessing the possible sites for future development. We have identified from the previous questionnaire that we need about 35 future properties in the next 15 years of the plan. Where these are best situated is still not resolved and we will be going out for more consultation with Brigstock residents to get their views on the possible sites. This will be early in the new year.

We are also putting together the words for the Draft Plan which will have new development policies to take the village forward.

The plan should be complete by next Autumn when all the residents will get a chance to hopefully approve the plan.

Do look at the Brigstock Parish Council website if you want more detail. Yours

Chris Allen, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

Superfast broadband speeds for Brigstock!!

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

Quote from the BT contact: "Engineering work further back in the network which needs to be completed before the fibre infrastructure now located in the village can be switched on, is taking longer than anticipated including the need for a road closure and Northampton Highways have been notified. I expect the timescale to slip into early New Year. I will keep you updated."

So keep an eye on their website.

BINGO

December 8th is the next Bingo session, Meet at 7.30pm in Harpers Court Lounge.



New players welcome. If you do not have transport we may be able to assist. Please ring 373422. Then 12th January and 15th February 2017.

Knit and Natter

Brigstock Knit and Natter Group is going from strength to strength. We meet every Wednesday at 10am at The Olde Three Cocks, where Paul and Margareta look after us with tea/coffee and biscuits on tap. Cost per session is £2 and refills for £1.

Knit and Natter are taking on a different slant to the Knit and Natter Advent Window this year (surprise, surprise), which will take place on Thursday 1st December at 6.45pm at The Olde Three Cocks (just a tiny plug).

Our new member has not only learnt to knit, but she is already producing lovely items and is knitting furiously for our advent window, as we all are.

We probably do a little more nattering than knitting, putting the world to rights of course, but we are a friendly group. This year we made Easter bunnies and hats and "sold" for a donation for local charity. We also made "Fish & Chip" jumpers for African babies and our themed knits for the advent window as well as making things for ourselves.

If you would like to know more about our group, please call Gill on 373779 or just pop along. Even if you can't knit or crochet and want to learn, our new member is living evidence that you too can do it!!!!

Ladies Leisure Group

The Ladies Leisure Group has continued to meet on the third Monday every month, and usually about 20 ladies have attended. We try to make the programme as varied as possible and are looking forward to Christmas crafts in November and our Christmas lunch in the June Small room on December 12th.

Our plans for 2017 include:

January 16th-Quiz and games

February 20th-Visit to Lyveden New Bield with a light lunch

March 20th-Easter cards and decorations

Do join us if you are free from 1.30-3.30pm-you will be very welcome.







MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO BRIGSTOCK

The library visits on the second Saturday of each month in Barnards Way (Sudborough Road end) 14.00 to 14.45.

Stock includes: Children's books, Large print books, Audio books, Dvd sale and range of greeting cards. Free to join.

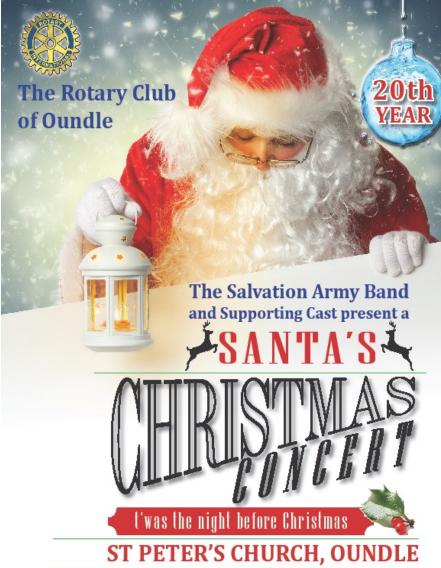
Also bus passes can be renewed/applied for.

BRIGSTOCK TRE

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