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Front Cover Photo - Brigstock Windmill off Stanion Rd

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 4 Lent Lunch URC 12.30pm
- 5 Mens Club 3 Cocks PH 10-30am
- 7 Kurling Village Hall 2-4pm
- 10 Mobile Library 2pm Barnards Way
- 13 WI, "Fire Safety in the Home", WI Hall, 7-30pm
- 17 Open Meeting for MUGA discussion, Village Hall 11am
- 19 Ladies Leisure Group, "Easter Egg Hunt", URC
- 19 & 22 Defibrillator Training Village Hall –7.45 Need to book
- 21 Kurling Village Hall 2-4pm
- 22 BINGO Harpers Court 7-30pm
- 24 Easter Coffee Morning URC
- 27 WI Social Night WI Hall 7-30pm
- 28 Historical Society, "History of Apethorpe Palace", V H 7-30pm
- 30 Easter Egg Hunt—Country park till 15th April

APRIL

- 2 Fun Day, Country Park 12 noon
- 4 Kurling Village Hall 2-4pm
- 6 Ultimate Blues Brothers, Village Hall, 7pm
- 10 WI, "Origins of Bookkeeping", WI Hall, 7-30pm
- 13 Beetle Drive, URC 7-30pm
- 14 St Andrews Church, Spring Fair. 10am
- 14 Mobile Library 2pm Barnards Way
- 16 & 19 Defibrillator Training Village Hall –45 Need to book
- 16 Ladies Leisure Group, June Small Room 1-30pm
- 18 Kurling Village Hall 2-4pm
- 19 BINGO Harpers Court 7-30pm
- 21 Annual Village Litter Pick Village Hall 10am
- 21 St Andrews Church Quiz with a Difference VH 7-30pm
- 24 WI Social Night WI Hall 7-30pm
- 25 Historical Society, "Archive Films of Northants", V H 7-30pm

MAY

- 2 Kurling Village Hall 2-4pm
- 8 WI, "Resolution Evening", WI Hall, 7-30pm
- 12 Mobile Library 2pm Barnards Way
- 16 Kurling Village Hall 2-4pm
- 17 BINGO Harpers Court 7-30pm
- 21 Ladies Leisure Group, June Small Room 1-30pm
- 22 WI County visit to Brigstock WI Hall, 7-30pm
- 23 Historical Society, "That Woman, V H 7-30pm



Did you know that Northamptonshire Police has a free message alert system, to help people living and working in Northamptonshire be much better informed about crime and police activity in their local area, and help us to keep their communities safe?

The messaging service, is called Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert (formerly known as Community Connect), and it enables frontline police officers and PCSOs to send alert messages direct from their mobile devices to thousands of local people. They can do this in real-time while they are out and about policing the county.

After signing up to the messaging system, you will receive regular alerts from Northamptonshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations, keeping you up to date and informed about crime and issues relevant to you and the area where you live or work.

If for example, there has been a spate of distraction burglaries in a particular district or an increase in vehicle crime, we can tell people immediately via the alert system. So they can better protect themselves and be more aware of any potential threats and risks. We can also very quickly share descriptions of suspects or appeal for witnesses – giving us a greater chance of arrest.

We want to encourage you to promote the alert system to friends, family and the public to get more people registered. The more people we have registered the wider and more effective our alerts will be.

Signing up to the messaging service is really simple and quick. The alert system is completely secure and registration is free.

To register with Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert visit

www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk

BRIGSTOCK WINDMILL

The photograph on the front of this edition is of the windmill that used to be a familiar landmark along Stanion Road. It was demolished in about 1900 and had been falling into disrepair for a number of years. Windmill cottages still exist although significantly altered.

There were six small cottages in Windmill row. These were occupied by Levi Bell, a wood merchant and journeyman, Leah his wife and their sons Frank, Ernie and Archie (No 1), Jim Wills an iron-ore worker, his wife Kate and son Foscuot (No 2), Mrs Morley and son Robert (No 3), Jack, George and Fred Clark, farm workers, and sister Lizzie (No 4), Arthur Sharp, an iron-ore worker, wife Ada and daughter Pansy (No 5), and Herbert Bland, bricklayer and builder's labourer, his wife and their son Mark (No 6). The cottages had no running water or electricity. Water was drawn from a well at the bottom of the garden and there was an earth closet which all the residents shared. Cooking was by solid fuel in the kitchen range, with an oven on one side of the fire and hot water on the other. For some of the residents this was inadequate for the Sunday roast which was transported the half a mile to Mr Freeman's bakehouse opposite the New Inn where the men probably waited happily until the joint was done and they had to carry it carefully back home! In the 1920s the average rent for one of the cottages was two shillings a week.

Robert Worley, who lived in one of the cottages in the 1920s, has written a delightful book about growing up in Brigstock called "Bells, Books and Candles". This is available to borrow from the Historical Society library along with many other books of local interest. Please email me if you would like a list (sallywilks@mac.com).

This article was provided by Brigstock Historical Society.

LUNCH CLUB

There is a lunch club for Senior citizens held every week, and it is now being held at the **Green Dragon Public House**. A 2 course meal and coffee is served for the fantastic price of £7.00. There is a voluntary fun activity following the meal. Sometimes Bingo or a quiz. A raffle is held on the first Thursday of each month. Do come along you will be made most welcome. Further details from Jim on 373717 or Mary on 373522. Transport may be possible.

BRIGSTOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP £10 per year otherwise £3 per visit

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

28/03/18	<i>The History of Apethorpe Palace</i> Peter and Gloria Wright	From the first 15th century hunting lodge and occupants Peter and Gloria trace all the personalities through to the Brassey family in the 20th century, then the chequered history through neglect, and finally plans for the future.
25/04/18	<i>Archive Films of Northants</i> Local Film Trust	Some more fascinating glimpses of Northamptonshire history through moving pictures from the local archive.
23/05/18	<i>"That Woman"</i> Roy Smart	Popular speaker Roy Smart returns to tell of the life of Wallis Simpson and the constitutional crisis of 1936.
27/06/18	<i>Saints, Sinners, Stars and Scandals</i> Derek Blunt	Derek will introduce you to some people who have lived in our county through the years from times past to the present day - famous and infamous.

If you are interested in taking part in an archaeological dig in the village please let us know.

Sally Wilks 373428

DO YOU WANT AN ADVERT HERE?

If you want to advertise in this Newsletter which comes out quarterly and is delivered to 600 houses throughout Brigstock, please contact the editor on chrisallen043@gmail.com or 01536 373059

Brigstock United Reformed Church

Winter may still be with us, but Christmas seems ages ago. We had a very busy time, with our annual Christmas Coffee morning, the travelling Nativity set and our carol service, plus a short, informal service on Christmas Day. The coffee morning was very enjoyable; lots of people joined us and spent their money, which meant that we were able to raise £552 for our funds. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, made cakes, helped on the stalls or just turned up on the day. Brigstock Playgroup helped us out by volunteering to decorate our Christmas tree; they had really enjoyed the Christmas tree festival we held the previous year, and wanted to do it again. They did a great job and the tree looked lovely.

We were pleased to join with our friends at St. Andrews again to send Mary and Joseph off on their travels round Brigstock. It's a good way to meet people, make friends and remember what the period of Advent is all about.

Every year we choose to give the offering from our Carol Service to a local charity. Our service was well attended and we were able to send a cheque for just over £145 to Corby Nightlight. This is a charity aiming to provide shelter for Corby's homeless population, and one of our members, Helen Johnston, has just started volunteering with them, so we were pleased to be able to support her efforts. Helen also led our Christmas Day service, and we had a good carol-sing-a-long on New Year's Eve.

We invite anyone who would like to join us for a Lent Lunch on Sunday, March 4th at 12.30pm in the June Small room, Mill Lane. We shall be serving soup, cheese and bread rolls, and we ask for donations to a charity. If you want to be there, just let us know (ring 373225) so that we can make enough soup.

We also have an Easter coffee morning coming up, on Saturday, March 24th from 10-midday and would love to see you there. This time there will be hot cross buns to go with the coffee, and also stalls for you to enjoy.

A new type of service will be held on March 18th-Pizza and Praise, at 4.30pm instead of our morning service. Want to know more? Join us then in the June Small room and enjoy a good pizza, good company and a good sing.

Brigstock United Reformed Church (cont'd)

Since Christmas, the members of Young Church have been busy 'thinking'. First we focused on our thoughts, and some proverbs that were shared with us, like 'be careful of your thoughts, they may become words at any time' and 'you can never do a kindness too soon for you never know when it will be too late'. Rebecca also used these to write a school assembly. A few children have been to a young leaders day focusing on the covenant - promises between us and God. In the weeks before lent, we discussed the significance of food in many bible passages as we think about others in the weeks before Easter. In March we will be thinking about our village community, past and present as we help to maintain the War Memorial.

Those of you who know Margaret Knight will be sad to know that she is now permanently in a care home. She has been a stalwart at the chapel for many years and was our organist for a long time. Two of our friends from the Open Door, and long-standing villagers, have recently passed away. Daphne Smith and George Townsend will be sadly missed by a lot of people in Brigstock.

Future event: Our popular Beetle Drive is back! - On Friday, April 13th at 7.30 pm. Save the date now and look out for further details.

EVENING TELEGRAPH



To advertise your organisation in the Evening Telegraph please contact Steph Beckett on 373422. Items should be sent by the Thursday of the preceding week for publication on a Thursday.

BINGO

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. Next sessions are as follows:

March 22nd, April 19th May 17th June 21st

Brigstock Cricket Club 2018

PROMOTION FOR THE TEAM

A new challenge for the club as the first team play in the Northants premier league for the first time, and the first match is away at Finedon on 21 April so no bigger task to start the season.

They'll be a home match at the meadow every Saturday from 28 April. So 'come on down' and enjoy some quality cricket (at least when the firsts are playing!) and a libation at the bar.

TRAINING

Our **youth section** training starts on Friday 13th April (be ready to start at 6.30) and we have sections for beginners, under 9s, under 11s, under 13s and under 15s. So boys and girls we look forward to returnees and new players alike. Older youths train with the adults on Thursday evening. Any questions speak to Alan Bamford 01536 373289 or Simon Goodson 07966 878221.

As well as the 2 Saturday teams and the Wednesday evening team (open age group) the club runs sides at under 9, 11, 13 and 15.

Winter nets begin soon at the Oundle school gym in Milton Road Oundle. 5 sessions booked, Saturday mornings 10:00 - 12:00 on 3rd, 10th, 17th March & 7th, 14th April. These nets are mainly for adults and older youths.

Fridays are a good opportunity for the grown-ups to wind down for the weekend as the PFA run a barbeque and the club always has real ale available as well as a selection of wines. One of the many improvements to cricket in the 30+ years I've been playing.

If you need more information or you want to get involved in your local club, playing or volunteering, please get in touch with Alan or Simon on the numbers above.

Hope to see you in the summer for a natter, some cricket and a beer.

Alan Bamford

HILL FARM HOUSE, PARK WALK, BRIGSTOCK

The Newbery family have been in the village now for 16 years, have lovingly restored Hill Farm House and are now bringing what was the Herb Farm back to being a business. Niki Newbery has worked in the wedding industry for 22 years and has given up working in London to develop a rural business from home. She is starting off with offering a beautiful Raj style marquee in their field off the Grafton Road for wedding receptions, hoping to do six events a year, the marquee is also available to hire for other locations.

They are holding an Open Day for Brides on Sunday 20th May however on Friday 18th May 2pm - 7pm you lovely village people, friends and neighbours are very welcome to come and have a preview.

They are currently training our three Llamas and will be offering Llama experiences for adults only to come and take them for a walk, have a grooming session and then enjoy some lovely refreshments whilst hanging out with the boys, they are very entertaining to watch. Miguel, Jiminey & Luca should be ready to meet the public early summer.



For further information please contact Niki Newbery

thehillfarmhouse.co.uk @thehillfarmhouse 07962 324551



The
HILLFARM
House
WEDDING
VENUE OPEN DAY
Sunday 20th May 2018
11am - 3pm
Complimentary Event
If you can't make it or wish for a private viewing
please contact us.

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LET'S CREATE A VILLAGE OF LIFE-SAVERS!

Following recent interest in life-saving skills training, we have arranged for the British Heart Foundation to hold some free training sessions in the village hall in March and April, covering;

- How to do CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation)
- How to use a Defibrillator (positioned by Coop)
- How to recognise a heart attack

These 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. By attending one of these courses, you're helping create a village of life-savers.....where everyone knows how to save a life.

One day, it might just save the life of someone you know.

Dates

Mon 19th March (nearly full)

Thurs 22nd March (nearly full)

Mon 16th April

Thurs 19th April

Sessions will be held in Brigstock Village Hall at 7.45pm.

It will take approximately 1.5 hours and will include plenty of practice time with mannequins and defibrillators in small groups of no more than 4 people to a trainer (up to 24 people in a session).

If you would like to sign up, or have any questions, please call/text Sam Read on 07766 573400 or email sam@theswallowsrest.co.uk

SUNNYSIDERS CLUB

Sunnysiders Club is for men and women over 60 (or younger would be nice). We meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons in the lounge at Harpers Court, Brigstock from 2pm until 4pm 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 an outing for a meal or a coach trip especially during the summer months. For more information, please call 01536 373383

Ladies Leisure Group

We enjoyed two superb meals before Christmas-one at Lyveden New Bield and the other was our Christmas party when we all brought food and shared it-and a good time was had by all. Our meetings are not always about food, however, although we do normally enjoy some very good cake with our tea.

In January Ron came to "Play your Cards Right"-not to teach us new games as we put in the last newsletter, but the game based on the popular TV show hosted by Bruce Forsyth. It got quite competitive and was really enjoyed by everyone. By the time this newsletter is delivered we shall have had a "Disco days" talk, and on March 19th there will be an Easter Egg Hunt based at the chapel in Mill Lane.

We try to vary our programme as much as possible and we are always on the lookout for new speakers or places to visit, as well as new members. If you have a spare hour or two on the third Monday in the month, why not come and find out what we do? We meet in the June Small room at 1.30pm and welcome all ladies to our meetings.

WAR MEMORIAL ROTA

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

The next few clubs to "do their bit" are

March URC

April St Andrew's Church

May Village Hall

June Parish Council

Thank you in advance

Liz Searle

ANNUAL LITTER PICK

The Annual litter pick will take place on Saturday 21st April from 10am. The Parish Council is hoping lots of you will join them to make the village tidy once more. There will be a competition once again for the school children will be asked to make a poster to advertise the event.

Liz Searle

St Andrews Church

Letter from the Rector and the Associate Minister

Dear Reader

For several weeks now as we walk towards St Andrew's Church along the church path, even on the cold, wet and grey days we have started to see the beautiful swathes of snowdrops and the green shoots and leaves of the spring flowers appearing through the dirt and mud. It is the time for new growth. It is a time for hope and new life.

It's easy to take the germination of seeds and the new green shoots appearing for granted and yet it is a miracle that happens every year. From the dying back of winter, life reappears, and it should never cease to amaze us and inspire us.

As we celebrate Easter we remember again the resurrection of Jesus. As a seed "dies" before it sends out new growth, so Jesus was transformed from his earthly body to another through his death. This is not a one-off event but a trailer of what will come for those who believe. The Christian hope is that we too will be transformed when the time comes. Jesus had changed but was still recognisably the person people had previously known, and so it will be for us in God's good time.

As a chick emerges from the egg so new life is appearing all over the place at this time of the year, reminding us yet again that the God who breathes life into everything remains with us and one day will renew all things.

Please do come and join us for any of our services at Brigstock, Stanion, Sudborough or Lowick at any time. You are always welcome.

With love in Christ, Rev'd Heather and Captain Alan Lowe

2018 Christian Aid Week

Join us this May to raise money and act for the world's poorest people, many who are fleeing their homes because of war, conflict and disaster and making dangerous journeys in search of safety. Our village house-to-house envelope collection will take place during week May 13th – 19th.

Let's see if we can beat our record result of £1060 achieved in 2017. If you could help to collect in your road or street or would like to join our group of collectors from St. Andrew's and the URC who collect across our village then please contact Mike Simpson on 373694 by early May.

St Andrews Church— cont'd

Fundraising.

Our most recent fundraising event, a race night in the village hall, was really well attended and as usual provided a great night with good company and excellent food. We thank everyone who came along and supported us; we made a fantastic £1132. This will go towards our fund to install servery and toilet facilities in the church.

Future events include:

Spring Fair - Saturday 14th April 10.00 a.m –12 noon in church –. There will be stalls selling cakes, bric-a-brac, plants and hand made crafts, a tombola and raffle. Refreshments will also be available.

"Quiz With a Difference" - Saturday 21st April in the Village Hall 7.30 start – Test your knowledge of the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's and why not dress to reflect your favourite era (optional), a prize for best outfit. There will also be retro nibbles to help take you back in time. Teams up to a maximum of 8 people, bring your own drinks. Tickets £5 per person, they will be available from Carl Hector, Lesley Blakely and Allison Porter in due course. Look out for the posters around the village.

Summer Fete -This year's joint summer fete for St Andrews Church and Brigstock Primary School will be on Saturday 30th June. This is always a well attended event with lots of fun for the family. For further information please contact Lesley Blakeley 01536 373547.

Belcanto Female Voice Choir – Saturday 8th September 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').

Do put the date in your diary a not to be missed event. Time to be confirmed, tickets will be £10 per person including refreshments. Further details to follow.

TALES OF BRIGSTOCK CEMETERY

We tend to think that the cemetery has always been as we see it today with the graves set out in a large grassy area which is mown regularly to keep it neat and tidy. But this was not always the case as this extract from a local newspaper of 15th February 1894 shows. And it is certainly true that even today any changes to the cemetery area can arouse strong emotions. It also shows that in 1894 Brigstock women were quite capable of forcefully taking matters into their own hands. The suffragettes would have been proud of them.

An extraordinary scene is alleged to have occurred in the usually quiet village of Brigstock on Tuesday. It appears that those responsible for the management of the cemetery recently decided to level the ground in order that it might be laid to grass and mown and to do this the grave mounds had to be removed. This decision caused a lot of dissatisfaction in the village especially among those who have friends buried in the graveyard. On Tuesday, when the caretaker proceeded to carry out his orders the following scene is reported to have occurred.

Within a short time a number of women entered the cemetery and soundly berated him. Soon their numbers increased until 40 or 50 women were present and finding their protestations in vain to stop the desecration they resorted to force. Bundling the caretaker into a barrow they wheeled him triumphantly into the streets where they took such further steps as they deemed necessary to prevent his return to the cemetery. For some time the village was in a state of considerable excitement.

Unfortunately there are no details of the “further steps” used to deter the caretaker and you have to feel a bit sorry for him as he was only trying to do his job. And as we can see from the way the cemetery is today the authorities got their way in the end. The Parish Council is responsible for the cemetery these days and I’m sure that any changes that have to be made to improve its upkeep will hopefully not cause any outcry in the village.

ADVANCE WARNING TO PLAN AHEAD

**The WI Alternative Horticultural Show on
Sat 15th September 2018,**

Note change of date, and see the separate flyer with this newsletter.

BRIGSTOCK BEER FESTIVAL



Following the success of last years Oktober Fest festival I am delighted to let you know that this year will be Fiesta Time!!

Based around a Latino theme the festival will include music, food and drinks based on Central and South America, music including Brazilian drums, Salsa and a Mexican mariachi band.

The team are busy putting together ideas for food, so expect to see some interesting street food from these regions.

The beer committee, who never shy from a challenge, are also looking for a drinks list that will add to the Fiesta, we are looking at a range of Spanish, Brazilian and Mexican lagers along with a selection of the usual real ales, ciders and craft beers.

Look out for a special Festival beer, but that’s all I am giving away at this stage!

We will follow the usual format with a comedy night on the Friday and a festival day starting at 1pm until late with the bar open all the time. We are aiming to have a proper Fiesta so plan the whole day out and be ready to dance!

Other entertainments and stalls will be confirmed in the next newsletter once they are agreed and booked.

The other change this year is the date, due to other village commitments, the festival will be held on Friday 7th and Sat 8th of September.”

Feliz fiesta

Rob Leaning

BBF Chair

Put the dates in your diary to ensure you are not out of the village:

www.brigstockbeerfestival.com and on Facebook



Brigstock Latham's Church of England Primary School

The children came back to school after the Christmas holidays raring to go ready for the term ahead. The staff have been busy planning lessons to inspire and engage the children.

Kindness tea party and Advent Window

On the 6th December the school held a 'Kindness Tea Party' before the opening of the advent window. Invites were sent out to the community inviting everyone to share some tea and cake with us. We had a wonderful evening and it was so lovely to see many visitors to our school. The tea party had been planned throughout Day 10 and the year 5 and 6's did a magnificent job of hosting.

On the same evening we unveiled the Brigstock Primary School Advent Window. Mrs Ettridge and her Art Club had once again been busy creating a wonderful masterpiece. A song had been specially written for everyone to sing. We were extremely thankful to the villagers who shared this memorable event with us. Thank you, as always, to everyone who supports us.

School plays

This year, years 5 and 6 supported Reception with the Nativity. It was fabulous to see the youngest and oldest of our school working together which only enhanced the evening. Following this, year 1/ 2 and years 3/ 4 took to the stage with a showing of the 'Magical Jigsaw'. The acting was outstanding with the children really embracing their roles. Words were rehearsed beautifully and performed with gusto.

School Trips

Our Year 4 children set off by train to Derbyshire for a 2 night residential. Mrs Griggs and Mrs Leaning went with them to join in the fun. The children had a great time taking part in many outdoor pursuits and team building games. As always, the children were a credit to both the school and their parents with their polite manners and keen attitude. Many thanks also go to Mrs Andrews and Mrs Fincher for helping with the train journeys and ensure all children made the connection and no luggage was lost!

Brigstock Latham's Church of England Primary School—cont'd

Young Voices

On the 9th January KS2 left Brigstock bound for Birmingham and a night of dance, songs and lots of fun. The children had been practicing the songs and the actions in the build-up before and were amazing. The evening was full of entertainment and the children sang wonderfully. They were enthusiastic, encouraging and a pleasure to take. I am sure all the adults who came along to watch (we did know you were there, we could just about see!) were just as proud and enjoyed the evening.

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

Mrs Victoria Bull and Mrs Sandy Ettridge, Head Teachers

DRIVING TOO FAST ?

If you experience our village speed sign lighting up and flashing its 30mph reminder then **yes** you are driving too fast through our village.

All of us need reminding of our responsibilities as drivers occasionally.

As you know the 30mph restriction is the permitted speed within the village boundary and yes it does seem like a snails pace but it is there and in force for everyone's protection and safety.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

At present the recorded instances of excessive speed are into the 1000's every 2 weeks which is a high number and should be a cause for concern to all of us.

There are instances of speed in excess of 50mph+ along Stanion Road particularly heading out of the village towards Stanion.

WHAT CAN WE DO

At this stage all of us as drivers should really do our bit to improve the safety of everyone by making sure our speed is not excessive and certainly no more than 30mph.

YOU KNOW IT MAKES SENSE.

BRIGSTOCK

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Christmas seems a long time ago now but thank you to all of you who helped make the village celebrations so enjoyable. The living advent calendar goes from strength to strength with a fun theatrical performance included for the first time. The natty knitters provided lots of Christmas creations and a children's quiz. Thanks to Father Christmas who braved the weather to distribute presents at the annual switching on of the Christmas lights.

We have a vacancy on the Parish Council due to the resignation of Mrs Jill Schofield. Thank you to her for her support and commitment during her time as a councillor. Because the local elections are coming up in May we do not have to fill the vacancy. If you are interested in joining the parish council watch out for further information.

Our Neighbourhood Plan is now completed and I would like to thank all the members of the Neighbourhood Plan committee, under the chairmanship of Chris Allen, for their tremendous hard work and dedication over the last two years. It has taken a great deal of time and thought to produce the plan which will determine how the village develops over the next few years. More details about what happens next can be found elsewhere.

PARISH COUNCIL

I think we have all been made aware of the difficulties that the County Council are having at the moment. This has a knock on effect on Brigstock in that county council services have been pared back to the bone. We can no longer rely on regular road sweeping, weed control, footpath maintenance etc. There are many of you who undertake some of these services yourselves. It is a great help when residents take care of the footpaths in front of their properties and keep them weed and litter free. Our annual litter pick is taking place soon so watch out for posters. This year we are concentrating on tidying up the telegraph poles which must have about 30 years worth of rusty staples and drawing pins in them! If you are putting up notices please use the village noticeboard and, if you do use the telegraph poles, take down the posters once the event has passed and remove the staples. If you are willing to "adopt a telegraph pole" and keep it tidy please let Nigel Searle know.

Once again I have to mention dog poo. Church Walk is a particular problem so whoever is letting their dog foul the grass please would you stop and think about the mess you are leaving. We will seek prosecution if you are caught. Dog poo can be bagged, binned and deposited in any of the village litter bins, not just the dog bins. Please make the effort.

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Games that can be played include: football, basketball, handball, hockey, volleyball, badminton, tennis and football-tennis.

The Parish Council is considering installing a MUGA on the Meadow. If you are interested in finding out about it and helping to choose the type of MUGA for Brigstock please come along to a meeting at the village hall on

Saturday 17th March at 11 a.m. in the village hall (upstairs).

Sally Wilks, Chair

BRIGSTOCK WI 100TH ANNIVERSARY



Brigstock WI is very proud to be the oldest WI in Northamptonshire, which has been running since March 1918 without any breaks.

The first meeting was held on March 5th 1918 and presided over by Mrs Lloyd (of Stewart and Lloyd) who went on to join the County Executive when it was formed later in the year.

Since then, there has been 23 different presidents, of which 12 are still in touch with the WI in some way and invited to our big 100th celebration tea in April. The Present 50 members are celebrating on the actual anniversary with a special dinner at Harrowden Hall.

Some of the highlights over the years have been as follows.

Buying the present WI Hall in Park Walk from The Salvation Army in 1920s. Mrs Isabella Steward was a very active member from the beginning and served both village and county as demonstrator and judge. She even wrote a cookery book "How I make my jam" after winning a Large Silver Medal at Olympia in 1931. When she died there were mourners and floral tributes from several WIs around the area.

In 1937 WI raised 15/6p to plant a cooper beech tree to commemorate King George VI coronation and during the 1970s and 1980s trees were planted in the cemetery and county parks.

During the war we held a canning factory in Mrs R Gray's house, when sugar was rationed, to can fruit to sell.

The longest president and secretary partnership was with Mrs E Gray and Mrs Hector from 1947 to 1966. In 1965 Mrs Hector was chosen by the WI to represent Brigstock at the Golden Jubilee of National WI at a Buckingham Palace garden Party and Mrs P Parrish represented us at the 100th anniversary garden party in 2015.

In 1990s the roof had to be repaired and members raised the money themselves. In 2016 with help from various grants we finally had a toilet installed much to the relief of members!

We used to have a choir which wore green and black rosettes and did well at county level. These days we are still very active and do knitting, kurling, skittles, drama, have won the County quiz several times.

BRIGSTOCK WI 100TH ANNIVERSARY

We hold our own quiz, safari supper, table top sales, murder mystery nights to raise funds. For socialising we have evening meetings, a BBQ and summer walks round different villages with a quiz.

In the village we support other groups by having litter picking teas, war memorial tidy rota and the duck race at the beer festival when ladies catch the ducks out of the brook- this year we even dressed up!!

We are ready for the challenge of the next 100 years. Bring it on, I say!!!!

Liz Searle – President

WI What's On:

Tuesday 13th March:

Brigstock WI meeting at 7.30 at WI Hall, Park Walk. Jo Gouldson presents "Fire safety in the home". Competition is "an old first aid box or first aid book". Visitors always welcome.

Tuesday 27th March:

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

Tuesday 10th April:

Brigstock WI meeting at 7.30 at WI Hall, Park Walk. Wendy & Kevin from Honey Potts presents "Origins of beekeeping, Folklore and Remedies". Competition is "Quirkiest honey pot". Visitor's welcome.

Tuesday 24th April:

Brigstock WI themed social night. Open to members and non-members. Come along for a chat and refreshments and meet members at WI Hall, Park Walk. 01536 373672

Tuesday 8th May:

Brigstock WI meeting at 7.30 at WI Hall, Park Walk. Resolutions Evening followed by cheese and wine supper.

Tuesday 22nd May:

Members County visit to Brigstock WI social night at 7pm

KNIT AND NATTER GROUP



We meet throughout the year on a Wednesday morning, from 10am to 12 noon, in the Olde Three Cocks.

November and December were very busy months for us preparing for the Advent window, the Yarn Bombing of Brigstock and the Children's Stocking competition. Having hung the yarn bombing on a Saturday evening, we woke up to heavy snowfall on Sunday. A

willing husband was sent out to brush off the snow!

Thank you to those who took part in the stocking competition. All proceeds were added to the Advent Window collection for Riding For the Disabled.

Well, January has been quiet on the knitting front, but not on the nattering!!!! February will see us back into full swing of being busy again.



As well as undertaking our personal knitting, we are involved in many charity projects. For 2018 we, together with the Crochet Group, are knitting poppies for the War Memorial to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1.

If you want to join our group, or find out more information, please call Gill on 01536 373779; however if you don't want to join and like knitting, you might be interested in knitting some poppies to help us for the display.

Pattern (all in garter stitch):

Red double knit, cast on 120 stitches

Knit 4 rows

Knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 sts)

Knit 4 rows

Knit 2 stitches together across the row (20 sts)

Knit 4 rows

Knit 2 stitches together across the row (10 sts)

Thread through wool and pull up tight. Sew up seam and add black button for the centre.

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Brigstock WI Recipe Page

Brigstock WI celebrates its 100th birthday on 5th March 2018; therefore we thought it would be fitting to choose a recipe from the 1937 Northamptonshire Federation recipe book. Thumbing through the old and very well used book, I spotted an advertisement :

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Made me chuckle how times have changed.

CELERY SOUP:

1 head of celery, 1 piece of butter (the size of an egg), 2 pints of water, salt and pepper, 1 egg yolk, 1 gill of milk or cream.

Method:

Put chopped celery into a pan with melted butter and stir until celery is well coated with butter. Pour on the water, add salt and pepper and boil (without a lid on) until celery is quite soft. Skim well from time to time. When celery is soft, rub all pan contents through a sieve. Return soup to pan and stir until boiling. Mix the egg and cream together and pour boiling soup on to this. This soup is specially food for rheumatism.

TOMATO SOUP:

1 large tin of tomatoes (or an equal quantity of fresh ones), 2 large onions, 1 carrot, salt and pepper.

Method:

Boil all together in 2 quarts (2 pints) of water or stock until tender. Rub through a sieve and return to the pan. Add 1oz of butter. Thicken with a tablespoon full of flour mixed in a breakfast cup of new milk. Allow to boil about 2 minutes and serve.

Both the above recipes were submitted to the book by Brigstock WI members.



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Brigstock Pre-school Playgroup

It's been a great start to 2018 at playgroup already, we have some exciting events coming up, the children are doing a sponsored walk on Weds 18th April for a new iPad at playgroup. We have some summer events coming up to a table top sale, physics event and a decades disco. All proceeds raised will be going to playgroup as you know we are charity run and are very great full for all your support. Dates will be to follow.



Staff have been completing a paediatric first aid course and we have also welcomed a new member of staff to the team, Suzie Caswell, who has settled in great.

We have spaces available for two year olds and over. Please contact Sarah (manager) on 07708 977714 if you are interested.

Thank you for your continued support.

Brigstock playgroup committee

BRIGSTOCK KURLING GROUP

Dates for kurling this Spring will be: Wednesdays 7th and 21st March, 4th and 18th April and 2nd and 16th May, all from 2-4 p.m. in the Village Hall. You don't need to book if you would like to try it out, just come to the hall on any of the above dates, and we'll be very pleased to see you. We provide all the equipment, including "pushers" if you can't bend down too well, and the cost is £2, including tea, coffee and biscuits. If you want any more information, please ring Judith Beeby on 373367.

The visit to Beckworth's ice rink in December to play the real game went a lot better for some people than for others! One of the lanes had been used more consistently, and was smoother than the other, so was easier to play on - or at least that was the excuse of those of us on the second lane who had trouble getting the stones to move very far at all to begin with. But we all managed to get them to the target by the end of the game. It just looks so easy in the Winter Olympics!

Fermyn Woods Country Park

Well I don't know where 2017 went, I have now been at Fermyn Woods Country Park for a year and I have enjoyed every minute of it. It certainly has been an interesting winter with a couple of heavy snow showers and a lot of snow and ice removal from car parks, it defiantly keeps you fit.

The carols in the park and advent window on 16th December was well attended and was a nice cold and frosty evening, we would like to thank the Fermyn Woods friends group with helping to organise the event and Revd Heather Lowe for leading the carol service round the park.

With help from our volunteers we have been working through our winter habitat work and have cleared a lot round the park, whilst the pond has been empty in the refuge we have been selectively removing willow regrowth towards the back of the refuge to allow light to get to the ground and encourage any dormant plants to grow in the spring. We are removing a section each year so there is a rotation of cleared areas, none cleared areas and areas growing back which is good for wildlife.

Butterfly Conservation Beds and Northants have undertaken the clearing of scrub on two large banks beyond Reedy Pond. These are particularly important habitats for Dingy Skipper and Grizzled Skipper butterfly, as they prefer low growing vegetation. We are also creating a butterfly and insect corridor in the Great Thicket, by removing hawthorns in certain areas, this allow easier movement from one area to another, and increase the butterflies chances of finding a nectar source, as well as allowing Blackthorn to regrow, an important part of the Black Hairstreak Butterfly's life cycle.

We have also started clearing the left hand side of the purple route as the bramble and self-set trees and regrowth are starting to take over and encroach on the path. Already, on the areas we have cleared, there are signs of Bluebells coming up; nature doesn't take long to recolonise. Hopefully there might be a nice show of Bluebells, keep an eye out when you are walking round in spring. - Dan Hurst, Ranger

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Brigstock Neighbourhood Plan

Following the consultation period, we have considered all the submissions received and where we agreed, have made some changes. All the submissions have been recoded and the action taken. These are available on the Parish Council Website. The revised Plan was approved by the Parish Council in January, and the full submission is being prepared to go to East Northants Council. There are quite a few formal documents to accompany the Plan and these are taking some time to complete.

ENC will now carry out a further 6 weeks consultation and any comments received will be passed to the appointed Examiner who has to approve the document to ensure it follows all the legal needs of a Planning Document. Then there will be the village referendum, This might still be several months off, but we are looking forward to it!!

Thanks for all the committees support and for all your input. Lets hope this ensures we get what the majority want for the village.

Chris Allen, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee

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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

BRIGSTOCK MEN'S CLUB

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

The next meetings will be on 5th March, and then every 2 weeks at the 3 Cocks PH. Do check over the Easter Period and the Bank Holidays. New men are welcome to come along to any of the meetings

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BRIGSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

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

We are now looking to build an extension on the north side of the hall to use as storage cupboards. This provide room to stack all the chairs and tables which usually clutter up the Annex and make this hard to use as a good space. We have planning permission for this and now are applying for grants to pay for it. Hopefully this should be complete by Christmas.

Remember that the hall is available for private functions and if you want to book the hall or either of the two meeting rooms, please contact Rosie Briggs on 01536 373579 or email rosybbiggs@btinternet.com.



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BRIGSTOCK SCHOOL PFA

The Parents and Friends are continuing to meet and to take forward our agenda. Our Curry Club was on 25 February in the village hall. This is the event where the village curry fiends created their finest spicy delights and then the rest of us ate it. A great evening was had by all.

Thanks for all the support that we had from all the village

Fundraising this year is focussed on re-drawing the playground - eg putting hopscotch lines on and other games. We're also looking to buy the school iPads to allow the children to use more of the online learning that's available. One iPad isn't too expensive, but we need more than one for a class of 30...

Our next big event is the Summer Fete -This year's joint summer fete for St Andrews Church and Brigstock Primary School will be on Saturday 30th June. This is always a well attended event with lots of fun for the family. For further information please contact me. Thanks indeed for your support to date and please get stuck into the events. Richard Fincher 373353




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