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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 5 Mens Club Tour of country Park 10-30am
- 6 Sunnysiders Trip, Edwardian River Cruise
- 7 Kurling Village Hall 2pm
- 8 Nature Tots, Country Park, 10am
- 10 Mobile Library, Barnards Way 2pm
- 11 Cricket Club, Youth and Village Fun Day
- 12 Ladies Leisure Group— Lunch at the Country Park 12 noon
- 13 WI "Songs from the Musicals" 7-30pm WI Hall
- 15 BINGO Harpers Crt, 7-30pm
- 17 WI Gt Brigstock Get Together and Bake Off. WI Hall 2—5pm
- 19 Mens Club 3 Cocks PH. 10-30am
- 21 Kurling Village Hall 2pm
- 24 Cricket Club Midsummer Madness Party
- 25 Cricket Club Calnan Club Match
- 27 WI Members and partners BBQ, WI Hall 6pm

JULY

- 1-2 URC Flower Festival
- 3 Mens Club 3 Cocks PH. 10-30am
- 4 WI Trip to Romany Museum
- 5 Kurling Village Hall 2pm
- 7-8 OLIVER! Village Hall, 7pm, 2pm and 7pm
- 8 Mobile Library, Barnards Way 2pm
- 11 WI "Gardens of the National Trust" WI Hall 7-30pm
- 15 PFA and St Andrews Fete Church Paddock 2-5pm
- 17 Mens Club 3 Cocks PH. 10-30am
- 17 Ladies leisure Bring ands share lunch, June Small room URC
- 19 Kurling Village Hall 2pm
- 31 Mens Club 3 Cocks PH. 10-30am

AUGUST

- 2 Kurling Village Hall 2pm
- 14 Mens Club 3 Cocks PH. 10-30am
- 16 Kurling Village Hall 2pm
- 21 Ladies Leisure Group Trip to Boughton House
- 28 Mens Club 3 Cocks PH. 10-30am

SEPTEMBER

- 10 St Andrews Church—Induction of new Rector
- 15 Brigstock Beer Festival Comedy Night, Village Hall 7pm
- 16 Brigstock Beer Festival Fun Day Village Hall 1pm to 11pm
- 18 Ladies Leisure Group— Trip to Lyveden New Bield

Brigstock Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to all those who submitted the latest questionnaire. We had 284 responses which is a good number. We are presently assessing the results.

The next stage is to complete the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and start the 6 week formal consultation on the document. This 6 week period gives you and all the formal statutory consultees the last chance to comment on the proposals and the Policies that are included in it.

The Draft should be available from late June, and the consultation will close after 6 weeks around mid-August. However the document and final dates will be shown on the Parish Council website and you will get a separate notification about this.

Any comments that you wish to make cannot be anonymous, and must be delivered to the Parish Clerk at 7 Church St, Brigstock.

All comments will be considered and amendments made to the Plan as necessary. The final version will then prepared and submitted to East Northants Council, then to the Planning Inspector with a final village referendum for all residents to sign of the final version. This is expected to be in February 2018. If the referendum shows a clear majority, the Brigstock Neighbourhood Plan will be live.

This will be the end of the 3 year process until it needs reviewing at a future date.

Thanks for all your support

Chris Allen, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee

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.

GENEVIEVE TEA SHOP

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

They still supply a growing range of Grasmere Products, free range eggs, fresh bread and have recently introduced Mrs Darlington Jams, Lemon Curd, Marmalade and Chutneys. These can be purchased individually or gift packed. Magazines and newspapers still available.

The kitchen has been refurbished and on certain days are offering light lunches, snacks, jacket potatoes etc. and expanding their take away menu.

Check out the **FRIDAY SPECIAL OPENING FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN TILL 4PM** - named **MILK SHAKE FRIDAY.** Give your little angels a treat for Friday.

The back room is now fully refurbished and is available for private gatherings., with various groups already using it.

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.

War Memorial Tidy Rota.

Again many thanks to the groups who have completed their month.

Here are the next few month's groups.

| June | St Andrew Church | Linda Ellison |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| July | Village Hall | Steph Beckett |
| August | Parish Council | Sally Wilks |
| September | Cricket Club | Pete Burdett |

If anyone else would like to help with this task, please contact Liz Searle

BRIGSTOCK BEER FESTIVAL



15th and 16th September 2017

Following the success of our 12th annual Beer Festival in Sept '16, plans are well underway for number 13.

Friday Night is Comedy Night!! The comedians are already booked and details are available on the website. Tickets will be on sale in July from Committee members or Genevieve's Tea Shop. Get your tickets as soon as possible as they will sell out very quickly and we have a limited capacity.

SATURDAY FUN DAY

Saturday will have a German theme, BBF does Oktober Fest! Starting at 1pm , we will run straight through to the end off the evening, or when the beer sells out! We will be asking all the village groups, who usually contribute, to join us in making the theme work. We plan to hold meetings with these organisations over the next few months. There will be German beer plus UK beers, German food and snacks and of course an Oompah band to keep us swinging into the evening. Unlike other years we will not be holding a separate Saturday evening event but will keep the bar and music flowing as long as you want to stay.

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

Rob Leaning BBF Chair

St Andrews Church

It has been a busy and eventful few months for the church, especially over the Easter period. We are delighted to announce the Reverend Heather Lowe has been appointed as the new Rector of Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough.

Heather is currently an Ordained Pioneer Curate in the Parishes of Harrington and Distington in the Diocese of Carlisle. Her husband, Alan, is a Church Army Captain (a licensed evangelist in the Church of England) who has worked in a number of dioceses over the past twenty years and who is offering to serve the benefice and share Heather's ministry in a self supporting capacity. Heather 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. Needless to say we are delighted.

The old rectory has been sold, subject to contract, and will hopefully provide a wonderful home to the purchasers. Whilst this is good news the down side will be the loss of the rectory room to the church meaning that we urgently need to have new facilities installed. Fund raising has been going at break neck speed over the last few months with the pudding club, race night, Mary Laing's talk, Corby Male Voice Choir and the Spring Fair. However it has been bitter sweet, just as we were increasing our funds the heating boiler decided to give up leaving us with a large bill to settle.

Keeping our church open is a very difficult task and no matter how we try the income just does not cover the expenditure. You may have recently heard on the local news that the Peterborough Diocese is facing financial difficulty and challenge. There has been a shortfall of £700,000 in Parish Share received by the Diocese for the last financial year (The 'Parish Share' is paid each year by parishes to the diocese and contributes to the costs of clergy.) This has led to the immediate freezing of clergy pay, an immediate reduction in all diocesan budgets of 25%, and no new posts are to be created. Spending on repairs and improvements to rectories is being reduced. The implications are serious. Each full time paid priest costs £67,000, which includes, housing, pensions and training costs of future clergy.

St Andrews Church—contd

This year the four churches of our benefice are hoping to send at least £30,000 in Parish Share to the Diocese but we have to raise this money, in addition to what we need for day to day running costs. There's a challenge here and we need as much help as possible to secure our church for the future. Over the coming months we will be working hard to engage with the community to help us meet this mammoth challenge so please give some thought to how you may be able to help keep St Andrews Church the heart of our village.

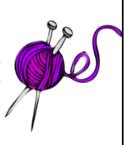
Do come along to our regular services on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 9.30 a.m. or our All Age Worship on every second Sunday at 11.00 a.m. We also have a Holy Communion service on a Thursday morning at 10.00 a.m. Our doors are always open whether you be a seasoned worshipper or a toe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

SUMMMER FETE— SATURDAY 15 JULY

Come along and join the fun for our yearly summer fete on the paddock at 2 p.m . This is a joint event with the PFA—see their article in this newsletter for more details.

Knit and Natter

We meet in the Three Cocks from 10am until 12 noon on a Wednesday. We have been pleased to welcome new members this year. As well as our own projects we undertake charity knitting projects. If you wish to join us, just come along during one of the meetings.



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.

BRIGSTOCK SCHOOL PFA

The PFA is busy raising funds for the school especially to replace the old play structure in the playground. This has seen better days and we hope to install a new structure this summer, but still need to raise a couple of thousand pounds to meet our target. To this end, we are holding a:

The Church and School Fete 15 July, 2-5pm, Church Paddock

As always, the fete will be opened by the May Queen, who this year is Rebecca Addison-Petit. Any attendants and indeed anyone who fancies wearing a nice summery outfit is welcome to process down from the village centre at 2 o'clock, negotiate the fire engine and then come into the Church paddock. Did we say 'fire engine'? Yes we did - accidents and emergencies permitting, there will be the opportunity to try on a hat, look at the astonishing amount of stuff they carry and generally explore a bright red truck which is normally seen rushing past.

Events will include pet shows - so please bring your dogs, cats, tarantulas etc down for the various competitions which will include an agility trial. We are expecting the spiders to do less well in jumping but probably to clean up in the 'walking on the ceiling' class.

Other events to bring things to include the Slow Bicycle Race - last year's event has only just finished - and a change to the usual teddy parachuting. This year we will be challenging all comers to design an eggsellent outfit to protect a fresh egg when dropped off the church tower. It shall be known as the Brigstock Egg Drop, and the winner will be the fastest egg down the tower to survive! The prize is a delicious omelette made from the losers. More details will be announced school before the day.

The Silver Band will be playing al afternoon, so bring your bike, your pet, your egg's outfit and enjoy cakes, tea, Pimms, beer, ice cream, lots of funny, challenging and silly games and finish it all off with the Duck Race!

Remember to look out for other events will will be organising over the summer and come and join us any Friday evening at the Cricket Club for a BBQ and a beer. Thanks. Richard Fincher



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Pre-school Playgroup

We are really looking forward to the Summer term. We have lots of fundraising we would love you to support us on. Including the Church Fete and the WI Get Together afternoon on June 17th.

Playgroup is currently open Monday 8:45-2:45 Tuesday 8:45-11:45 Wednesday 8:45-11:45, Thursday 8:45-2:45 and Friday 8:45-11:35. We have some space available for 2-5 year old.

Please contact Sarah on 01536 373197 or 07708 977714 during these hours to discus your requirements.

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| 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 |

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Superfast broadband speeds for Brigstock!!

Fibre broadband is now available to some in Brigstock.

Quote from the BT contact: "For your information, the majority of premises in the village are now able to benefit from fibre broadband. Openreach are due to complete the rollout of fibre broadband in the village between June and August where remaining premises served by Brigstock Cabinet 3, will be able to benefit from faster broadband speeds.

Households/businesses will be able to verify which fibre cabinet their property is served by and status via the Openreach website:

https://www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk/when-can-i-get-fibre.aspx

Over 150 service providers (Sky, Talk Talk, BT Infinity and Plusnet) are now using the Openreach fibre broadband infrastructure to serve their customers with superfast broadband speeds.

Brigstock United Reformed Church

We have had several fund raising events since the last newsletter was published, one for charity and two for our church. First we had a Beetle Drive in March which was very enjoyable and got quite noisy. It proved to be very popular and we had a lot of requests for another one, so, if you are keen "Beetlers" book the date now-November 3rd! The evening raised £200 for our funds. Then we had our annual Easter coffee morning which again proved to be very popular and we were very busy serving hot cross buns and coffee. The whole morning made £504 for the church.

You may wonder why we need to keep fundraising; well, church buildings are expensive to maintain and our lovely chapel needs more than a little TLC-repointing to help eradicate dampness in the walls is our main priority at the moment, so we are working as hard as we can to raise the money to do it.

However, we have not forgotten people less fortunate than ourselves, and at Lent we aimed to support a charity — "Walk in her Shoes" organised by CARE International. This charity helps provide clean water in remote African villages so that children, usually girls, don't have to miss out on their chance of an education by walking miles each day to get water for their families. Our Lent Lunch and a sale of goods we were given enabled us to send £145 for this cause.

This summer we are planning something over a whole weekend-July 1st and 2nd. This will be a Flower Festival on the theme of "Celebrations", and we shall be serving light lunches as well as teas on the Saturday. During the afternoon we will be entertained by Ringstead Ukulele Band and there will be various stalls and competitions. On the Sunday the church will be open from 2-5pm and we shall be serving cream teas. We hope to see you there!

WOODLAND SCENES

Summer has arrived. I have heard and seen a Cuckoo, seen the Swifts circling over Brigstock getting ready to nest in the old roofs of the houses, and watched a mother Fallow Deer with her new Fawn feeding in a field. Early Purple Orchids have already flowered and I have even seen some white versions of it. The Kite nest I have been watching has one chick in it. The egg was laid at the beginning of March, hatched early April, but wont leave the nest until June when it is fully fledged.

They say "Oak before Ash, in for a splash" was true this year. The oak was well into leave before the Ash even started, and we have had very little rain for the last 2 months. I must watch next year to se if the Ash ever comes out first.

The first 2 weeks of July are the time to go up to Fermyn Woods to see the Purple Emperor Butterfly as well as the White Admiral. People travel miles to see these rare insects, available for all to see locally.

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Brigstock Latham's Church of England Primary School

Summer Term News

It has been a busy few months in school and the children continue to work hard and make us all proud. We have a lot planned for the summer term and look forward to updating you in our next newsletter.

SIAMS INSPECTION - Outstanding Judgement

The school recently had a SIAMS Church Inspection and was judged to be Outstanding. The principal objective of SIAMS inspection is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a church school, and how well the distinctive Christian character and ethos of the school ensure the development and achievement of the whole child or young person. We are extremely pleased with this judgement and it reflects the hard work that the children, staff, governors and parents put in to make our school so special. The full inspection report can be found on The Church of England website.

Day 10 Curriculum

As many of you are aware, we pride ourselves on having a creative and inspiring curriculum. Our new Day 10 project for the summer term is called 'Brigstock Village- the school and our community'. We are looking forward to finding out lots about our school and village in many creative ways. We will be exploring our village with a quiz, and we will be learning about the history of our village through the eyes of some of its older residents- we want to thank them in advance for giving up their time. There will be opportunities to start work on the Berol Simon project, too- a wonderful songwriting challenge that we think will appeal to all of us. We are also looking forward to creating some 'wow' artwork for the school.

Joint Headship

In September we are to have joint Head Teachers in school. Mrs Sandy Ettridge and Mrs Victoria Bull will take over the reins from Mr Jones who has supported the school as Executive Head Teacher for the past academic year. This is an exciting new chapter for our school and we know that Mrs Ettridge and Mrs Bull will continue to move our school forward. Mr Jones and Stanion CEVA Primary will continue to work closely with us in the future.



WI Hall and adjoining paddock

Saturday 17th June 2017

From 2pm to 5pm Free entry



Bake-off Competition (50p per entry): Bring your entry to WI Hall, Park walk from 10am to

10.30am where they will be judged and winner announced at 2pm. Entry closing date 10th June.

1. Primary school age: 4 x cheese scones 2. Up to 18 year olds: 4 x Identically decorated cup

- 3. Adults (1): A decorated cake
- Fintry forms from Brigstock Village Tea Rooms 4. Adults (2): A loaf of bread





Events:

- 2pm Bake off winners announced
- ❖ WI serving cream tea from 2pm
- Stalls run by other organisations in the village to raise funds for their own group.

More Information call Liz on 01536 373672 or Glenda on 01536 373987

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Brigstock Neighbourhood Watch is well set up now all thanks to the Co-ordinations who have volunteered to represent their street and in some cases more than one street. The coordinators role is to forward crime notifications received from the police about crimes, scams etc in our area to the members in their street.

It is important that we should all keep a beady eye out for anything, or anyone acting suspiciously. To report something suspicious, call 101. If you witness a crime taking place call 999. Then contact your coordinator who will inform other coordinators, who can then let their street members know - a relay of getting the message about (remember not everyone is on Facebook Village Info page.

We are getting a significant number of alerts either direct from the Oundle Police, or from Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch. These do have important information in them, so do read and act as necessary.

If readers are not a member of their street scheme and would like to do so, please phone me and I will be happy to put you in touch with your coordinator.

Glenda 373987

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.



Visitors to Members Meetings - Come along and meet other WI members. Visitors can come for 3 months to see if they like it before becoming a member.

Visitors to Social Meetings: Brigstock WI also meet once a month socially. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and you don't have to be a member to join in.

Saturday 17th June 2017: Great Brigstock Get-together and Bake Off competition at WI Hall and adjoining paddock. Open from 2pm to 5pm (free entrance).

<u>Bake-off Competition</u> is 50p per entry. Entry forms available from Brigstock Tea Rooms. Bring your entry to WI Hall, Park Walk from 10am to 10.30am where they will be judged and winner announced at 2pm. Entry closing date 10th June.

<u>Categories:</u> Primary school age, 11 to 18 year olds and 2 adult categories.

As well as the Bake-off there will be lots of stalls run by other organisations to raise funds for their own group and Cream Tea run by WI members. (see separate poster).

Tuesday 4th July: Romany Museum & Springfield Shopping Trip at £17.50 per person, which includes Romany Museum entrance fee, refreshments on arrival and coach hire. After the museum, we will be taken to Springfields Shopping where you will discover 50 discounted outlets, including "Cotton Traders, The Craft Outlet, M&S, Craghoppers, Next, Skechers, Clarks etc" (see separate poster).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Thursday 8th June:

Visit to Kwik-Fit. 6.30 to 8.30pm. Learn "how your car ticks". Kwik-fit will provide overalls and refreshments. Spaces available £2.50 per person, which will be donated to WI Denman appeal.

Tuesday 13th June:

WI Meeting. Speaker is Rosemary Leonard presenting "Songs from The Musicals" Competition: An old sheet music or programme/souvenir from a show.

Saturday 17th June:

Brigstock Great Get-together and Bake-off Competition.

Tuesday 20th June:

Brigstock WI members and partners annual BBQ. 6pm at WI Hall and adjoining paddock. £5 per person.

Tuesday 4th July:

Romany Museum and Springfield shopping trip

Tuesday 11th July:

WI Meeting. Speaker is Margaret Hawkins presenting "Gardens of The National Trust" Competition is a small garden on a tray.

August:

There is no meeting in August, however WI members traditionally enjoy a village walk and quiz, followed by supper. Venue is a well kept secret by our two organisers, Judy and Steph until nearer the time.

Interested in joining or any of the events, please call Liz on 373672 or Glenda on 373987



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STREET LIGHTING

Our new LED lighting is in the process of being installed. This will greatly reduce our energy bills and maintenance costs. You may notice that the lights are programmed to dim after midnight thus making even more savings.

VILLAGE LITTER PICK

We had another successful litterpick in April advertised with some colourful posters designed by children from the school. We also planted some wildflowers at the Sudborough Road entrance to the village. We don't have a huge problem with litter in Brigstock and this is due in great part to the efforts of some of our residents who regularly pick up litter in various parts of the village. Thank you.

GRASS CUTTING

We hope you have noticed that the grass is being cut more often this year. Thanks to those of you who trim the areas of grass outside your homes. It really makes a difference. As the County Council no longer treats the weeds effectively many of you do try to keep them under control outside your properties and along the pavements. This too helps keeps the village looking tidy.

PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Over 100 of you came along to the Neighbourhood Plan afternoon where you had the opportunity to meet developers and see their proposed schemes for Brigstock. Thank you to the WI for providing their usual delectable refreshments and to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee for giving up their time to bringing together the plan.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND INCIDENTS

There have been a few incidents of burglary and unsocial behaviour in the village recently, but thanks to our improved Neighbourhood Watch scheme we have been alerted to these very quickly and suspicious activity reported. Please continue to be vigilant and report anything you are worried about by alerting your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator or phoning 101.

PARISH SUGGESTION BOX

Annette has kindly agreed to have a Parish Council suggestion box in Genevieve's. If you don't have time to come along to parish council meetings please feel free to let us know if there is anything that concerns you. Make sure that you include your name and contact details so that we can get in touch.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

We have just been judged for this year's Northamptonshire Village of the Year competition. Four of us accompanied the three judges around the village showing them the best of Brigstock. Results will be out in July but, whatever happens, it was a welcome opportunity to take an audit of Brigstock and realise what a vibrant village we live in. Thank you to all of you who get involved and help make this such a caring community.

BRIGSTOCK CRICKET CLUB 2017

Despite the early season - less than cricket weather — our youth and adult teams have been shining. Come and watch the present and future stars of our Club, and enjoy reading Alan Bamford's article on one of past village sportsmen in this edition.

Fun Day (Sunday June 11),

Summer Social (Sat June 24)

The Calnan Cup Match (Sun June 25)

plus our cricket means we are at the centre of our Village's social and sporting life.

Come on down.

Pete Burdett, Chairman, Brigstock Cricket Club

Village of The Year 2017

By the time this is published the village will have been judged in the Village of the Year competition . Last year we were highly commended and we were determined to go one better this year. One of the initiatives has been to produce a welcome pack for new villagers, so if somebody moves in near to you please contact the Parish council so they can receive a pack.

Thanks to Steph Beckett, Glenda Stephen and Sally Wilks who have helped me to write the entry and talk to the judges for a morning. Results will be announced in July.

Liz Searle

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BRIGSTOCK CRICKET CLUB 2017

Reminiscences within the cricket club have led me to jot down some memories. This may be part of an occasional series if there is interest.

The club was restarted in 1979 by a group of players in their late 30s/early 40s led by Trev' Shiells.

A number younger players started adult cricket for the first time, the oldest of the bunch was me at 21 but there was one (experienced) player who was the missing link to the older ones and that was Andrew ('Coggy') Keyworth who was about 4 years older than me.

He'd been playing at Weekley with Trev' Shiells and they both proved very handy bowlers for Brigstock on their return to the club. Trev was bowling off spin which turned a mile and Coggy right arm quickish out swing; quite hard to do as we only had a new ball every 5 games or so.

Coggy batted left handed and at least a yard outside his crease. His trademark shot was back over the bowlers head, a long way; he just seemed to swing hard (with a heavy bat) through the line of the ball.

I'd first seen this big hitting in 1968 when Coggy wandered down from Lyveden road to join our game of cricket on the grass in Sandlands Close. After the first (only!) tennis ball disappeared over the houses we invented a new rule '12 and out'.

In our first league season 1982 we needed to win at Geddington 2nds (their old ground) in the last match to win the league. There's a picture of the team that day in the pavilion. Batting second Coggy joined Nigel Shiells at the crease and they were seeing us home, but Coggy had another target in mind as well, he knew exactly how many runs 'not out' he needed to beat Nidge in the batting averages and his big score-in the 70s or 80s not out secured both prizes.

Coggy was also an uncompromising full back with a kick like a mule and a tackle which preferred to take both the man and the ball, well the man really but the ball was needed to avoid the free kick in those days.

Sadly missed, Andy enjoyed his sport immensely.

Alan Bamford

SUNNYSIDERS CLUB

We have a bus trip on Tuesday June 6th to Boundary Mill Stores who are offering a free cup of tea or coffee on arrival plus a voucher for 20% off lunch in the B.B. Coffee Shop or upstairs restaurant.

Following lunch there is a boat trip aboard the Edwardian River Cruiser "M.V.Sonning" to observe the beauties that the river and banks behold. Boat facilities include heating, bar, refreshments and toilets. Wheelchair access to main upper deck area only. Bus leaves Brigstock at 10.30 am, returning after river cruise at 4.30 pm.

Cost:- Bus fare and river cruise £22.00. Money and names to Maureen Druce phone 373383 or Lyn Hector 373410.

Our weekly meeting every Tuesday in the Lounge at Harpers Court is from 2.00 pm until 4.00pm. when some form of entertainment is pre-arranged. Outings are arranged during the Summer months and occasional meals out. New members and visitors are very welcome. Come along and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat. If anyone locally would be able to offer transport occasionally it would be greatly appreciated.

BINGO

Thursday June 15th is the next Bingo session before we break from the summer. 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 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 several available now - start now, and have wonderful fresh vegetables this summer and through the winter.

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.

If you would like to help in any way from doing small repairs to the building or fancy being on the committee, please contact the Secretary, Chris Allen on 01536 373059.

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



News from your local police Safer Community Team

Vehicle and Home Security

40% of crime reports received relate to insecurities of vehicles and buildings. To reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime, please follow the advice below:

Lock doors and close windows when left unattended, even if you are in the property or in the garden – you would be surprised how many insecure vehicles and properties we come across on patrol!

Do not leave items on display at home or in your vehicle – cash, tools, sat navs, cash, and valuables such as handbags are all at risk.

Don't leave any keys on view or easily accessible

Ensure that alarms and lights are in working order, and that batteries are replaced regularly

How to contact your local team

To contact us please call 101
In an emergency always call 999
You can also access information
and report a crime on line at
www.northants.police.uk

Rogue Traders

We have had reports in recent weeks of rogue traders offering driveway / household maintenance door knockers operating in villages across our area . Please do not be tempted to purchase anything from door to door sellers, as they may not be legitimate and may also be in the area looking out for vulnerable and insecure properties. Please report any incidents of this nature to police on 101.







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DANCES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

All are welcome to an evening of ballroom, sequence and Latin dancing.

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 23rd June 8-11pm

Friday 28th July 8-11pm

Friday 25th August 8-11pm

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Sunday Sunday 18th Jun 2-4.30pm

Sunday 16th July 2-4.30pm

Sunday 20th August 2-4.30pm

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Ladies Leisure Group

We have continued to enjoy a varied programme this year, with about 20 ladies meeting each month, and we have been pleased to welcome some new faces too.

In March, Val Stout kept us all busy making simple but effective Easter decorations, and in April we enjoyed lunch and an afternoon of skittles at the Three Cocks. Our May meeting was a talk about Reiki and what is involved in Reiki therapy. While we all enjoyed tea and cake, Joan Mayers was the lucky recipient of a Reiki taster session which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Our programme for the next three months is below. All ladies are welcome to join us. Our meetings are in the June Small room at Brigstock URC, Mill Lane at 1.30pm on the third Monday in each month, but we do go out quite regularly and occasionally meet at a different time, so please check before you come.

June 12th— Lunch at the Country Park fun and games 12 noon
July 17th—Bring and Share lunch in the June Small room at 12.30pm
August 21st—a visit to Boughton House. More details at the July meeting

September 18th—Lyveden New Bield visit. Details to be announced.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Co-op stores throughout the country are being fitted with defibrillators. A recent email from their headquarters informed us that Brigstock is on the list for the May/June allocation. This is welcome news as we are one of the few villages in the area that do not have a defibrillator





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BRIGSTOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have enjoyed an entertaining and varied programme of talks this year and thanks to Bill Simon for finding our speakers.

OUR SUMMER OUTING THIS YEAR WILL BE A TOUR OF BOUGHTON HOUSE - Date and time to be decided shortly.

Our new programme will start on **Wednesday evening 27**th **September** and this year we aim to deliver the programme to all our members prior to the meeting. If you are not a member and would like to join please get in touch. Don't forget we now have a village archive at the village hall, so if you have any old photos or other documents to do with Brigstock that you would like to donate please let us know. If you don't want to give us the originals we can always make copies. Contact Sally Wilks , 373428

We also have a library of history books, , which people can borrow.

The photograph on the front cover is of the Manor House in the thirties when Mr and Mrs F.E. Cox lived there. The beautiful gardens surrounding the Manor were laid out by them and were their pride and joy. Mr W. Bond, Mr R. Buckerfield and Mr A. Richardson were gardeners there.

Mr and Mrs Cox were staunch worshippers at the Parish Church and were responsible for a number of gifts that have beautified the church, including the choir vestry with its oak screen and rich drapes, also the stone High altar and Reredos that Mrs Cox had erected in memory of her husband after his death. Later Mrs Cox became a convert to the Roman Catholic faith. At that time the Brigstock Camp was used as a Government Training Centre for unemployed men and some of them were Catholics. In 1934 Mrs Cox lent a stone-built barn situated within the Manor House grounds for use as a Catholic Church, the first there since the Reformation.

With the help of the very few resident Catholics and the men from the training camp, the barn was transformed into a simple and beautiful church which served as a Mass centre for the Brigstock community and the surrounding villages including Corby. The Rev. R.E. Underwood, former vicar of Brigstock, came there as a newly ordained Catholic priest and served the community until Mrs Cox's death when he moved to Corby and built the Church of Our Lady of Walsingham in Occupation Road.

Mr and Mrs Cox were buried in the Manor House grounds and later their graves were enclosed in a corner of the churchyard (known as Cox's Corner). Based on an article by K.M. Clayton, Bygone Brigstock Issue 3 1981

The Olde Three Cocks PH

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Brigstock Film Night 2017/18 Season

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

Here are the dates for your diaries -

Friday 20th October 2017

Friday 17th November 2017

Friday 19th January 2018

Friday 16th February 2018

March 2018 - to be confirmed

Look out for film details in future editions of the Newsletter, on the usual lamp-posts, the Village Hall notice-boards, and the Brigstock Village Information and Events Facebook pages. We have a long list of ideas to choose from, including period dramas, comedies, Academy award winners, and maybe even something old school from the archives.

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

As a reminder, doors open at 7:15pm and films start at 7:45pm, finishing by around 9:30pm.

Call for Volunteers: the small crew that organise these events is always 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.

Fermyn Woods Country Park

The Park is looking stunning with the flowers coming into bloom, the ponds alive with tadpoles, Frogs, Toads and insects. Come along and enjoy the countryside or give the kids a chance to explore and use the range of play equipment.

Nature Tots.

Join a Parent and Toddler group with a difference! Come exploring with us on a nature walk and get creative! Suitable for children from 18 months up to school age. Pre-booking is required for all sessions. £3.50 per child which includes all activities and refreshments. Please phone Ranger Jo on 07703 160878, for more details

Butterfly Notice Boards

The local butterfly group have provided some new Butterfly Information boards which are now erected in the park. Do explore and find these - they will tell you what butterflies you expect to see and when. A big thanks to that group for these and the work they have done throughout the year to improve the habitat.

Summer Holiday Events

We will be running various events over the summer and details will be out shortly. Do call in to the Café to see the latest information.

Friends of the Country Park

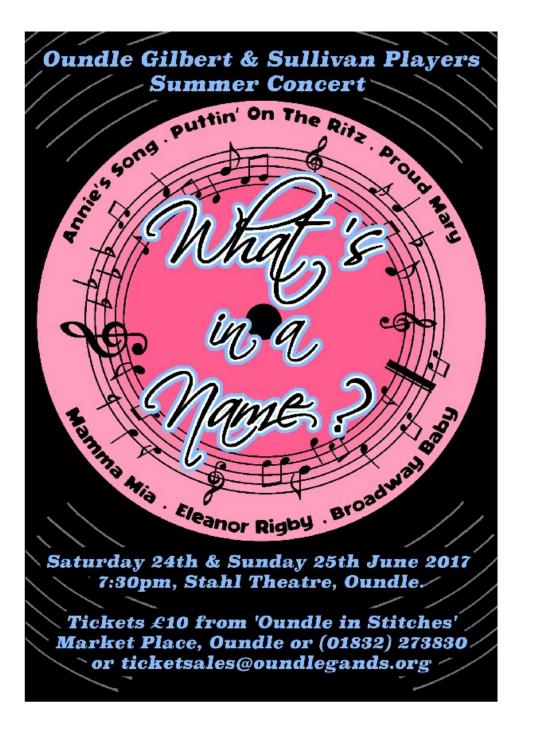
If you would like to support the Country Park, you can join the Friends Group who are busy raising money to provide extra facilities and play equipment. Details from the Rangers.

For more details about events ring 0300 126 5933 Pay and Display charges apply £3. Season tickets are available from 0300 126 1000 £36 for one named park. £49 All NCC country Parks.

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SMALL WORK SPACE NEEDED

I'm looking for space to rent- I'm new to the village and require a small, affordable space to run hair extensions business. Clients are by appointment only, mainly evenings and weekends. Small annex, studio or shop would suit. Please contact Fae 07825776960 fae@bondhair.com



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Brigstock Kurling Group

The dates for kurling over the Summer are: 7th June, 21st June, 5th July (although this depends on the size of the stage put up for the Theatre Group's production of Oliver!), 19th July, 2nd August and 16th August, all 2-4 p.m. at the Village Hall. Don't worry if you haven't tried kurling before, you'll probably be just as good at it as those of us who have played for years!

You don't need any special clothing or equipment, it will cost you £2, including tea and biscuits, and we would be very pleased to see you. Short mat bowling is also available if enough people want to play, but you would need to bring your own bowls.

Please ring Judith Beeby on 373367 for more information, just turn up on any of the above dates, or come and see us at the Community Event on 17th June.



Bow Street Runner Solves Brigstock Burglary

Extract from "Memoirs of a Bow Street Runner" by Henry Goddard

On the 10th July 1837 an application was made to Sir Fitzpatrick Roe by Mr Wade the House Steward to the Ladies Fitzpatrick of Farming Woods in the County of Northamptonshire for the assistance of an officer under the following circumstances.

The residents of Mr Height, their Ladyships Bailiff had been during the night of the 8th inst, burglariously entered and his bureau broken open and a large purse containing about 40 sovereigns and 3 pounds of silver stolen. It was the wish of the Ladies for an officer to go down and make enquiries. As it happened that I was present when this application was made and heard what was said, I was directed without delay to go down by the night mail to make enquiries.

In the first place I found that entry had been made at the back of the premises by using a crow bar and forcing open a door which led them into the parlour where I discovered the same impression was made in the breaking open the bureau as at the door outside. As I was unable to obtain any clue I heard that Weedon Fair would take place in a day or two and would bring together no end of roughs and bad characters, such as idlers, thimble-riggers, skittle sharks, horse stealers and thieves of every description.

Now before this fair took place I got acquainted with Mr Chard, a doctor of great experience living at Brigstock, who from his profession knew almost all the bad characters for many miles around. Through Him I found an acquaintance with a Baker at Oundle who knew most of these characters. Therefore as the Doctor, the Baker and I were in each other's confidence, it was arranged they should meet me at the fair and that I should be disguised as a countryman and as opportunities turned up they were to point out to me the worse and most desperate of these characters.

So in the morning of the fair their Ladyships' Bailiff accompanied me to an old barn to help me on with the disguise and on taking charge of the clothes I had taken off, wished me "good morning" and said he should go and report to the Ladies how I looked in my new attire. After this I made the best of my way with about 30 shillings and a few coppers in my pocket to Weedon Fair, arriving there at about 2pm in time for a hearty dinner of salt beef, potatoes and carrots.

Bow Street Runner Solves Brigstock Burglary—contd

When I had finished I strolled into the Fair, first looking at the skittle players, then to the pea and thimble-riggers, where to my astonishment I saw the Doctor and the Baker among several staking their money which they soon, to their cost, found to be a losing game. After this we associated ourselves together, looking on the skittles and 4-cornered sharpers, how they gulled the flats and picked up the money. While this game was going on the Baker espied two notorious characters (brothers) by the name of Clair rushing into one of the booths ready to challenge and toss anyone for a sovereign. At the same time one of them taking a number of sovereigns from his pocket explained "look here, look here, these are none of your counterfeits".

This freak not only attracted the attention of the Baker but of others and after a few minutes consideration the Baker signalled the Doctor and me to follow him. Calling our attention he said "Why I now recollect it is only a few days since and before the robbery I saw these two Clairs with scarcely anything on their backs and almost bare-footed. I think it looks suspicious to see such a sudden change in their being fresh togged out with their pockets full of sovereigns and all this money and new clothes without working for."

These appearances I thought would justify me in going to the Rev Mr Hogg the Magistrate at Kettering and telling him from information received I suspected the Clairs to be concerned in the burglary in Farming Woods and under the circumstances to ask him to grant me a warrant for their apprehension. So next day I went and on this representation he granted the warrants which were executed without delay.

Samuel Clair I apprehended at Oundle and in his possession was found a jemmy and 10 sovereigns. On comparing the jemmy it corresponded with the impression made in forcing open the outer door and the bureau beforementioned. I immediately hired a conveyance and took him before the Magistrate at Kettering who remanded him in Northampton gaol. The other Clair I apprehended at Stamford and on his person found a few sovereigns, Mr Height's identical large purse stolen from his bureau on the night of the burglary. Because of this and other circumstances connected with the case both prisoners were committed for trial.

Article provided by Bill Simon.

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 5th June with a guided tour round the Country Park (meet at the Café) and then every two weeks from then, back at the 3 Cocks PH. New men are welcome to come along to any of the meetings Des Robinson 01536 373090

Annual Litter Pick.

Thanks to all who helped to make the litterpicking day a success again. Although fewer people turned out we still managed to make a huge pile in the village hall car park. The Parish Clerk was told he couldn't fly tip on the Sunday morning!!!

The winner of the poster competition to advertise the event from an entry of 72 was Rebecca Addison-Pettit. The school picked round the meadow before the day and playgroup learnt how to use the pickers safely.





Thanks to WI for the refreshments and the Country Park for the loan of their pickers as well as Parish Council and ENDC. A report has been sent to ACRE to enter a competition to get some more equipment so we can become self-sufficient in litter picking equipment and not rely on ENDC.

Liz Searle

Brigstock WI - Recipe Page

I can't take the credit for this idea, but think it is a brilliant one. In future editions, Brigstock WI members will put to print their favorite recipes to share with you all. I've got a good Blackberry brandy recipe for later in the year when we can go foraging in the hedgerows for free fruit to make delicious brandy to enjoy in front of the fire on a winters night.

Happy cooking ladies, gents, boys and girls.

This fruit loaf is better if it is made 2 or 3 days ahead, even a week. The longer you leave it, the moister it becomes, so be patient if you can.

If you know you have something coming up and have time to cook a cake now, but no time to bake a cake the day before, or even on the day, then this recipe is for you!!!

Saucepan Spiced Fruit Loaf

(I've always used a tea cup or a very small mug, but you can if you've got it use proper American cup measures).

In a saucepan add the following ingredients:

- 1 cup of sugar (granulated will do as it's going to be boiled anyway)
- 1 cup of water
- 1 cup of dried fruit (what ever you have)
- 4 oz (114g) butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon of ground mix spice
- 1 teaspoon of cinnamon

Then:

Put the pan on heat

Sir well together until the mixture starts bubbling.

Turn down the heat, but let it boil gently for 15 mins.

Cool by putting the pan into a bowl of cold water.

Add to the saucepan:

- 2 cups of plain flour
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda (mixed with a little warm water)

Lightly mix in the saucepan, getting well round the edges.

Line a large loaf tin with greaseproof paper and cook for 1 hour 15 mins at Gas Mark 3 (325F or 160/170C). Ovens vary, so test with a skewer towards the end of the cooking time to see if it comes out clean.

Glenda