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Front Cover Photo - Tree in St Andrews Churchyard

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Mens Club 3 Cocks PH 10-30am then every 2 weeks
- 5 Neighbourhood Plan open meeting 7pm, Village Hall
- 10 St Andrews Church—Induction of new Rector
- 11 Post Office at Genevieves 11am
- 11 Country Park Forest Tots 10am
- 12 WI "An Evening of Laughter" 7-30pm WI Hall
- 15 Brigstock Beer Festival Comedy Night, Village Hall 7pm
- 16 Brigstock Beer Festival Fun Day Village Hall 1pm to 11pm
- 18 Ladies Leisure Group— "Women through the War" 1-30pm URC
- 20 Kurling Village Hall 2pm
- 22 Neighbourhood Draft Plan comments closing date
- 22 Poetry competition closes
- 27 Historical Society "Beyond the call of duty". 7-30pm VH
- 28 BINGO, 7-30pm Harpers Court
- 30 Barn Dance Village Hall 7-30pm

OCTOBER

- 4 Kurling Village Hall 2pm
- 7 WI Dementia Awareness WI Hall 10-30am
- 8 St Andrews Church Harvest Festival
- 10 WI AGM 7-30pm WI Hall
- 12 BINGO, 7-30pm Harpers Court
- 16 Ladies Leisure Group— "Spider Drive" 1-30pm URC
- 18 Kurling Village Hall 2pm
- 20 Film Night "Hidden Figures" 7-30pm Village Hall
- 27 Historical Society "Life and times of a Post Mistress" 7-30pm VH
- 28 WI Table Top sale 10am—2-30pm WI Hall

NOVEMBER

- 1 Kurling Village Hall 2pm
- 3 URC Beetle Drive
- 5 Bonfire Night at The Meadow
- 7 WI "Gift Wrapping Styles and Ideas" 7-30pm WI Hall
- 9 BINGO, 7-30pm Harpers Court
- 15 Kurling Village Hall 2pm
- 17 Film Night "Florence Foster Jenkins" 7-30pm Village Hall
- 20 Ladies Leisure "Visit to Lyveden New Bield"
- 27 Historical Society "Ship of Dreams—Titanic" 7-30pm VH

DECEMBER

- 2 St Andrews Christmas Fair
- 2 PANTO Village Hall 2pm

GENEVIEVE TEA SHOP

The shop is now fully stocked with ever changing gifts, cards, furniture and is a great place to find that different present.

Magazines and newspapers always available.

The shop is open from 7 to 2 on weekdays and 8 to 1 at weekends. They have a wonderful range of bakery items and are offering light lunches, snacks, jacket potatoes etc. and expanding their take away menu.

Genevieve stocks a full range of the most popular chalk paints - Grand Illusions - and this can be purchased from the Newsagents.

They also sell tickets for most of the village events, which is a great help for the village groups. Please do support your local shops.

POST OFFICE COMING ONCE A WEEK

The Post Office is providing a once a week service at Genevieve's from **Monday 11th Sept. between 11 and 1pm**. On the 18th Sept, there will be a grand opening to celebrate this service. Then they will be coming every Monday.

Do use the service if you want it to continue. If it is well used, they might increase the times that they attend. It is up to you.

¦War Memorial Tidy Rota.

Again, many thanks to the groups who have completed their month. Here are the next few month's groups.

September 2017	Cricket Club	Pete Burdett
October 2017	Playgroup	Sarah Conellan
November 2017	PFA	Richard Fincher
December 2017	Historical	Sally Wilks

BRIGSTOCK BEER FESTIVAL



15th and 16th September 2017

With less than a month to go festival preparations are now in full swing for our 13th annual Beer Festival

Friday Night is Comedy Night!! The comedians are already booked and details are available on the website. Tickets are on sale now from Committee members, the Green Dragon PH or Genevieve's Tea Shop. We have a great lineup of stand ups this year and tickets do go fast for this popular event!

SATURDAY FUN DAY

Our Sat tribute to Oktoberfest is also shaping up nicely with a good selection of draught German beers and the usual cask ales and ciders which have beer specially picked to complement them. We will also be offering a range of German street food which will include bratwurst and pretzels. We also have a crepe stall and ice cream van for that little treat!

Remember this year the Saturday starts at 1pm and will run until late, there is not a separate evening event.

Entertainment and family fun includes music all afternoon cumulating in an Oompah band from 4pm, fairground, bouncy castle, Viking demo, Model aircraft display, a Story Teller for the kids, and much much more.

Stalls will include craft jewellery, henna tattoos and all the festival favourites from the WI and other village groups.

So please put the dates in the diary and come and support us at the 13th Brigstock Beer Festival and our local charities.

If you want to sponsor us or help in any way, contact the Chairman at Leaning 1962 @yahoo.co.uk

Rob Leaning BBF Chair

www.brigstockbeerfestival.com and on Facebook

Brigstock United Reformed Church

The weekend of July 1st was a great success, and we were delighted to see so many people at our "Celebrations" Flower Festival. A lot of hard work went into the displays, and the church looked really lovely. We're very grateful to everyone who spent time carefully arranging the flowers so well, and also everyone who helped with the stalls and refreshments-the kitchen was a very busy place and we had lots of good comments about our lunches and teas. Fortunately, the weather was good for the whole weekend, and we were really pleased to make £1,100 for our funds.

After that huge effort we decided to take a break over the summer, but we will be having a tombola stall and other attractions at the Beer Festival on September 16th, and then on September 30th you are invited to join us for a Barn Dance in the Village Hall from 7.30-10-30 pm. Tickets are £7.50, to include a Ploughman's supper. Please contact Judith-373367-or Sheila-373225-for tickets. They tend to sell very quickly, so make sure you get yours as soon as possible!

A reminder about the Beetle Drive on November 3rd- space is limited so make sure you have the date in your diaries and look out for details of tickets.

We would like to welcome Rev. Heather Lowe as the new rector of St. Andrew's and look forward to working with her and all the church members. We wish her well as she settles into her new pastorate here.

CPRE LITTER PICKING COMPETITION.

I have just heard (5th August) that we are joint winners of the competition and so win £250.00 to spend on anti litter projects, We collect the certificate and winnings at the AGM of CPRE on September 25th. Thank you for all the hard work that everyone did on the day and around the dates. Also thank you to Rebecca who did the poster. Thank you to the volunteers who still pick around the village to keep it tidy. If you would like equipment please phone me on 373672. We have pickers, gloves and hoops which we bought with last years winnings.

Liz Searle

St Andrews Church

Over the summer we have had a number of weddings in our church, these are always joyous events and it is heartening to know that couples still value taking their vows in a religious setting. Of course we are also here to cater for the needs of the new arrivals in the form of baptism and to say farewell and celebrate the lives of loved ones at their funerals.

We enjoyed the summer fete where we were blessed with good weather and lots of people who came to support the fund raising for the church and school. We have a couple of fundraising events scheduled for the coming months, a slide show in the village hall on the 4th November, by Carl Hector, on Brigstock past and present. The annual Christmas fair will be in St Andrews church on the 2nd December between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Please keep a look out for posters for these and further fundraising events for 2018.

The best news we have is that the new Rector and her husband have moved into the new rectory at Stanion. The Reverend Heather Lowe will be Instituted and Inducted as Rector and Alan will be Licensed as Associate Minister (Church Army) by the Bishop of Peterborough in St Andrews Church Brigstock on Sunday 10 September at 4 pm. Please come along to the service to welcome them both and show your support. Until this date we continue to be well looked after by The Reverend Julian Bowers and other hard working retired clergy.

Our celebrations are tinged with some sadness however as after 45 years in the Ministry The Reverend Bowers will be retiring in November. He has been an inspiration and an unfaltering support to us all over the last few years and especially during the interregnum, he will be very sadly missed. This said he has more than earned the right to take things easy and enjoy some quality time with his family.

Sadly the sale of the old rectory has fallen through. At the time of writing this article we are waiting to hear if there is another prospective buyer. The building and grounds are looking a bit sorry and need some tender loving care, which I am sure the new owners will give in bucket loads. Until then we do our best to keep things ticking along.

St Andrews Church—cont'd

Our Harvest Festival Service will be held on the 8th October at 9.30 a.m. If you can't make this, there will be a service in the three other churches in the benefice, Lowick at 11.00 a.m. on the 24 September, Sudborough at 9.30 a.m. on 1 October and Stanion at 11 a.m. on 15 October.

Do come along to our regular services on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 9.30 a.m. or our All Age Worship on every second Sunday at 11.00 a.m. We also have a Holy Communion service on a Thursday morning at 10.00 a.m. Our doors are always open whether you are a seasoned worshipper or a toe dipper. No experience necessary!

Contact details for our new Rector from 10 September are: The Reverend Heather Lowe, 14 Willow Lane, Stanion, Kettering, Northamptonshire NN14 1DT, telephone 01536 263550. If you need to contact us before this date please telephone the Churchwarden Mr Carl Hector on 01536 373410, or email beneficeoffice5@btinternet.com

Knit and Natter

Needles clicking, fingers working hard and mouths working even harder, the Brigstock Knit & Natter group is going from strength to strength. With 3 new members (welcome Zoe, Paula and Ann and of course Dylen, the dog, joins in too) we have been

course Dylen, the dog, joins in too) we have be busy knitting, learning, and swapping ideas.

I know we shouldn't be talking about Christmas just yet, but our group is already in the planning stages of our display for Brigstock Advent Windows and with time slipping by, we shall soon be knitting furiously to once again delight you (we hope) in our efforts.



If you want to join our group, we meet every Wednesday (except between Christmas and New Year) from 10am to 12 noon at The Olde Three Cocks, High Street where Margarita and Paul provide us with tea, coffee and biscuits. We are a friendly bunch, as we hope that the newcomers will tell you, so just pop along and make yourselves at home.

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Dates of Visits – Sept 2017 – November 2017

09 September

14 October

11 November

or further information on the Mobile Library Service can be found on the website. www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries
0300 126 1000 Customer Services.

STOP	VILLAGE/ TOWN	STOP ADDRESS	ARRIVE	LEAVE
1	Geddington	Star Inn, Bridge St	10.50	11.10
2	Weldon	The Green	11.30	12.00
3	Sud- borough	Village Hall	12.30	13.00
4	Brigstock	Barnards Way	14.00	14.45

CHRISTMAS FAMILY PANTO

2nd December at 2pm Village Hall.

Cost per ticket £6 or family for £20. Tickets from school office, post office or on the door. (Details to be confirmed)

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Best village competition.

Thanks to Steph Beckett, Glenda Stephen and Sally Wilks for all their hard work on the day. We went to ACRE presentation evening in July but there was strong competition from south of county and we did not get placed this year. We came away determined to try again and wait for the feed back from the judges. Apparently there was only a few points between First and us.

Liz Searle.

FOR FRESH TASTY FISH AND CHIPS IN BRIGSTOCK

VISIT THE FISH AND CHIP VAN EVERY TUESDAY 4-30PM TO 7 PM ON SUDBOROUGH

ROAD, BRIGSTOCK

Pre-school Playgroup

Playgroup are very excited to be extending and changing our opening hours. We will now be opening Monday 9:15-12:15 and 12:15-3:15 Tuesday 9:15-12:15 and 12:15-3:15 Wednesday 9:15-12:15 Thursday 9:15-12:15



and 12:15-3:15 Friday 9:15-12:15. We are very happy to accommodate parents wherever possible. You can have a morning session, an afternoon session or all day wherever possible. Please contact Sarah on either 01536 373197 or 07708 977714 during term time.

We have recently had astro turf laid at the back of the village hall to enable the children to use the area all year round. Special Thanks to the village hall committee for there continued support as well as Tony Shepard and team.

We will also be holding our much anticipated wreath night at the start of December, more details to follow.

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BRIGSTOCK BONFIRE NIGHT

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

Sunday 5th November

Gates Open 6pm, Bonfire 6-30pm
Fireworks 7-00pm (Times to be confirmed)

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 TREE

- All aspects of tree surgery
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- Fully Insured for peace of mind
- Free Quotations

Contact Steve on 07901503501 or 01536370081

Steven.rainbow@yahoo.co.uk



Brigstock in words...Poetry competition



Get in poet mode
Write an ode
A terse verse
Lines 6-10, no more
Nothing lewd or rude
(Or we'll be sued!)

Winning poems will be included in a calendar created in conjunction with Brigstock Art Group

Closing date: September 22nd

Please forward your entry to: Brigstock Book Group, 3 Bridge Street Or email to sophierobinson@gmail.com



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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.

27/09/ 17	Beyond the Call of Duty The memoirs of a Northamptonshire policeman Bob Thoroughgood	Following the AGM there will be a talk by the former Chief Superintendent with the Northamptonshire Police Force based on his book "Beyond the Call of Duty" which tells the story of his early life and experiences as a police officer. Copies of the book will be available at the meeting.
25/10/ 17	The Life and Times of a Village Postmistress Ann Mason	Ann returns to tell the story of village life in times gone past.
22/11/ 17	Ship of Dreams. The story of the Titanic	There is always more to discover about this fascinating ship and its fateful encounter with an iceberg.
14/12/ 17	Christmas Meeting	Our usual Christmas get-together with entertainment.

In 2015 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. This year, for the Beryl Simon Cup, we thought we would give the children at Brigstock School the opportunity to compose their own songs about Brigstock. Paul came in to school for an assembly to give the children some ideas and sing a couple of his songs.

The winners of the B.S. Cup 2017 were Elliot, Isaac and Lily Lloyd-Uzoegbu. Paul will be using their ideas to create a song about Brigstock which we hope to record in the next few months.

Thank you to all those children who had a go at composing a song.

BRIGSTOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY—Cont'd BRIGSTOCK TREES



Looking at the photograph above of Grafton Rd looking from the Park Walk junction, it is interesting to see how much of a difference trees make to our streetscapes.

The new tree officer at East Northants Council visited the village recently and estimated that the sycamore in the churchyard is about 300 years old. Some of the trees in the village we can date precisely because they were planted to mark particular events like the coronation oak on the island at the junction of Grafton and Sudborough roads and the oak planted at the entrance to Swan Avenue and Bell's Close to commemorate the present queen's diamond jubilee.

Do you have any memories of trees being planted for specific occasions around the village? If so, please let us know. Recording this information is important to us. Contact Sally Wilks if you can help.



Future Events NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

WI HALL, PARK WALK, BRIGSTOCK, 7.30pm start (01536) 373672 / 373987 / 370015

Tuesday 12th September:

WI Members meeting – Visitors welcome. Elizabeth Robinson presents "An evening of Laughter". Competition "An original joke". Refreshments and raffle

Saturday 16th September:

Duck race and German themed tombola at Brigstock Beer Festival, Village Hall, Bridge Street. 12 noon – come and support all the beer festival stall holders and have a fun day.

Tuesday 26th September:

WI Social Evening – An informal themed evening over tea/coffee and biscuits.

Saturday 7th October:

DEMENTIA AWARENESS at WI Hall, Park Walk: 10.30 to 12.30pm by Deborah Furniss from Alzhimer's Society OPEN TO EVERYONE – FREE ENTRY (see separate poster).

Tuesday 10th October:

Annual General Meeting and cheese and wine supper. Thinking of joining the committee? Call Liz 373762

Tuesday 24th October:

WI Social Evening – An informal themed evening over tea/coffee and biscuits.

The WI Cont'd:

Saturday 28th October:

TABLE TOP SALE at WI Hall: 10.00 to 2.30pm. Come and buy or pop in for tea and cake. Sellers - tables £5 each, so book early. Call Liz: (01536) 373672, Hilary 370015 or Glenda 373987

Tuesday 7th November:

WI Meeting – visitors welcome. Alison Grantham presents "Gift Wrapping Styles and Ideas". Competition "Best wrapped gift". Refreshments and Raffle.

Tuesday 21st November:

WI Social Evening – An informal themed evening over tea/coffee and biscuits.

Tuesday 12th December:

WI Members Only Christmas Party – Bring and share supper, Santa visiting and entertainment by our own special double act.

If you have been a member of Brigstock WI at any time or know any lady who has, please can you get in touch with Liz Searle (373672) 7 Church Street, Brigstock, as next year is our centenary and we want all past members included

TABLE TOP SALE

WI HALL, PARK WALK, Come and have a cup of tea or coffee with a slice of homemade cake and browse the stalls.

10.00am to 2.30pm, Saturday 28th October

Tables only £5 each—early booking of tables advisable.

Please call (01536) 373672, 370015 or 373987

Dementia Awareness



With Deborah Furniss At WI Hall, Park Walk,

Saturday 7th October 2017 10.30am to 12.30pm

Open to everyone Free Entry

An opportunity to learn how dementia affects the world in which a person with dementia sees or feels about the world that surrounds them.

Understanding the process of dementia.

Simple things that can make a person with dementia feel more comfortable with their surroundings

Help and advice from Deborah

This workshop is run by Brigstock WI for Brigstock and surrounding villagers. To book a place, please call 01536 373987/370015

JOIN THE BRIGSTOCK WI 200 CLUB

MONTHLY PRIZES AND PROFIT TO MAINTAIN THE WI HALL SHARES COST £12 EACH FOR THE YEAR

CASH OR CHEQUE (BRIGSTOCK WI) TO JAN JERWOOD
25 MAUNTLEY AVENUE BRIGSTOCK NN14 3HF

THE FIRST DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SEPTEMBER WI MEETING
NAME
ADDRESS
TEL
/For a full convert the rules inlease contact Pringtock W.L.\



Brigstock Film Night 2017/18 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 an easy and sociable night, with drinks and refreshments available before the film and during a short interval.

Friday 20 October 2017 – Hidden Figures (cert PG) (runtime: 127 minutes)

Salutes the trailblazing achievements of three African-American women who worked behind the scenes at NASA as 'human computers', doing the hard sums before electronic machines were up to the task. The trio had key roles to play in getting US cosmonaut John Glenn into orbit and safely back again in the early 1960s when racial segregation was still rife.

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.

Future Films:

Friday 17th November 2017 – "Florence Foster Jenkins"

Friday 19th January 2018 – "Whisky Galore"

Friday 16th February 2018 - "Jackie"

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.

BRIGSTOCK CRICKET CLUB 2017

Summer Days at the Meadow

Hard to believe that Autumn has arrived though at the time of writing (mid August) it does already feel a bit 'autumnly'.

Another good season for our village club - all four youth age group teams played enthusiastically and sportingly with the Under 11 team reaching the semi final of the District Club. Well done youngsters and many thanks to the Coaches who give so much in time and commitment to coach and manage the teams. Almost 70 youngsters attending youth coaching on Friday evenings shows the value and importance of our village club to the local community.

The all-age teams have included youngsters who have made significant contributions. At the present time both 1st and 2nd Saturday teams are near the top of their divisions, and the Wednesday 'big-bash' team finished top of the local league for the second year.

We've got Youth Presentation evening on Friday 8th September when we'll recognise the efforts and enthusiasm of all the youngsters, and the "adult" Presentation Evening is 23rd September. With these and our annual President's Day Match and Celebration (Sunday 11th September) there is still lots of reason to keep summer going that little bit longer at the Meadow.

Pete Burdett for Brigstock CC

BRIGSTOCK MEN'S CLUB

The above continues to progress well and meets on Mondays every two weeks at 10-30am in the restaurant at the Olde Three Cocks Public House where members are well received by hosts Paul and Margarita. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served and new members are made most welcome.

The next meetings will be on 4th September and then every two weeks from then, at the 3 Cocks PH. New men are welcome to come along to any of the meetings

Des Robinson 01536 373090

Ladies Leisure Group

Ladies, if you have an hour or two to spare once a month, why not come and join us at Ladies Leisure Group? At the moment about 20-25 of us meet in the June Small room on the third Monday in the month at 1.30pm, but we also go out to local places of interest or to have a light lunch or tea. We have no committee and organise our programme between us, so you won't be asked to take on any responsibilities! In July we enjoyed a bring-and-share lunch and a light-hearted quiz and our August meeting was a trip to Boughton House for our own guided tour and refreshments. Our programme up to Christmas is below; do have a look at it and come for a change of scenery, a good chat, meet new people and plenty of tea and cake!

Sepetember 18th- Women through the War- Mr. Tom Wilkinson

October 16th- Spider Drive

November 20th-visit to Lyveden New Bield, details later

December 18th- Christmas Lunch 12.30

More details from Sharon on 373832 or Sheila on 373225

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Thank you to all those people who deliver this newsletter. We do try and get it to everybody, but spare copies are in the Genevieve's Tea Shop.

If you know of anyone in the village that does not get a copy, please let us know

DEFIBRILLATOR

Co-op stores throughout the country are being fitted with defibrillators. An email from their headquarters informed us that Brigstock was on the list for the May/June allocation. Every time I enquire I am told it will be happening soon! Steph Beckett

BRIGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL			
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Ms Julie Lemmy	Councillor		

Please continue to be vigilant regarding suspicious activity and antisocial behaviour. Report anything you are worried about by alerting your Neighbourhood Watch coordinator or phoning 101.

We attended the awards evening in July for the Northamptonshire Village of the Year competition. Unfortunately we didn't get a mention this year but the results were very close and have spurred us on to bigger and better efforts next year. We know what a brilliant village this is!

For Sale - Parish Council Mower

Rover Challenger / Briggs Stratton selfpropelled mower. Purchased from Woodlands and regularly serviced. The parish council invites sensible offers.

To view, please contact Nigel Searle 01536 373672



Brigstock Neighbourhood Plan

Our neighbourhood Plan has taken a big step forward with the Draft Plan being completed and approved by the Parish Council. The Draft is now out for 6 weeks formal consultation. This means that it has been sent out to all the neighbouring councils, Utilities and Statutory Bodies. Any comments that they have to make will be considered and amendments made to the plan if felt appropriate.

It is also a chance for all residents of Brigstock to have the say on the Draft Plan. You can access the Plan from the Parish Council website or see a paper copy at the Newsagents (Genevieve's), Doctors Surgery or from the Parish Council Clerk (7 Church St). Any comments must be submitted to the Clerk by sending your comments to brigstockcouncil.plan@aol.com or to the Parish Clerk.

Once the comments are received, a revised Plan will be re-submitted to the Parish Council for approval and then submitted to East Northants Planning for their approval. It then has to be reviewed by an Independent Planning Inspector before the village has its final say on it with a Parish Referendum. If the referendum gets a majority, the planning document becomes a formal planning document to see us forward for the next 15 years.

On 5th September between 7 and 8-30pm, we are having a drop-in session at the Village Hall for you to discuss any points with the Committee before you make any comments.

If you are happy with the Draft Plan, you do not need to respond—only submit comments if you think we have something wrong.

We have taken over 2 years to get to this stage and we have hopefully produced a Plan that satisfies local needs and will take forward for the next 15 years.

Do read the Draft and comment if you feel the need.

Then wait for the final referendum and do vote for this when the time comes.

Thanks for all your support
Chris Allen,

Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee



Come and enjoy yourself at a

Barn Dance

To the music of Culpepper's Catch

Saturday 30th September

From 7.30 to 11.00

Admission £6 Bar Open Raffle

Tickets from:

Len Farrow 01536 649613

Joyce Withpetersen 01536 201221

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SUNNYSIDERS CLUB

We continue to meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons in Harpers Court Lounge from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. when some form of entertainment is pre-arranged. We always welcome new members so do come along and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat. We do occasionally enjoy going out for a meal or bus trip especially during the Summer months.

LUNCH CLUB

A Senior citizens lunch club meet every Thursday at The Olde Three Cocks at 12.30. There is a choice of a 2 course menu for £6.95.

There is a raffle held on the 1st Thursday of each month and you are requested to bring an item to the value of £1. On the other weeks there are activities such as quizzes. Please contact Jim on 373717 for further details. Do come along and meet this friendly group.

BINGO

Bingo sessions will be held once a month on a Thursday on the following dates: Sept 28, Oct 12, Nov 9 and Dec 7



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.

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 updated, 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.

BRIGSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

Brigstock is very lucky to have a great asset in its Village Hall. It is used by many groups already , especially the Playgroup who are in every day. Do check what is available as classes range from ballet, dance to Yoga.

We have been very lucky this summer to get an Awards for All lottery grsnt to replace the heaters in the main hall These were over 20 years old, and these will keep us warm for another 20 hopefully.

If you want to book the hall or either of the two meeting rooms, please contact Rosie Briggs on 01536 373579

EVENING TELEGRAPH

Should you wish to advertise your organisation in the Evening Telegraph newspaper please contact Steph Beckett on 373422 or sbeckett13@yahoo.co.uk

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

DANCES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

BALLROOM, SEQUENCE, LATIN AND JIVE DANCE 8-11pm

All are welcome to an evening of ballroom, sequence and Latin 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 22nd September

Friday 27th October

Friday 24th November

Christmas Party Night Friday 22nd December

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Brigstock Kurling Group

The group will be meeting over the Autumn on the following Wednesday afternoons: 6th and 20th September, 4th and 18th October, 1st and 15th November and 6th December, all from 2-4 p.m. in the Village Hall. No special clothing or equipment is required, but flat shoes are probably best, tea, coffee and biscuits are included, and it will cost you £2.

We could do with a few more players, so if you've never tried the game, why not come along and give it a go. There is also short mat bowling equipment available for use if enough people want to play, but you would need to bring your own bowls. In the next couple of months we will probably be organising another trip to the ice rink at Beckworth's Garden Centre, to try to improve our technique for the 'proper' game.

Please ring Judith Beeby on 373367 for more information, or just turn up at the hall on any of the dates above.

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BRIGSTOCK LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR

The Brigstock Living Advent Calendar will be repeated again this year. Please email or contact me if you would like to be involved. Dates will be allocated to suit but obviously contacting me sooner will mean the most choice for your evening.

Each night through December, we will be unveiling a display at property in the village. The unveils are at 6.45pm and generally involve a tipple of something and some nibbles but it's not obligatory! Most are featured in windows of homes but we are also delighted to welcome outdoor 'installations' in gardens or at other locations in the village. The window displays need to be lit nightly from 6.45pm till 9.30pm as people love to wander round to see them.

Window displays do NOT need to ambitious and we're hoping for more contributions around the entire village this year- please?

This year we are hoping to mix it up a little with some 'door' opening and have a few seasonal treats such as singing and recitals, culinary contributions and even a little 'theatre'. I'm very keen to involve all the village businesses and will be contacting them direct. If you have bright ideas just let me know. The 'performances' will be filmed (probably very badly) and uploaded to the Facebook and Instagram pages.

I can't do this alone - I'm very keen to have some help, so please get in touch if you would like to do some nightly write ups or help with the organisation of the event.

Want to have a look at last year?

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DOCTORS SURGERY

Many people have expressed concern that there is a long wait for GP appointments. Each month the Surgery posts the number of appointments not attended. Do remember to cancel if you do not need your appointment.



Fermyn Woods Country Park

By Ranger, Dan Hurst

It has been a busy summer at Fermyn Woods Country Park. The park has been busy during the school holidays with families coming out for walks, playing in the play areas, in the woods, having picnics or eating at the Skylark Café. The self-led Fermyn Woods Creature trail has been popular and will continue to run until October half term. We have been busy mowing, strimming and keeping the park and toilets clean and tidy. A lot of this we could not do without the help of our brilliant volunteers who come out and help us every week.

There has been an abundance of wildlife in the Park. The Blue Tits in the Café nest box laid ten eggs and hatched, raised and fledged nine which people enjoyed to watch on the TV in the café. The Cuckoo was very vocal in the park and could be heard calling all day. The adults have long gone but the juveniles do not migrate till September time, - one was spotted flying over the plateau in mid-August. Other migrants that have been heard/seen in the park are: Garden Warbler, Willow Warbler, Chiffchaff, Whitethroat and Blackcap Our regular bird of prey, the Red Kite, has been very vocal and seem to have had another successful breeding season. It is very impressive to see their courtship display, - I saw a pair outside the office that had locked talons and were spinning down towards the ground, neither let go till the last minute. At one point I thought they were going to hit the ground. The Purple Emperor was two weeks early this year but was still very popular with people coming from all over the country to see them. Even Countryfile along with John Craven and butterfly expert Matthew Oakes came and featured them very briefly in July. The Black Hairstreak has done very well this year with thirty one counted in Great and Little Thickets by our volunteer. Other butterflies seen in the park have been: Marbled White, Silver Washed Fritillary, Ringlet, Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, Grizzled and Dingy Skipper. There has also been signs of Badger activity around the park along with signs of Fallow Deer passing through at night and even on quite rainy days. Another bird that has had a good breeding season is the Moorhen. We have two pairs in the park one pair on Reedy pond and another on the Fishing pond. The pair on Reedy pond have had two broods this year and still can be seen on the pond whilst the Fishing pond pair have had one brood.

Fermyn Woods Country Park—Cont'd

Birds nest in many weird and wonderful locations. We had a Pied Wagtail that decided to nest on orange netting that is stored in our woodshed and managed to raise two broods. We also had over thirty Common Spotted Orchids around the park and at least six Bee Orchids.

We are now starting to do the end of season hay/wildflower cut around the park which is on a two year rotation, so some sections will get cut this year and the other sections cut the following year so there is always something left for the wildlife. Then the big task of raking off the cuttings and putting into habitat piles begins. This is done so there is not too much nutrient taken back into the soil as a lot of wildflowers prefer nutrient poor soil. The habitat piles made with the grass cuttings is perfect for grass snakes as when it starts to rot the pile warms up and keep the snakes nice and warm.

Do come along and join us at the Country park and see what you can see, or just visit the café for a warming drink and a great snack.

Coming soon to Fermyn Woods Country Park

Forest Tots

A Forest school six week programme for children aged between 2-4 years
Beginning on Monday 11th September 10am – 12pm
£5 per child (adults come free)
Please contact Jo Thompson for more details at
fermyn@firstforwellbeing.co.uk

DUCK RACE

The WI will be holding their Annual Duck Race at the Beer Festival again this year. Tickets £1 each with several cash prizes. Duck tickets usually sell out so get yours early. Various committee members will be selling them in advance of the event as well as at the Beer festival.



OLIVER! In the words of two of the cast members:

"Our experience in 'Oliver!' has been one we will both never forget in our lifetimes. From the first rehearsal to the last bow, it has been a joy and a pleasure to be a part of an extremely talented and amazing team.

When we both got our parts, we could never imagine how much work and effort would be put into this production. Both of us would spend ages just perfecting a scene, that would probably only take around two minutes.

There are five people that really inspired us in 'Oliver!'.

No.1 - Peter Marsden-Findlay. This is the man who would repeat and repeat to you about getting things right - for Emma it was her lines, for Charlotte it was her face expressions. Two weeks before the first show, we still couldn't get them right. After a huge and full-on practice, Peter came up to us and gave us the most longest talk in the universe- it was firm but incredibly fair. From then on we learnt how to do those two things in under two days!

No.2 - Sophie Johnston. This girl is an absolute star, every single person in BTG is in awe of her! Her talent is beyond belief at the age she is. Being the choreographer in any musical is extremely difficult, with all the different moves and dances (it is a nightmare!). But Sophie makes it look so easy! Both of us think she will work in the theatre when she grows up.

No.3 - Cam. Cam got suddenly thrown into the production after our previous pianist, Julia, had to stop being in the musical because of family commitments, so he got the job! Cam wasn't just the musician, he was a great person to be around, always having a laugh and playing around with.

No.4 - Helen Johnston. She was like a mother figure to the group; she kind and gentle, but firm when she needed to be. She was such an amazing actress, full of determination and commitment! She could be on the stage every day.

No.5 - Emma Davies. 'Em' to most people, managed the costumes and props, she helped with the backstage crew, and filled in any empty acting parts! The effort from her was fabulous, no one will ever realise how much time and energy she put in.

But although we have singled out these 5 people, it has to be said that every single person involved in this fantastic production was truly amazing and what was so wonderful to see was how it attracted every different age group, personality and talent - creating a really special village show!

OLIVER! In the words of two of the cast members:

Contd:

A great, big , thank you goes to all the backstage crew, for their incredible help and support throughout the whole time and finally a huge thank you as well to the fantastic audience who made it all so worth it. Thank you to every one in this great, big new family of ours, BTG- the experience was life changing. Being up there on stage, with the lights on, was an absolute dream come true! "

By Charlotte Davies and Emma Simpson (Oliver and the Artful Dodger)

Oliver! Review

Having been in the audience on the Saturday evening, I have to say that the enthusiasm of all the cast came over in the production and made for a wonderful evening. The cast were great, from the youngest to the eldest, and it was wonderful to hear all the songs that we knew from the original stage show or the film.

The two cast members above named 5 people who were important to them. But the rest of the cast should not be forgotten, but are too many to mention. There is some really good hidden talent from the youngest to the oldest. It was remarkable what the village hall can be used for, and how a plain hall could become a full stage with a wide variety of different sets. The lighting and sound by Robert Leacroft added so much to the show, and was very professional.

Emma and Charlotte were so expert at their roles, that it is hard to believe that they had not performed like this before. But all the cast became their characters and Victorian London was recreated here in Brigstock.

It is a shame that more people from the village did not attend as the show was not sold out, and they missed a truly great evening or afternoon.

Let's wait to see what comes next from production team and then make sure that you find the time to attend.

Bow Street Runner at Brigstock (part two)

In the last issue of this Newsletter in an extract from "The Memoirs of a Bow Street Runner" Henry Goddard described how he came to Brigstock in 1837 to investigate a burglary at the home of Mr Height, Bailiff on the estate of the Ladies Fitzpatrick of Fermyn Woods Hall, and the subsequent arrest of the culprits, two brothers, James and Samuel Clair. But while he was in Brigstock Mr Goddard did even more to tackle crime in and around the village as he relates in the following extract from his memoirs:-

"On arriving at the spot (*Brigstock*) I was informed that it was high time something was done, what with poachers, the deer stealers and the sheep stealers, with other robberies in that part of the county which was growing to such an alarming extent that it was not considered safe for people to be travelling about after dark. On hearing so many complaints it took me some time to consider in what form or manner of way I was to shape my course to make a beginning."

"While these exciting inquiries (about the burglary) were going on I received information that if a young man named Richard Knight was taken into custody, certain persons would come forward and prove how he was implicated with a gang of sheep stealers, deer stealers and poachers. So, inquiring into the antecedents of this said Richard Knight, I found that he was of loose habits, doing no manner of work and was seen occasionally by different gamekeepers far and wide from home, prowling about at all hours of the night and in the day frequenting the beer-houses and passing away the time in tossing, playing skittles and drinking beer from morning till night. As there had been a lamb stolen from a neighbouring farmer by the name of Vickers (Viccars), I thought that by apprehending him on suspicion it would not be very injurious to his character. Acting on this impression, I took on myself this responsibility and while conveying him from Brigstock to Mr Hogg, the magistrate in Kettering, he confessed to me the names of the whole gang of sheep and deer stealers and also that I had got the right parties for the job at Farming Woods (meaning the Clairs); but if it was known, he said, that he split on them, they would murder him."

"In consequence of this information I obtained warrants against two brothers by the name of Bird, Brown, Briggs, Jackson and Finedon, all of whom were apprehended, committed for trial and convicted at the October sessions held in Northampton in 1837."

Bow Street Runner at Brigstock (part two) - cont'd

"Now with regard to Richard Knight, it was considered that if he returned to Brigstock his life would be in danger. This was represented to the Ladies Fitzpatrick, who said that if he had no objection and was willing to leave the country and go to America, they would not only pay for his passage but furnish him with liberal means on his arrival there. Knight was delighted and I took him to London and kept him at my house and showed him about London for nearly three weeks, when I obtained for him a comfortable berth on board on of the New York monthly liners. After paying for his passage, including all extras for eating and drinking, I gave him a sovereign to put in his pocket and twenty pounds to the Captain to give him after his arrival in New York."

"About ten weeks afterwards, when the ship returned, I saw the Captain, who gave me a receipt for the twenty pounds from Richard Knight as a warranty that he had paid it over to him according to my instructions. The Captain, in reply to my questions, said that Knight was a well behaved lad throughout the whole passage – that he got acquainted with a passenger who was going to Canada and it was agreed for Knight to go with him, which is now 42 years ago, but how he got on in Canada I am sorry to say I have never heard. "

"One word about the Ladies Fitzpatrick; their charity was unbounded, they were universally respected by the poor — their house was open to all comers - soup was liberally given twice a week according to the number of families who stood in need. They had, when they drove out in their four-wheel pony chaise, a small basket fastened on the side partly filled with silver consisting of coins from sixpences to half crowns ready to give to the needy they might pass in their rural drives. The stable clock was always kept one hour fast."

The trials were reported in the Northamptonshire Mercury on October 21st 1837. Two of the deer stealers Finedon and William Bird did not reach the Quarter Sessions but were committed in July to the House of Correction for four months. Brown and John Bird were convicted of the theft of the lamb from Sarah Viccars and were sentenced to ten years transportation. James Clare was sentenced to fourteen years transportation and Samuel to seven for the burglary, while another brother John was acquitted.

After his exploits in Brigstock Henry Goddard went on to become the Chief Constable of Northamptonshire.

Hair Extensions... Did you know...

By Fae, Managing Director, bondhair.com

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BRIGSTOCK SCHOOL PFA

PFA roundup and peep into the future

Events-wise, we had another superb day for the Village Fete, organised by St Andrews Church and the PFA. It's always a jolly event and was lifted further this year with fab food from the Olde Three Cocks and a swap from parachuting teddies to plummeting eggs - all very entertaining/delicious (delete where applicable).

The plan this year was to replace the rather sorry-looking pirate ship with a more interesting piece of playground furniture. As of writing, a new bouncy floor has been installed, along with a wonderful castle and we're expecting new playground markings any day. This is a huge tribute to the children of the School Council who selected this from a range of options as the investment for the year, the staff who made up the plans and the team at the PFA who raised the significant funds to install such a big project.

Anyone with children at or about to start at the school will have the advantage of this and the other projects the PFA have delivered over the years. A big thanks to all of you reading this who support the events, and here's what we have planned for the coming school year.

We'll be at the Beer Festival helping with feeding the 5000, running the meadow events and putting together an event as part of the Friday evening.

Welcome coffee morning for all new and Key Stage 1 parents is on 5 September.

The AGM will be in October, and any parents, grandparents or friends of the school who want to see how they could get involved or volunteer skills would be most welcome - it's a very fine way to take part in village life.

Later in the term are school events like the Halloween disco, followed by the Curry Night in the Easter Term.

So, plenty going on, with the fundraising plans for this year aiming towards getting iPads to add to the learning and extra-curricular activities. If anyone has a company which would sponsor an iPad - we are a charity so it's tax deductible - get in touch!

Contact Richard Fincher 373353

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Brigstock WI - Recipe Page

These two recipes go hand in hand and are great for winter meals. If made soon, the Blackberry Vodka will be ready for Christmas – but it does mature better if left for longer (that's if you can wait)

Blackberry Vodka

1 bottle vodka (cheapest will do) 1lb blackberries 6oz sugar.



Method:

Put blackberries in preserving jar with a layer the sugar on the top.

Pour over the vodka. Seal jar with lid, put in cool dark place.

Shake jar two or three times a week for a month.

Strain through muslin (keep the boozy blackberries for recipe below) into sterilised bottle(s) and put cork or top on. Store in dark place.

Using the boozy blackberries from above recipe

Apple and Blackberry Crumble

1.5 lb cooking apples and blackberries, 2oz sugar

Method:

Peel, core and slice apples.

Cook apples, sugar and blackberries together until soft.

Put in deep dish

For topping

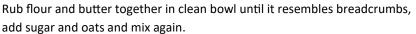
6oz plain flour

3oz butter

2oz demerara sugar

2oz oats

Method:



Spoon over top of fruit mixture.

Place on baking tray

Bake in pre heated oven (200 degrees C/ 400 F / Gas 6) for 45 minutes Serve with cream, ice cream or custard.

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Thanks to Liz Searle for this edition recipe