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**PERCY SMITH 1891—1916**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 WI Safari Supper
- 2 URC Harvest Festival,
- 3 Mens Group, 3 Cocks PH, 10-30am—then every 2 weeks
- 6 Film Night, The Mexican, Village Hall 7-45pm
- 7/8 Beer Festival Comedy Night, & Fun Day Village Hall,
- 11 WI, Heather Lowe, “12 Months of the Benefice”, WI Hall, 7-30pm
- 13 BINGO, Harpers Crt, 7-30pm
- 15 WI Alternative Horticultural Show . WI Hall
- 15 PFA, Ferret Racing Night, Village Hall, 7-30pm
- 16 Pizza and Praise, URC, 4pm
- 17 Ladies Leisure Group, Chinese Painting, June Small Room, 1-30pm
- 19 Kurling, Village Hall, 2pm
- 22 URC Barn Dance, Village Hall, 7-30pm
- 24 Bell Ringer Evening, St Andrews, 7-30pm
- 26 Messy Church, St Andrews, 3-30pm
- 26 Historical Society AGM + “Another Icarus”, Village Hall, 7-30pm

### OCTOBER

- 3 Kurling, Village Hall, 2pm
- 9 WI, AGM + Cheese and Wine , WI Hall, 7-30pm
- 11 BINGO, Harpers Crt, 7-30pm
- 14 Harvest Festival, St Andrews, 9-30pm
- 15 Ladies Leisure Group, Fish n’ Chips, June Small Room, 1-30pm
- 17 Kurling, Village Hall, 2pm
- 19 Film Night, “Guernsey Leek & Potato Pie Literary Soc” VH 7-45pm
- 19 URC Quiz Night, Green Dragon,
- 24 Historical Society, “Maps of Brigstock”, Village Hall, 7-30pm

### NOVEMBER

- 3 Book Sale for Brigstock Book Group, June Small Room, 10am
- 3 Belcanto Choir, St Andrews Church, 7-30pm
- 4 Bonfire Night, The Meadow, from 5-30pm
- 7 Kurling, Village Hall, 2pm
- 8 BINGO, Harpers Crt, 7-30pm
- 10 BRIGSTOCKS GOT TALENT, Village Hall, 7-30pm
- 11 Remembrance Service, Hall Hill, 11-00am
- 13 WI, “Christmas Floral Decorations, WI Hall, 7-30pm
- 15 Country Park Quiz, Green Dragon, 7-30pm
- 16 Film Night, “War Horse” Village Hall, 7-30pm
- 19 Ladies Leisure Group, “Xmas Decs”, June Small Room, 1-30pm
- 21 Kurling, Village Hall, 2pm
- 28 Historical Society, “Story of Halloween”, Village Hall, 7-30pm

## PERCY SMITH 1891—1916

The photo on the front cover is of Percy Smith, just one of the many men named on the Brigstock war memorial. He was born in Brigstock on 12th September 1891 and was the son of Levi Smith and Sarah Elizabeth (née Hector). Some of his relations still live in the area. Levi was a fellmonger as was Percy’s younger brother William who also joined up. Percy is listed as a bricklayer’s labourer on the 1911 census.

Lance Corporal Percy N. Smith served in the 8th Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment. He was killed in action on Wednesday 20th September 1916, aged 25, during the Battle of the Somme, and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme which bears the names of more than 72,000 soldiers who have no known grave.

The Kettering Leader on November 10th 1916, less than two months after Percy’s death, carried a report of an appeal by the military against an exemption from military service granted by the Thrapston Tribunal to Benjamin Smith, aged 20, until April 1st 1917.

Mr J. Cooper, a blacksmith in Brigstock, had applied for the exemption for his only assistant, Benjamin, on the grounds that a large number of farmers and traders were dependent on his services. Mr Cooper stated that his son had enlisted the previous year and that two of Benjamin’s brothers had also joined up, one of whom had been killed. The appeal was upheld on the grounds that “the first call of the Army was on men of his age 19 and 20” and the exemption date was reduced to 1st January 1917.

The village will be commemorating all those Brigstock men who sacrificed their lives in WW1 in a special event to mark the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice in 1918. The Historical Society has produced a special commemorative edition of Bygone Brigstock to remember those who died. Copies are £4 each.

### Boot Camp!

Come and join us to have fun and keep fit every Wednesday evening at 7pm and Saturday mornings at 7:30am

All levels welcome - although you will know that you have worked out!

£3 per session. Mill Lane Sudborough (on Harpers Brook). Contact Matthew Hunt if interested [matthew.hunt10@sky.com](mailto:matthew.hunt10@sky.com) or message me on Facebook.

# BRIGSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

Brigstock News is produced on behalf of the Village Hall committee to further the aims of the Hall and to provide a service for the community.

The Village Hall is 20 years old this year and has been a great facility to the village over that time. We have seen some changes and improvements over the years with a new kitchen, more efficient lighting and heating and the solar panels on the roof. All of these have been funded by grants sourced by the committee.

We are now hoping to improve the building further by constructing extra storage on the side of the building to keep the tables and chairs that presently live in the annex room off the hall. This will give us a much tidier area for use. We have several applications in for grants and are awaiting the outcome of these. Hopefully we will be successful and be able to start work in the New Year.

**The village hall now has a website :**

**[www.brigstockvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.brigstockvillagehall.co.uk)**

which will have all the latest information of whats on and all the booking arrangements if you want to hire the hall. Information is still being added, but do visit the site and see what we are doing.

If you would like to help with the Village Hall or be on the committee, please contact the Chair, Sally Wilks

## **WHY NOT BOOK THE HALL FOR YOUR PRIVATE FUNCTION OR IF YOU WANT TO RUN A COURSE?**

The Village Hall has great facilities to cater for most needs from small meeting rooms ( 1 for up to 12 people and for 30 people). The venue is great for weddings or parties and can hold around 150 people.

If you want to book the hall or either of the two meeting rooms, please contact Rosie Briggs on 01536 373579 or email [rosybbriggs@btinternet.com](mailto:rosybbriggs@btinternet.com)

# BRIGSTOCK VILLAGE HALL contd

The Hall at present has various groups and courses meeting there. These are:

- Playgroup meets every weekday morning
- Ballet every Tuesday in term time 5—8.30pm
- Curling Wednesdays 2—4 pm (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
- Pilates every Wednesday 5-6.30pm
- Historical Society 4th Wednesday most months, 7.30pm
- Dance Wednesdays' 7-9pm (not 4th one)
- Parish Council 3rd Wednesdays most months, 7-30pm
- Dance group, Thursdays 5-6pm
- Dances—4th Friday each month 7.30 to 11pm
- Tea Dances most 3rd Sundays 1.30—4.45p

These dates and times are subject to change and should be checked.

There are still free times available for you to book.

## **BRIGSTOCK'S GOT TALENT**

*SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10TH*

*7.30 P.M. VILLAGE HALL*

*An Evening Showcasing Brigstock's Hidden Entertainers.*

*Can you sing, dance, act, play an instrument, tell jokes, or juggle?*

*Whatever your talents or age, don't be shy.*

*If you are interested in taking part please let us know.*

*Sally on 373428 or Steph on 373422*

*Tickets will be £5 on sale from the beginning of October*

# BRIGSTOCK BONFIRE NIGHT

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

## Sunday 4th November

**Gates Open 5-30pm, Bonfire 6-00pm**

**Fireworks 6-30pm**

Tickets £3 adults, £2 children (£4 and £2.50 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 Paula Addison Pettit

## “Have-a-Go Dog Agility Course”

At Brigstock Beer Festival  
– 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

On the cricket field – be-  
tween 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

Bring your 4 legged friend and have some fun.



# BRIGSTOCK BEER FESTIVAL 7 / 8 SEPT



This years Beer festival is going to be really special. We have taken the Fiesta Theme to heart and are giving you a weekend to remember, and a chance for all ages to get involved.

By the time you read this, the show will nearly be on the road. The Friday Comedy Night tickets have been on sale for several weeks and are probably sold out. Do check with us to see if any are still available. This is always a good night with a range of comedians and plenty of beer tasted.

Saturday Fun day will have something for everybody. We open at 1pm and the afternoon will see the Carnival Drum Band playing with a chance for you to join in, followed by a Marichi band then Salsa Dancing in the evening, along with a live band, Mothy, filling in any gaps!

So something for all ages!!

There will be our usual wide range of real ales from around the country, including prize winning ones from other beer festivals. There will also be some Mexican (or that region) beers as well.

I must mention food and wine as well which will be available.

If you want more information, want to help, have a stall, or want to sponsor us, do contact me.

**Our main charity this year is Night Light of Corby who support the homeless.**

Rob Leaning

BBF Chair

[www.brigstockbeerfestival.com](http://www.brigstockbeerfestival.com) and on Facebook



# CAN YOU SAVE A LIFE?

Over 140 villagers have attended CPR/Defibrillator training over recent months in the village hall.

Feedback from attendees has been really positive, giving people the confidence to help in an emergency situation when it can make all the difference between life and death.

## Want to help create a village of life-savers?

These one and a half hour sessions are **completely free** and run by Heart Start, an initiative by the British Heart Foundation to teach emergency life-saving skills to the British public.

Additional training session dates can be scheduled if sufficient numbers are interested.

To register your interest, contact Sam Read on 07766 573400 or email [sam@theswallowsrest.co.uk](mailto:sam@theswallowsrest.co.uk)

## NEW BUS SERVICES

There are 2 buses now serving Brigstock. The No 8 and 8B from Corby to Brambleside via Little Stanion, Brigstock, Geddington & Kettering. Brigstock leaving times 0652, 0712 and 1126. These do depend on the day.

Also Corby to Raunds on the No 18 via Little Stanion, Islip & Thrapston. Brigstock leaving times 1019, 1219, 1419, 1650 and 1824.

Please do check these times before using. They can be found on the Parish Council website and hopefully on the bus stops.

# BRIGSTOCK SCHOOL PFA

The PFA will be gearing up for the year ahead at our village's Primary School, with our regular events already in planning plus... Ferret Racing! It's on 15th September at the Village Hall and the ticket price will include food - there WILL be a bar! Time and price will be announced on posters and also Facebook; do keep an eye out for this hugely entertaining event. And now to a small tale as to why this whole PFA thing gives back more than we put in. We have good support at the PFA, and also have folk who aren't necessarily on the committee but get stuck in to various events. Bill, who many of you will know, was part of the team we'd assembled to refresh the outdoor furniture and give it a paint. It wanted cleaning beforehand, and we were setting up a jetwasher and needed a tap for the hose. I'm fairly clued up where the various services run around the school, but couldn't find an outside tap. Bill isn't just a parent - he's an ex-pupil of Brigstock like many of you, and he remembered filling up buckets when he was at the school (just a year or two ago...) from a tap nearby that no-one else knew was there. So round the corner we went to a little nook I'd not seen before, moved a sheet of ply and a few brushes, and there it was, just as he remembered it when he was wearing short trousers.

This reminded me that there's a real continuity to a school - there are so many of us connected to it in the village, and not only by in depth knowledge of its plumbing! See you at the ferret racing!

Contact Richard Fincher or Rosie Briggs for tickets: 373353 or via Facebook.



# BRIGSTOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP £10 per year otherwise £3 per visit

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

<p><b>26/09/18</b></p>	<p><b>A.G.M. Another Icarus Roy Smart</b></p>	<p><i>Following the AGM there will be a talk from popular speaker Roy Smart about aviation pioneer Percy Sinclair Pilcher the first Englishman to die in the conquest of the air, and of his sister Ella, possibly the first woman to fly.</i></p>
<p><b>24/10/18</b></p>	<p><b>Maps of Brigstock Bill Simon and Sally Wilks</b></p>	<p><i>Following trips to Hatfield House and Boughton House, Bill and Sally will present some interesting local information through maps of Brigstock and the surrounding area.</i></p>
<p><b>28/11/18</b></p>	<p><b>The Story of Hal- loween Steve Dimmer</b></p>	<p><i>The origins of Halloween from Celtic festivals and the time of the year for remembering the dead, including saints (hallow) and the traditions that have followed.</i></p>

## EVENING TELEGRAPH

I have produced the What's On column for Corby Telegraph for a number of years and was wondering if anybody else would like to take it on?

You gather up the information of what is happening in Brigstock and email it to the newspaper. There is no payment for this! It is purely voluntary but a young person may find it useful for a CV or an older person with some free time. Contact me if interested.

Thank you

Steph Beckett 373422

sbeckett13@yahoo.co.uk

# Brigstock Book Group ..... Autumn Event

Please do come and join us ...! In addition to our 'as new' Book sale, Usborne books will be presenting their wonderful range of children's books. Don't miss this opportunity to find that book to curl up with on a cold night or a Christmas present or two!

When ..... Saturday, November 3rd, 10.00 -12.00

Where .... June Small Room, United Reformed Church, Brigstock.

☕☕Refreshments ☕☕Cake Stall ☕Craft Stall ☕Raffle ☕Book Sale ☕Usborne Books .....

Be there! (Contact: 01536 373520 or [sophierobinson@gmail.com](mailto:sophierobinson@gmail.com))

## ABBA Tribute show 17th August

This show proved to be very popular. Thank you to everyone who came and thanks for all the support and help given in the run-up. We were able to give £252.75 to both the United Reformed Church and St Andrew's Church and we hope this will be useful to them.

Many thanks to the Staff at the Green Dragon for keeping us fed and watered on the night

Thank you again to everybody. Barbara Ruff

## 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 CO-OP.

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

If you have any articles or comments, please contact the editor.

Chris Allen



## WAR MEMORIAL ROTA

Thank you to the groups who have kept the War memorial tidy over the past few months especially with the hot weather, it is looking very tidy.

The next few clubs to "do their bit" are

<b>September</b>	<b>PFA</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Historical Society</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Knit and Natter Group</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Ladies Leisure</b>

Thank you in advance

## Litter Heroes 2018

Having completed the litter pick around the village I sent a report to CPRE and Brigstock was awarded Runner Up 2018. We received £150 to spend on community projects and at Parish Council we decided to add the money to the noticeboard funds. This will enable the Parish to obtain three noticeboards so that notices can be put up only in the boards and save the telegraph poles being used so much.

Thank you to all the volunteers who turned out in April, those who regularly pick the verges, and those who have adopted a telegraph pole.

Please keep them clear of out of date posters and staples.



Liz Searle receiving the award from David Laing HM Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire

## Brigstock Cricket Club 2018

As we move into the final quarter of the season the firsts have consolidated their mid table position in the prem' and now lie 6<sup>th</sup> a very creditable first start in that division. The new win/lose format in the 2 middle quarters of the season provided for some exciting cricket and the wins the team are achieving are really building confidence and every player is contributing. For the last ¼ of the season the format reverts to win/lose/draw. Patrick Croker leads the run getters with 388 and cousin George Groenland chasing hard with 339. George also has 18 wickets and Rob Pack 16 but it's a tough year for bowlers with very dry wickets. 10 bowlers have wickets for the firsts showing the versatility of the players.

The seconds are currently second in Div'10 with Geddington 3rds well clear. Ian Sharp and Henry Spencer are scoring heavily and we rarely fail to reach 200. Henry has 443 runs with Simon Goodson, Oliver Day and Ian Sharp all over 300 but Ian's runs come from far fewer games. Oliver Day has 23 wickets and of the next 4 bowlers who have more than 10, 3 are young players, Joseph Goodson, Jamie Mills and Harry Howell. The strike rates (how quickly they get wickets) and averages (how many runs for each wicket) of Mills and Goodson are particularly good.

There were 5 players under 16 or younger in the team 2 weeks ago and there are regularly at least 3. The 18.30 finishes also mean there's plenty of time to enjoy the evening sunshine after the game.

Children's matches have now concluded but Friday training continues until early September.

Best wishes, Alan Bamford

## Remembrance Sunday Service

### Sunday 11 November

At about 10.55am you are invited to gather around the War Memorial for a short service of Remembrance on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of WW1. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the June Small Room at The United Reformed Church

## Brigstock United Reformed Church

Everyone's been talking about the weather-some like it hot, some definitely do not! Whether you like it or not, this summer will certainly live long in our memories, and the conditions were ideal for a summer cream tea when we held our fundraising event "Time for Tea" in July. Fortunately the June Small room and its garden are cool and shady in the afternoon, and we welcomed lots of people who enjoyed scones with jam, cream and strawberries, even though there was the temptation of staying in to watch the World Cup, Wimbledon and cricket. We have raised £712 so far from this event, and are very grateful to everyone who supports us.

After a quiet August, we have a busy Autumn to look forward to, starting with our contributions to this year's Beer Festival on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and then our popular annual Barn Dance on September 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Village Hall. Tickets are now on sale from Judith (373367) or Sheila (373225), the cost is £8.50 for adults, £5 for children, and a ploughman's supper is included.

We have a quiz night at the Green Dragon on October 19<sup>th</sup>. More details will be on posters nearer the time, so look out for them, get your tickets and come and enjoy the evening with us.

It might seem a bit early to mention Christmas, but we have a provisional date for our Christmas Coffee Morning-December 1<sup>st</sup>-so put it on your diaries and we hope to see you there!

By the time you read this we will have been to the Greenbelt Festival at Boughton House for our Sunday Communion service in place of our regular morning service, and we will be busy planning our next "Pizza and Praise" service at 4pm on September 16<sup>th</sup>. We enjoy finding different ways of worship and invite you to join us for a good sing and lots of pizza!

We also celebrate our Harvest festival on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30a.m, and on October 7<sup>th</sup> we are organising a special service of thanksgiving and remembrance. Details of this were in the last newsletter, but please contact us-Samuel on 480916, or Sheila on 373225, if you would like to know more.

This year we are commemorating the centenary of the end of the first world war on November 11<sup>th</sup>. As always, there will be an Act of Remembrance on Hall Hill at 11.am, and we would like to invite all attending to come to the June Small room afterwards for coffee and cake. Donations from this will be sent to the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal.

## Ladies Leisure Group

Our recent meetings all seem to be food-themed, with a meal at the Sondes Arms, lunch and activities at the country park and our own pudding club. Numbers have increased recently and we now have about 25 members. Our meetings are very informal, so why not join us for an hour or two once a month? This is what you've got to look forward to until the end of the year:

- Sept 17th Chinese Painting—easy for everyone!
- Oct 15th Fish n'Chips plus entertainment
- Nov 19th Christmas Decorations
- Dec 17th Bring and Share Christmas Lunch

All meetings are in the June Small room at the URC, Mill Lane at 1.30pm.

More details from Sharon 373832 or Sheila 373225

The United Reformed Church  
Brigstock URC presents

SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER  
**BARN DANCE**

★★★ 7.30-10.30 ★★★  
**BRIGSTOCK VILLAGE HALL**  
- BRIDGE STREET, NN14 3ET

KICK UP YOUR HEELS WITH  
**KELLY'S EYE**

**£8.50 adults - £5 children**  
TICKET PRICE INCLUDES PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER  
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND GLASSES  
FOR TICKETS CONTACT JUDITH ON 01536 373367  
OR SHEILA ON 01536 373225



## AN INVITATION TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE

At a recent Brigstock Sunnysiders meeting there was some casual chat about it being nice weather for garden parties. Jim Clark happened to say "I was at one last week at Buckingham Palace". After further questioning it turns out that not only is Jim a veteran of World War 2 but also a veteran at Buckingham Palace. He has been 6 times. He reached in to his wallet and produced a list of the members of the Royal family he has been introduced to at his six appearances at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party. How does he come to be invited? Well, it is a much deserved honour as he is a member of The Chindit Society. Members saw active service behind enemy lines in World War 2. Jim was out in the jungle in Burma and we have all heard about the courage and bravery of those men. For many years many did not want to talk about what they witnessed.

Jim is very humble about the active part he played in an horrendous war. He would only have been a young lad back in 1944. Buckingham palace is keen to always invite veterans from war campaigns and Jim has been a lucky recipient and finds it a tremendous honour. Prince Philip is a patron of The Chindit Society.



Such an unassuming person is Jim! He looks forward to an invitation for next year as there are a decreasing number of veterans able to make their way to the Palace as they are now all in their 90s or more. He told me fondly how he once stood to shake hands with Prince Andrew and was told "No, you are special guests please remain seated."

Jim tries to attend other events where he meets his old comrades but many of them are suffering from poor health. He subscribes to The Chindit Column which is the magazine of the Society. I borrowed a few copies from him to read. I am sure he would let anyone else do the same if they are interested.

## AN INVITATION TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE— CONT'D

Jim continues to be very active in Brigstock as he is Chairman of Sunnysiders and the Lunch club. He still takes an active interest in the bell ringers although not ringing with them any longer.

While we are on the subject of tea parties, Jim organised a Macmillan Coffee morning in Brigstock for many years. He says they still send him details but he can no longer organise one as he is 93 and a half years young but he would be delighted to see somebody else take up the reins. No doubt he would call in for cake. After hearing about Jims exploits as I left he said "I have been to tea with Charles at Highgrove." A story for another day.

As I left I said. "Enjoy your tea party in 2019!"

If you know of anybody in Brigstock who has an interesting tale to tell, do please contact Chris Allen or Steph Beckett and we can include it. The Village Hall committee try to include different items in the newsletter each time.

## Bell Ringers – Brigstock needs you

Have you ever thought of becoming a bell ringer and have fun learning a new skill?

You don't need to be musical.

You may have rung before and fancy another go.

We can provide training in a safe environment at Brigstock church.

**Bell Ringing Open Evening –**

**24<sup>th</sup> September 7:30 – 9:00pm –  
Brigstock Church**

Come along and give it a try.

Alternatively contact Carl Hector on 01536 373410 or email [carl\\_hecator@sky.com](mailto:carl_hecator@sky.com)



"Ready when you are, George..."

## Brigstock Living Advent Calendar

By popular demand, The Brigstock Living Advent Calendar will be repeated again in 2018!

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.

To respond - Email, text or knock on my door!

[Jane.jones3@btinternet.com](mailto:Jane.jones3@btinternet.com) - 07771766433 - 28 High Street Brigstock

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 tippie 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 windows 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 be ambitious and we're hoping for even more contributions around the entire village this year.

This year we would like 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'.

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.

## WI DUCK RACE

### SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

Tickets are on sale now from WI members and at the Beer Festival for the WI Duck Race. Increased prizes this year! £50, £25, £20 £15, £10. I know ducks like rain but we are hoping for better weather than last year!!



## Knit and Natter Club

**IT'S POPPY MANIA** - It's not just our group that have been busy knitting, crocheting and sewing on endless buttons, it's lots of ladies in the village that have got involved too. Without those ladies, we would not be where we are now. Some have done huge bags full, which just appear week after week. Some of you we know by name, others have anonymously placed a bag full on Steph's doorstep. **You know who you are and we are terribly grateful to each and every one of you.** To date we have over 1,700 poppies.



Our group is selling "Sponsor a poppy" ticket for £1 each. The money will be presented to the British Legion. Tickets will be on sale at certain times around the village, during now and 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. Watch out for our stall at the Beer Festival.

We welcome our new members, Sue (who has joined us from Corby) and Shirley, Genny and Nikki who have recently moved to the village and braved our friendly group and hope they enjoy it as much as we do.

Our group meets every Wednesday at The Olde Three Cocks (hosted by Margareta and Paul) from 10am to 12 noon. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, or you already knit come and join our friendly group.

### Teddy Bear Puppet for Operation Christmas Child – needed by October

Please give completed puppets to any member of the Knit and Natter group

#### **Make two the same and sew together**

##### Body:

- 1 Double knitting yarn, No. 8 or 4mm needles. Knit in garter stitch throughout.
- 2 Cast on 18 stitches and knit for 4"
- 3 Cast on 10 Sts and knit to the end (28 sts)
- 4 Cast on 10 sts and knit to the end (38 sts)
- 5 Continue knitting the 38 sts for 1" (*this is the arms*)
- 6 Cast off (loosely) 10 sts and Knit to the end of the row (28 sts)
- 7 Cast off (loosely) 10 sts and knit to the end of the row (18 sts)
- 8 Continue knitting the 18 sts for 2.5"
- 9 Cast off loosely, leaving about 18" of yarn for sewing up.

##### Features:

- 1 Sew together leaving the bottom open.
  - 2 Stitch 2 ears by pinching in the 2 top corners
  - 3 With contrasting wool, stitch a nose, a smile and eyes.
  - 4 Make a scarf from a crochet chain, or plaited wool. Secure scarf at the centre back to keep in place.
- If you can knit pairs in the same colour, children will use them as gloves.

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## SUNNYSIDERS CLUB

Sunnysiders Club is for men and women over 60 (or younger would be welcome). We meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons in the lounge at Harpers Court, Brigstock from 2p.m. until 4p.m. when some form of entertainment is pre-arranged. We always welcome new members so do come along and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit and a chat. We also enjoy a meal out especially during the summer months. For more information please call 01536 373383.

## BINGO

Bingo resumes again on Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> New players welcome. We meet monthly in Harpers Court Lounge on a Thursday at 7pm. 50p entry to include tea. There is an optional raffle. After that you pay as few or as many games as you wish to play. A cheap evening out with lots of fun and you may win!

September 13th      October 11th  
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## BRIGSTOCK SCHOOL CLASS (1968/9) REUNION

A Brigstock school class (1968/9) who are all 60 in this academic year held a reunion at the cricket pavilion in June. (All names in this article will follow the hallowed Brigstock tradition of referring to a person's name as a child-as if no one changed their name at marriage). Yvette Hadley spoke to Jayne Shiells who spoke to me and before we knew it we 3 were hunting for classmates.



We based our search on a photo' of the class as they were about to go on a week-long school trip to the Isle of Wight. The picture is shown here with everyone named left to right.

**DEBORAH FLECKNOR, JAYNE SHIELLS,** MICHAEL WHORWELL, **YVETTE HADLEY,** CORINE DODSON, **ROSEMARY FLECKNOR,** GRAHAM PROCTOR, JAYNE WRIGHT, **JOHN MAYES, ELIZABETH CASTKA, LUCINDA AVISS,** ALISON CREAMER, DOREEN MAYES, CAROLE OTTAWAY, JOHN KEYWORTH, **MICHAEL BRIGGS,** MRS R McCURRACH, **BARRY SOLESBURY,** BRIAN DAVIES, MR REX PEDEN, **KEVIN SHEEHAN,** DAVID COBLEY, **IAIN PEDEN, ALAN BAMFORD** (Mr & Mrs Davies in the background)

Using sisters', cousins and friends, (and the internet) we tracked down the whole class. In the event 13 were able to make the reunion. We recreated the line up of the IOW photo-see the names in bold.



## BRIGSTOCK SCHOOL CLASS (1968/9) REUNION—CONT'D

In general we recognised each other; my own difficulty was with Kevin until he took his sunglasses off then; "you're a Sheehan!" . We had an informal buffet, a short speech, long drinks and in all over 8 hours of chatting and reminiscence. And all perfectly amicable until some fool mentioned Brexit, so we steered off that.

We've subsequently kept in touch by email and 1 or 2 are making separate contacts again after many years. Many still live very locally. Some of those who couldn't come though work or planned trips are actively in touch so we expect another get together before too long.

A week in the IOW was a rare event for a junior school in those days and the first of many such trips from Brigstock. Rex Peden was an exceptional and inspirational head teacher and this sort of trip was ahead of its time. Without the straightjacket of curriculums we were able to use the IOW trip as a basis for history (for example Carisbrooke castle and the imprisonment of Charles 1<sup>st</sup>), geography, geology (landslides and chines) and craft studies (making models and work books).

Perhaps that trip and the stimulating last year at junior school brought us that bit closer together and we swapped many stories of our last year at Brigstock. Rex's son Iain was able to add some 'inside' stories as well. It was fantastic to add others memories of this time to one's own memories.

Alan Bamford



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# BRIGSTOCK

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## NEW COUNCILLOR WELCOMED

We are pleased to welcome Emma Beirne as our new councillor. We had four strong candidates for the vacancy which was very encouraging and it was difficult to choose. With local elections coming up in 2019 we hope that the unsuccessful candidates will put themselves forward for election as they have a lot to offer.

## BUS SERVICES

We are very aware that when the S106 support runs out for the No 8 bus it will probably result in the village having no bus service at all. There will be no funding for the Call Connect service. There are various alternative schemes that we can look at including voluntary car sharing and community transport. The parish council is looking to conduct a transport survey to get a better idea of village residents' requirements. For instance we need to know how people without transport get to medical appointments.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The difficulties that the County Council is having at the moment go from bad to worse. I attended a consultation meeting regarding the proposal for two unitary authorities in Northamptonshire to replace the two tier system we have at the moment. There was a great deal of anger expressed from

# PARISH COUNCIL

parish councillors present who feel that they have been poorly served by the County Council. The two unitary authorities proposed are Kettering, Wellingborough, Corby and East Northants, and South Northants, Daventry and Northampton.

However, this will only save an estimated £12 million per year and the set up costs will be considerable. There are many issues still to be resolved e.g.

where will the headquarters of the two unitary authorities be based, how will the highways, health and social care and policing be organised which is countywide at present? The new authorities will also inherit the County Council's considerable debt. We don't know if the proposed local government reorganisation will work - only time will tell.

Perhaps we all need to take more interest in local politics because it affects us directly. Parish Councils may be asked to contribute much more through the precept to protect local services in the future and we are going to have to ask ourselves which services we think are worth paying more for.

Sally Wilks Chair

## Brigstock Neighbourhood Plan

Following the ENC 6 weeks consultation on the Plan, the appointed Examiner is considering the document. He has raised several points which have been considered by the Committee and ENC with comments going back to the Examiner. Any changes to the Plan appear to be quite small which is good news. Then there will be the village referendum where all residents will get a chance to approve or reject the plan. This referendum is now expected to take place in the autumn and is the final stage. If a majority vote in favour, then the Plan is approved and will become a legal planning document in the system.

Full details of the Plan and the Examiner's comments are on the Brigstock Parish Council website.

Chris Allen, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee



# MUGA News

## (Multi Use Games Area)

A brief update on the progress of the MUGA.

Grants have been applied for to cover the majority of the cost of the MUGA so now we wait to see if any are successful.

We will have a response by the middle of September so fingers crossed until then. If we are not successful there are other providers that can be approached.

Margaret Smith, Parish Councillor

## BRIGSTOCK KURLING GROUP

The group will be meeting over the Autumn on the following Wednesday afternoons: 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Don't think you are too old to play - one of our regular players will forgive me (I hope!) for saying she is in her eighties, and we have had primary age children playing as well. We also have 'pushers' available to use if you have trouble bending, and before the next Newsletter comes out we will be arranging our annual visit to Beckworth's ice rink to play the game with the heavy granite 'stones' that you see Olympic players using.

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

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## Village of the Year 2018

Four of us attended a presentation evening at ACRE in Northampton, without knowing any results. Unfortunately, we only came away with a participation certificate which was disappointing after all the hard work and planning that went into the entry. I would like to thank Steph Beckett, Glenda Stephen and Sally Wilks for their contributions and hard work towards the entry, the people who met the judges on the day and any one of you who tidied, weeded and helped in any way.

We will try again next year and if anyone has any suggestions or would like to help with the entry please get in touch with the Parish Council at brigstockcouncil.aol.com.

# St Andrews Church

As usual at this time of year the wedding season has seen a number of marriages in our church, surprisingly but pleasingly, some of the couples were not 'locals' but did have long standing links with the village. It is heartening to think that even when people move away they have a homing device that brings them back to celebrate their big day in our beautiful church.

We enjoyed the summer fete where we were blessed with excellent weather and lots of people who came to support the fund raising for the church and school. As with all social/fund raising events a huge amount of organising goes into them and we are eternally grateful for everyone who plays a part no matter how big or small.

Over the coming months we have a number of services and events that we hope you will participate in.

- ◆ We are pleased to announce the start of '**Messy Church**' on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at Brigstock school between 3.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. This will be open to years three and four pupils (in the first instance) with or without parents, cares and siblings. It will typically include a welcome, a long creative time to explore a biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a meal together. All elements are for, people of all ages, adults and children. This will be a monthly event on the last Wednesday of each month.
- ◆ On the 14<sup>th</sup> October there will be a **Harvest Festival** service at 9.30 a.m. Please come along and if you feel able contribute a tin or packet of food this will be donated to the local food bank.
- ◆ **Belcanto Female Voice Choir** – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30 p.m. in church. The choir sings a wide range of music covering all styles and periods, including classical and contemporary works, gospel and musicals, both a capella and accompanied by their pianist. The members love singing and aim to bring joy to all those who come to their concerts, always striving to uphold the tradition of Bel Canto (Italian for 'beautiful singing'). Tickets are now available from **Carl Hector 01536 373410 or Barbara Platt 01536 373420** they cost £10 per person including refreshments

## St Andrews Church cont'd

- ◆ On Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6 p.m. we will be holding a service for **All Souls**, this is a service of remembrance and quiet, reflection including hymns and readings with an opportunity to light a candle, as the names of our departed loved ones are read out.
- ◆ This year's **Remembrance Service** will follow the 9.30 a.m. service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The congregation will then walk to the war memorial at 10.50 a.m. for the service at 11 a.m. Please join us as we remember the centenary of the end of First World War.
- ◆ In December we will be having a **Christmas Tree Festival**, this will be a community event hopefully involving other groups in the village. Final details are yet to be confirmed but will follow in good time along with details of all the Christmas events and services.

All of our services are open to everyone young and old, please come along you might be surprised at how friendly we are and how nice it is to have a chat with people you may not have met before – our doors are always open!

If we can help you in any way please do not hesitate to get in touch:

Rector - The Reverend Heather Lowe 01536 263550

Churchwarden – Carl Hector 01536 373410

Benefice Administrator – Allison Porter 01536 373509

Also.. Did you know we produce a weekly News Letter for the four churches in the benefice? It can be accessed on the Parish Council website, follow this link and you will be able to read all about what is going on. <http://www.brigstockcouncil.org.uk/st-andrews-church.html>

### LETTER FROM REV'D HEATHER LOWE, ST ANDREWS CHURCH

Dear Reader,

The school summer holidays have drawn to a close and new terms will be starting. As I think about that I remember what the start of the new school term meant to me - being given nice new clean books with blank unspoilt pages in. Do you remember those? I wonder what we will be writing in our beautiful, clean books in the weeks and months ahead?

Our dream for the rest of this year and beyond is that St Andrew's church will be a beacon for the community. Community was extremely important

## LETTER FROM REV'D HEATHER LOWE, Cont'd

to Jesus and as human beings we are called to be in relationship with each other.

This summer St Andrew's held their first Summer Community Fun Morning. It was for folk of all ages and we were delighted to welcome those who came into the church. There were lots of activities for people to take part in, from slides of Brigstock in the past to making a flower arrangement to take home to a quiz, as well as lots of homemade delicacies and tea and coffee, all free of charge. I hope this will not be our last one. Perhaps in the future we will make them more age specific. What do you think? Let us know? One child commented when she returned home, "this morning was awesome". That's what we want every person of every age in Brigstock to experience, that being in church can be awesome, in so many different ways.

We are hoping to increase our involvement in the community with the start of Messy Church and we have plans for a Christmas Tree Festival. We hope the community will become really involved decorating trees and that a great time (or even an awesome one) will be had by all. The festival will end with a Service for the whole Community. Keep an eye out for further details.

Alan and I would love to get to know you and we hope that over time you will get to know us. The way we use our time and what we write in those beautifully clean notebooks of our lives is up to us. In the words of JRR Tolkien, in the Lord of the Rings, "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us". That sounds so simple but it can be hard to achieve. It expresses the big picture, but can make the task seem impossible. I find Mother Teresa's saying easier to manage, "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is yet to come. We have only today. Let us begin".

I hope you enjoy this prayer by Simon Parkes for each of us:

"May now the armies within, which struggle, begin to make peace,  
face the fears which so fill, which cripple and kill, make them foolish.  
May anxiety know it's the end of the show. It is over.  
May the longings which ask, knock, now bask in God's smile.  
May life's limits which stress, frustrate and depress, hear an answer.  
And may your name on God's heart, be the start of all ventures ahead,

May God bless us with a good end to this Summer and an even greater start to the Autumn.

Rev'd Heather Lowe and Captain Alan Lowe

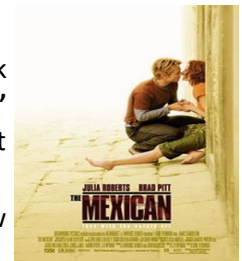


## Brigstock Film Night 2018/19 Season

Brigstock Film Night returns after the summer 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.

**\*\* EXTRA DATE \*\*** - we're joining in with the Brigstock Beer Fiesta this year, with a showing of **"The Mexican"** on Thursday 6 September, a comedy starring Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts, to get you all in fiesta mood.

Our schedule of films for the rest of the season is now confirmed too –



**Friday 19th October 2018 – The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society** (a gentle English drama about life under German occupation)

**Friday 16th November 2018 – War Horse** (acknowledging this centenary year with a fantastic film)

**Friday 18th January 2019 – Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** (some light-hearted fun with Steve Martin and Michael Caine for gloomy January)

**Friday 15th February 2019 – The Happy Prince** (biopic drama about Oscar Wilde in his dying days)

Look out for film details in future editions of the Newsletter, the Village Hall notice-boards, and the Brigstock Village Information and Events Facebook pages. Tickets: £5 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.





BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S  
SCHOOL

## Brigstock Latham's Church of England Primary School

We enjoyed a happy and successful final term of the academic year, with much to celebrate. In June we had a visit from Ofsted, who confirmed that we are a good school with many strengths. They praised the 'nurturing and stimulating environment', and the 'dedicated team of staff' within the school. They also recognised that 'the Christian ethos runs through all that you do.' They praised the behaviour and attitudes to learning of our pupils, and we were also really proud that they confirmed that we provide our pupils with 'a broad range of subjects and learning experiences.' This was never more evident than in the final term of this academic year.

We want to thank everyone from the village who supported us on May Day- and particularly to Robert who helped us so much with all our electrical equipment! It was lovely to share this very special day with so many of the village community, as well as our school community. Our May King and Queen represented all of our pupils so beautifully- thank you again to Connie and Freddie.

Everyone has enjoyed a range of trips and outings this term, with visits to the zoo and the country park. Our Year 3 children had a residential to Newton, and our Year 6 children had a special 'treat' trip to Bounce.

We have also completed our Day 10 'Global Community' Unit, and it has been exciting and rewarding to find out more about the links within our school community to other areas of the world. Our next unit will be entitled 'Brigstock Remembers' and we will focus on the importance of memories in our own lives, and the importance of remembering key events from history. We will particularly focus on the 100 years since the end of WW1, and we will be inviting the village to share in our Remembrance service in the church on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We will also be holding a celebratory Tea Dance, to remember welcoming soldiers home for Christmas. This will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, and we will be inviting our school and village communities to share this with us.

## Brigstock Latham's Primary School—cont'd

Our pupils have enjoyed so much sporting success for such a small school. We have enjoyed competitive football and netball matches and we have performed so well, and with such a positive attitude. We also had a great victory at the Welland Valley Athletics; for the first time, we won the entire event, in both age groups. We were presented with the Welland Valley Shield, which is proudly on display in the school hall. The overall individual athlete of the event was also from our school- well done to Elliot, Athlete T4!

Our Year 5 and 6 children have enjoyed performing for us all. Their show 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' was truly fabulous, and many of those who watched it felt that it was the best school production they had seen. Our Year 6 children also performed for us at the Leavers' Assembly, and we think they had a memorable and enjoyable end to their time at Brigstock. We want to thank everyone who contributed to this, and particularly the PFA who contributed to their treats and books and helped to give them those lasting memories to take away with them as they move onto secondary school.

As we move into the new academic year, we are all looking forward to an exciting term ahead, with more hard work and many exciting opportunities for all of the children.

Look out for our displays of poppies which will be appearing soon...

## BRIGSTOCK MEN'S CLUB

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

We intend to have some speakers coming in to talk to us on interesting subjects and to arrange some local trips out.

The next meetings will be on Monday 3rd September, and then every 2 weeks at the 3 Cocks PH. New men are welcome to come along to any of the meetings.

Des Robinson 01536 373090

## BRIGSTOCK WI—WI Hall, Park Walk, Brigstock

Well, at the time of printing, we are 9 months into our 100<sup>th</sup> year and what a year it's been so far with yet more to come. We must be doing something right as membership has increased to 58, so we are near to full capacity.

We have had some interesting speakers over the last few months. Wendy and Kevin from Honey Potts gave an interesting talk on the origins of beekeeping, Rob Hill from Hambleton Bakery presented a humorous talk on the History of the Rutland bakery with a wonderful selection of their wares to take home and Christine Twell from Nene View Diary presented a talk and slide show on their goats cheeses with samples for us to try. Although we don't officially meet in August, Judy and Steph always put on a village quiz walk for us. This year we are going to Titchmarsh with a record number of members attending

Northamptonshire County Federation, also celebrating their centenary, visited the six WI's in the County who also became 100 in 2018, with a cake, fizz and entertainment evening at Brigstock in June. Also in June WI's around the County and their families were invited to a Centenary Picnic in the grounds of Althorp Estate where we all paraded our banners with pride.



Fame at last!! In June, Brigstock WI was featured on Anglian News,

together with Kettering Cosmos WI – what an exciting day that was.

No one can complain about the wonderful summer we have had this year. Our annual BBQ in June was a huge success. Two trips in July; one to Drayton House in Lowick with a guided tour around the house and grounds and our Llama experience with Niki Newbery followed by afternoon tea in the orchard.

Glenda Stephen

For more information about Brigstock WI, call 01536 373672



## BRIGSTOCK WI—cont'd

**Beer Festival:** September brings the Beer Festival (this year on 8<sup>th</sup>). For WI members this means **DUCKS** – the famous duck race takes place at the beer festival at approximately 4.30pm and tickets are on sale from committee members and our “Duck Stall” on the day. As it's our 100<sup>th</sup>, we have a special guest duck and a very special water mammal competing – so watch out for this mums and dads, boys and girls.

## Brigstock WI What's On

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September:

Brigstock WI meeting at 7.30pm at WI Hall, Park Walk.

Heather Lowe, Rector of Brigstock, Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough presents “The first 12 months in the Benefice”. Competition: Unusual image of St Andrews in any medium. Visitors always welcome.

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September:

Brigstock WI themed social night at 7.30pm. Open to members and non-members. Come along for a chat, refreshments and meet members at WI Hall, Park Walk.

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October:

Brigstock WI meeting at 7.30pm at WI Hall, Park Walk.

Annual General Meeting followed by cheese and wine evening.

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:

Brigstock WI themed social night at 7.30pm. Open to members and non-members. Come along for a chat and refreshments and meet members at WI Hall, Park Walk.

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November:

Brigstock WI meeting at 7.30pm at WI Hall, Park Walk.

Ruth Thompson-Partridge presents Christmas Floral Decorations. Competition: Most loved Christmas decoration.

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November:

Brigstock WI themed social night at 7.30pm. Open to members and non-members. Come along for a chat and refreshments and meet



## The Alternative Horticultural Show

WI Hall, Park Walk, Brigstock

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Open to the public from 2pm to 5pm

with cream tea served

Last chance ladies and gents, boys and girls to enter

- ◆ Call 01536 373987 for entry form, which includes a full list of categories.
- ◆ Only 20p per exhibit
- ◆ All entry forms for the show must be submitted by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August to 51 Back Lane, or 14 Hall Hill.
- ◆ Exhibits to be at the WI Hall from 9.30am to 11am
- ◆ Judging will commence at 11.30
- ◆ Open to Residents of Brigstock, Sudborough, Lowick, Stanion and Little Stanion

### FULL LIST OF CATEGORIES ARE ON THE APPLICATION FORM

#### Categories for adults:

Baking, Preserves, Flowers, Dressmaking, Woodcraft, Paper Craft, Photography, Art (painting), Vegetables, Fruit, "Whoops what's gone wrong section"

#### Categories for Children:

Art, Photography, Paper Craft, Flowers, "Whoops what's gone wrong".

#### Garden Category:

By the time this goes to print, judges would have made their decision and will be kept a secret until the day, when a photograph of the winning entries will be displayed at WI Hall.

#### Auction:

Exhibitors wishing to donate their items will be given a sticker and will be auctioned off at the end of the show.

Please support this event. Its been a year in the making, but only YOU can make it a success.



## The Olde Three Cocks PH

**BAD NEWS !!!!!!!!!!! - YOU HAVE TO PUT UP WITH ME FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT 3 YEARS .....**

**GOOD NEWS !!!!! - WE NOW HAVE A 5 STAR HYGIENE RATING**

### FUTURE EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT:

28 SEPTEMBER AND 12 OCTOBER - **LIVE!! THE SLACK STRING BAND**

END OF SUMMER 23 SEPTEMBER **HAPPY HOUR** FROM 6.00 PM ANY PINT FOR ONLY £2.50, BOTTLE OF PROSSECCO FOR ONLY £14.95, SHOTS FOR ONLY £1.50

FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER **MALTESE NIGHT** RABBIT STEW £9.95

FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER **FISH BUFFET**, EAT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE, FOR ONLY £14.95 FROM THE FIRST WEDNESDAY QUIZ NIGHT CASH AND DRINK PRIZES !!

### ***HALLOWEEN PARTY ALL STARTS FROM FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER with***

ROBERT PERRY PLAYING LIVE - SINGER AND GUITARIST - NOT TO BE MISSED !!

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER FROM 5.00 PM - **KARAOKE**

WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER **HALLOWEEN PIZZA** FOR ONLY £8.00

### **WE ARE NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.**

LIVE MUSIC WITH JESS STEVENS ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND BOXING DAY

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## Brigstock Pre-school Playgroup

By the time you read this the holidays will be almost over and we are looking forward to the challenges of a new school year.

It has been a busy summer term, ending with 10 children leaving us to go to the next phase in their school life, either at Brigstock or elsewhere.



We took part in the annual litterpick by showing the children how to use the equipment, helped at the School/ Church Fete and joined in with school's sports day to show our community spirit.

To help with our own fund raising we held a table top sale in the village hall, a sponsored walk to the country park and a Medium night, all of which were great fun.

This term we are manning a cake stall at the beer festival on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September so if you are willing to make cakes for us or just come along to buy them we look forward to seeing you there. There are also plans for a Halloween Disco around October 30<sup>th</sup> more when finalised.

Another date to remember is Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> when we hold our wreath making evening, more details nearer the date

As we have only a small number of children at the moment, we have had to reduce our opening hours to every morning 9.15-12.15 during the term from Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday October 19<sup>th</sup>

If you would like to register your child with us, we are in the village hall during term times and do take children from 2 years old. The price per session is £13.50, including snack, funding is available so ask Sarah, The Manager for advice. Contact Playgroup on [brigstock-playgroup@outlook.com](mailto:brigstock-playgroup@outlook.com), mobile 07708977714 during term times.

Many thanks

Elizabeth Searle Secretary

# Fermyn Woods Country Park

I am going to dedicate the first part of my article to Butterflies as it has been an exceptionally good year at Fermyn. Everywhere you went round the park and woods you would see butterflies. It was a very good year for the Black Hairstreak, 104 were counted which is the most ever counted at Fermyn. The Purple Emperor put on a good show as well, due to the heat it did not come down to the ground as much but still put on a good aerial display round the top of Oak trees. It was also a good year for Grizzled and Dingy Skippers along with Ringlets, Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, Marbled White, Common Blue, Brown Argus, White Letter Hairstreak, White Admiral and Silver Washed Fritillary to name but a few! All the wildflower areas around the park put on a good show including:-Bee Orchid, Common Spotted Orchid, Birds Foot Trefoil and Knapweed.

The summer migrants are now departing for warmer shores as we go into autumn, Chiffchaffs and Willow Warblers are slowly leaving us and will be replaced with Redwings and Fieldfares. Due to the long heatwave the trees are showing signs of shutting down earlier than they would and we could be in for an extended autumn due to this. The brambles, Hawthorns and Blackthorns are setting fruit and the Hazel and Oak are setting nuts, looks like it is going to be a good season for blackberries and sloes. Make sure when you go out picking to leave some for the wildlife as they will need them to help get ready for winter.

Members of the Friends will be at the Beer Festival running a dog agility stall on the Saturday afternoon. All are welcome to enter their dog to try to get round.

The Rangers

## QUIZ NIGHT

At the Green Dragon PH run by the Friends of Fermyn Woods Country Park on Thursday 15 Nov at 7-30pm . Tickets are £5 including light food, and available from the Green Dragon PH.

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This is back to the Pete Burdett special format!!!

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## Soaring with the Kites : Welland Gliding Club

Residents of Brigstock are well acquainted with the red kites soaring over the village, and during summer weekends the soaring birds are frequently joined by gliders from Welland Gliding Club on Harley Way. The club was established back in 1955 as the Perkins Gliding Club, catering for employees of the Perkins engine factory in Peterborough. After a nomadic existence the club moved from its old home near Middleton to its current site at Lyveden Airfield in 1990, and will shortly be celebrating 30 happy years in the Brigstock neighbourhood as tenants of the Barnwell Manor Estate. We have around 50 members, most of whom learned to fly with us under the tuition of our fully trained and qualified instructor team. Flying tuition is undertaken using a pair of 2-seater training gliders, and solo pilots can also rent either of our single-seater machines, although many solo pilots have bought their own gliders. Launching is usually by means of a winch – effectively a giant catapult – that gets a glider up to 1500 feet or so in just one breath-taking minute, although from time to time we also have access to a tug aeroplane for aerotow launching.

A typical summer's day will see us opening the hangar doors at 8.30 or so to get the gliders and ground equipment ready for the day. This will be followed by a flying briefing from the Duty Instructor after which we get going. A typical flying day will mix up club member training, visitor flights and solo flying. On a really good day some members will take their own gliders on cross country flights that can be upwards of 300 km in length (flights to Hampshire, Yorkshire or the North Norfolk coast and back are possible on really good days), skipping from thermal to thermal for up to six hours. The intention is usually to fly a "closed" circuit, returning to Lyveden to land, but if soaring conditions decay and the rising air "thermals" weaken or cease then a landing at another gliding club site or in a farmer's field becomes inevitable. Then the pilot's crew set out with the glider's trailer and recover the glider and pilot by road. Meanwhile, those members who aren't actually flying are kept busy driving the winch, manning the launch control point, driving the winch cable retrieve car and cooking the bacon rolls in the launch point caravan – it's a team effort. When the hangar doors are closed in the evening we usually share a beer in the evening sunshine outside the clubhouse and swap stories and reflections about the day's exploits. In the summer we also have the odd Barbeque, usually jointly with our friends from Corby Model Flying Club who also fly at Lyveden.

## Soaring with the Kites : Welland Gliding Club—cont

This year, no fewer than four of our members have "gone solo" after several months of intensive flying training, including 15-year old Mathew Brown (the youngest legal age for first-solo is now 14). But the learning doesn't stop there and some members have gone on to have fulfilling flying careers, including commercial jet pilot jobs with British Airways, Emirates and Thomas Cook as well as an Army Apache helicopter pilot. If YOU want to explore the possibility of learning to fly with us or just experience a one-off flight in a glider then send an email to [Rushton.mark@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Rushton.mark@hotmail.co.uk) or phone Mark on 07789 881077 – you'd be surprised how cheap it is to learn ! But do note that the peak gliding season begins to wind down at the end of September and new starters might now consider waiting until next Spring to kick off their training in earnest – we do try to fly throughout the winter, but clearly adverse weather can ground us for weeks on end. However, we have a few good weeks of soaring weather still to come, so sharing a thermal with the Kites and Buzzards, marvelling at the sparkling sheen of the water's surface at Rutland Water and bimbbling around in the evening's last weak thermal over Brigstock whilst watching the cricket as the shadows lengthen are all distinct possibilities for the next few weeks at least ! We look forward to seeing you at Lyveden soon.



Brigstock photographed from a glider this summer.



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The group is run by Jim Clark and Mary McDonald, in association with Age UK, Northamptonshire.

If you are interested in joining our friendly group, please contact Jim on 373717 for further details.



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