

# BRIGSTOCK NEWS

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## BRIGSTOCK NEWS

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE

- 5 Kurling, Village Hall, 2pm
- 10 Mens Group, 3 Cocks PH, 10-30am
- 11 WI, "Dancing with Diana", WI Hall, 7-30pm
- 15/16 URC Fathers Day Teas, June Small Room. 2—5pm
- 17 Ladies Leisure Group, Ascot comes to Brigstock, JS Room, 1-30
- 19 Kurling, Village Hall, 2pm
- 22 Friends Fermyn Woods, Murder Mystery, WI Hall 7pm
- 22/23 OG&SP Million Dreams, Stahl Theatre
- 24 Mens Group, 3 Cocks PH, 10-30am
- 26 Historical Soc, "Carl Hector—Brigstock Field Names", V H, 7-30pm
- 27 BINGO, Harpers Court, 7-30pm

### July

- 3 Kurling, Village Hall, 2pm
- 5/6 Sound of Music, Brigstock Theatre Group, 7pm, 2pm, 7pm.
- 7 Cricket Club Youth Fun Day, The Meadow
- 8 Mens Group, 3 Cocks PH, 10-30am
- 9 WI "History of Telephone Kiosks", WI Hall 7-30pm
- 13 PFA Summer Fete, 2pm School
  
- 15 Ladies Leisure Group, Country Park Lunch
- 17 Kurling, Village Hall, 2pm
- 22 Mens Group, 3 Cocks PH, 10-30am

### August

- 7 Kurling, Village Hall, 2pm
- 13 WI Village Walk Quiz
- 16/17 EquATA Music Festival and Fun Day, Grafton Park Lodge
- 19 Ladies Leisure Group, Visit from WI Drama Group
- 21 Kurling, Village Hall, 2pm

### September

- 20 Brigstock Beer Festival - Comedy Night - Village Hall 7pm
- 21 Brigstock Beer Festival - Fun Day and Rock and Roll Evening, 2pm

## 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.

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. We have been very lucky to get grants from East Northants Council towards the building costs and from Wren for the chairs and new kitchen equipment. We hope to start the building work in July and complete by the end of the summer holidays.

More good news for your village hall! We have just been informed that we have been awarded an Awards For All Lottery grant for £1348 to pay for a new projector and associated audio equipment which will improve the quality of our film shows and make it easier for the film night crew.

This follows our success with a FCC Community Grant for £4650 for new chairs and kitchen equipment, a grant from the Maud Elkington Trust for £1500 and with East Northants Council for £35610 towards the proposed extension.

Thanks goes once again to Chris Allen, our grant supremo who has been successful in gaining a staggering £165,000 for our village over the past few years. Well done Chris!

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 with

- two meeting rooms holding 12 and 30 respectively
- A main hall 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 con-

# BRIGSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall has a range of classes and events on every week and special ones at some weekends.

The classes over the next few weeks are:

- Playgroup meets every weekday morning
- Clubbercise every Monday evening
- 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, 7-30p
- Thursday Morning—Stay and Play Soft Play Sessions
- 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.

**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 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.

Sally Wilks



## BINGO


Here are the dates for the next few months.

The next two Bingo sessions are on Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>. We are then having a Summer break!

We meet at 7.30pm in the lounge at Harpers Court. We look forward to inviting regular and new members in September. Dates will be in the September newsletter.

## Collectors Corner

Do you collect any items for charity? Many thanks for the amazing amount of bras and jewellery that you have been sending. The collections continue.

- Bras (Smalls for All African Charity.)  
Please give to any WI member to take to meeting on second Tuesday. 
- Stamps  
Claudette, 16 Hall Hill, collects stamps for Macmillan Nurses and Hearing Dogs
- Jewellery. It does not matter if damaged or broken.  
Steph, 13 Swan Avenue for Alzheimer Society.
- Used Batteries  
Take to the CO-OP and their battery box.
- Textile recycling containers in the car parks of Co-op and Three Cocks PH

## The Post Office is back!!

The Post Office will be coming to Brigstock every Friday from 2 until 4 in the old newsagents shop/art studio. Please support this if you want it to continue

# BRIGSTOCK SCHOOL PFA

The PFA is continuing to support the school by fund raising and liaising with the Head Teachers to help where possible. Our big event this term is the Summer Fete to be held this year at the school as the poster below. Do come along to support this and enjoy a fun afternoon out. Sarah Owen, Secretary, Brigstock Latham School PFA



# 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.

<b><i>Brigstock Historical Society Programme 2018-19</i></b>		
26/06/2019	<b>Brigstock Field Names and Hovels of the 19th and 20th centuries</b>  Carl Hector	Carl returns for another talk about Brigstock using his extensive knowledge of the farms and fields around the village.

We have yet to decide on a venue for our yearly outing so suggestions welcome. Our programme for next season is just about complete so look forward to another series of interesting and entertaining talks.

**FOR FRESH TASTY FISH AND CHIPS IN BRIGSTOCK**  
**VISIT THE FISH AND CHIP VAN**  
**EVERY TUESDAY**  
**4-30PM TO 7 PM**  
**ON SUDBOROUGH ROAD, BRIGSTOCK**

## *Brigstock United Reformed Church*

We have had another busy start to the year, with coffee mornings and a Beetle Drive attracting lots of people. Our Easter coffee morning was a great success, raising £750 for our funds. An innovative raffle organised by Yvette –“Open the Box”- was particularly popular. We use the money we make at these events to cover our electricity bills and other running costs, but we also hold events or special services to raise money for charity.

Over the past few years we have held a Lent Lunch consisting of soup- (home-made, of course)-with bread and cheese, and asked for donations which totalled £81. This year we chose “WaterAid” as our charity and during Lent we also used their campaign “Jars of Change” to add to the total. Members of the congregation saved small change over the Lent period and we collected it together after Easter. One donation came in the form of a biscuit tin full of change collected over quite a few years - this came to over £25! Altogether we have been able to send £264.81 to WaterAid which is an excellent result.

Have you spotted our poster about our new event In June? We shall be serving cream teas over the weekend of June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, coinciding with Fathers’ Day, and there will be a choice of sweet or savoury teas. The usual cream tea will consist of sandwiches, cakes and a scone with jam and cream, and the savoury tea will have sandwiches, quiche, sausage roll and pork pie with a cheese scone-plus tea or coffee, of course. This will cost £7 for each adult and £4 for children. We will be serving the teas in the June Small room between 2 and 5 pm and we ask that you book your table if possible so that we can cater accordingly. Please contact Sharon on 373832 or Sheila on 373225 to reserve your places.

We continue to hold a service every Sunday at 10.30 and we like to ring the changes. So this year we have held most of our services in the June Small room with the aim of reducing our hefty electricity bills. This has been a very popular move and everyone enjoys the cosier atmosphere. We have also held different types of service, so we have had Pizza and Praise, a cafe-style service and Songs of Praise, all led by different members of the church. We welcome anyone to join us at any time.

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## *Brigstock United Reformed Church, cont’d*

The Open Door on Wednesday mornings has been going for more than 25 years, and is an opportunity for anyone to pop in to the June Small room between 9.30 and 11am for coffee and refreshments and a good chat. Once a month there is a session of prize Bingo and also a £1 raffle where everyone wins a prize. Just come along and join us, you will find we are very welcoming!

### **Wheelchair for loan**

We have been given a wheelchair in excellent condition and it is available for short-term loans; maybe a family emergency or visiting relatives or friends who would benefit from it. Just contact us on 373225 for further information.

### **Room for Hire**

If you need a room for meetings-one-off or on a regular basis- or you want to arrange a small party, the June Small room might well be just what you are looking for. We have a fully-fitted kitchen, a small, enclosed garden area with seating, access and facilities for disabled people and there is easy parking on Hall Hill. Hire is £5 per hour. Contact Sheila on 373225 for details, or if you would like to look at the room with a view to booking it.

## **SUNNYSIDERS CLUB**

Sunnysiders is for men and women over 60. We meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons in the lounge at Harpers Court, Bristock from 2p.m. until 4p.m. when some form of entertainment is pre-arranged. Once a month we have a fish and chip lunch. We are having a speaker in March who will be telling us something else about Brigstock that we probably don't know already. In April we have Countdown Clothing who bring a selection of underwear (no thongs!) and clothing for us to purchase.

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 try and get out for a meal once or twice through the year.

For more information please telephone Maureen on 01536 373383.





**BRIGSTOCK UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**Celebrate Father's Day**  
**with a delicious**  
*Afternoon Tea*

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
**at the chapel**

**Mill Lane, Brigstock**

**2.00 – 5.00pm**

**Choice of sweet or savoury food  
and a hot drink**

**Adults £7**

**Children £4**

**Booking advisable**

**(but no-one will be turned away!)**

**For more details or to book a table contact**

**Sharon 373832**

**Sheila 373225**

## Brigstock Cricket Club 2019

As I sit here writing this article, Brigstock First X1 are three weeks into their season and currently sit at the top of the Northants Premier League. This lofty position was achieved after a winning draw in their first match against Desborough Town (played in arctic conditions) and followed up by two excellent wins against Wollaston and last weekend against Rushden and Higham. A fantastic effort by Satnam and his team who have played with a wonderful team spirit and long may it continue for the rest of the season. The Second X1 started their season last weekend with a very convincing win against Wollaston 3<sup>rd</sup> X1. I am confident captain James Steward will be pushing for back to back promotions into division eight.

Our youth training started on Friday evenings several weeks ago and whilst the weather has not been conducive for youth cricket and parents watching, we are keen to attract more young players to the club and will be visiting the local primary schools in the area over the next few weeks. We will also be having additional qualified coaches in attendance on Friday evenings. If any parents reading this newsletter would like their children to join the club, then please pop down to the club and make yourself known to me or any of the coaches or senior players. We have a new addition in attendance on Friday evenings, the Fish and Chip Cabin which arrives at around 7.00pm and anyone is welcome to pop down to the pavilion for a drink and their take away fish and chips.

Since the last newsletter I am please to advise that the club has been granted planning permission to proceed with the construction of a new twin lane practice facility. We have also secured most of the funding for the project and it is envisaged construction will start in the next 4/6 weeks. The new facility will be located to the right of the new MUGA and run parallel with the hedge leading down to the brook. This new facility will only enhance the club's reputation but also offer the players an excellent training surface to practice on.

**Cricket Club Youth Fun Day is on Sunday 7th July** with bouncy castle, BBQ and Parents and Childrens cricket match— see poster for more details

I look forward to welcoming you down to the meadow over the summer.  
Simon Andrews (BCC Chairman)

## **Joseph Goodson (1916-2004) : Brigstock Poet and Artist (Written by Bill Simons)**

In March this year, the Reverend Graham Bell, who was born and brought up in Brigstock, came to our Historical Society and delivered an excellent talk on Sir Ernest Shackleton's incredible Antarctic expedition, which set off in 1914. It is an almost unbelievable story of endurance and survival against seemingly impossible hardships. Graham also brought along to the meeting an anthology of the poems of his uncle, Joseph Goodson, entitled "Where Plovers Fly", which has been compiled and published by Graham and his brother Stephen. It is a well-produced, illustrated volume with more than a hundred of Joe Goodson's best poems, which are a pleasure to read.

Joseph Goodson first arrived in this area as a trainee at Brigstock Camp, which had been set up as a government scheme in 1929 to help to alleviate the high unemployment in the country, especially in the North of England and Scotland. The idea was to bring young men from the deprived areas, provide them with forestry and agricultural skills and when their training was completed to provide a passage to Canada where they would have employment and be able to start a new life. Some did emigrate to Canada but others, including Joe, managed to find jobs locally and stayed on here. He later met and married Marjorie Swan and they spent most of their married life in their house in Old Dry Lane.

Although Joe's did manual labouring jobs during his working life, he was a very intelligent and creative man with an amazing artistic imagination. This was expressed through his poetry, his painting and his music. I'm sure many people in the village will still recall Joe playing the "Last Post" on his trumpet at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, a service that he performed for the village for many years. Joe's poetic gifts were recognised during his lifetime. He was a founder member of Kettering Poetry Group, some of his poems were broadcast on the BBC and in 1971 he was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the International Who's Who in Poetry.

Joe loved nature and the countryside and he loved Brigstock village and many of his poems reflect this love. Below is one example of his work, entitled "Bells o' Brigstock". which seems appropriate, for although its subject is the church bells, maybe the title can be seen as a posthumous tribute to Graham and Stephen for keeping his work alive, so that we can all enjoy it.

## **Joseph Goodson (1916-2004) : Brigstock Poet and Artist—cont'd**

If anyone would like to order a copy of "Where Plovers Fly" which costs £9.99, please ring Sally Wilks on 01536 373428 or Bill Simon on 01536 373388 and leave your contact details.

The painting on the front cover is one of Joe's paintings of deer in Fermyn Woods.

### **Bells o' Brigstock by Joe Goodson**

Who will stand with me awhile,  
And hear the bells,  
The glorious bells;  
Whose lilt and cadence would beguile,  
As with the breeze  
It fades and swells

The smiling woods, the singing streams,  
The pleasing green  
Where children played,  
They all could have less part it seems,  
Were Brigstock bells  
All mute and dead.

The exile in some foreign land  
Knows well the paths  
Of former sires,  
And gazed o'er the burning sand  
To dream of home,  
Of ringing shires.

So trill you bells, trill sweet and long,  
Let your dear music never be done;  
For all that's good, and sweet and true...  
Fond English hearts still find in you.

Joseph Goodson

# Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch continues in the village and hopefully if you joined a scheme you are still getting information. Most of this is sent round by email as this is how it is received by the local co-ordinators. If you are not receiving it or want to join a scheme, contact Glenda Stethen for more information.

Some important information from their last newsletter :

**New Police website:** This site is packed with helpful advice and information on a host of different crime or security related headings. There are many titles but to name just a few: user's guide to alarms, avoid charity fraud, avoid debit & credit fraud, preventing doorstep crime, preventing identity theft, protect your vehicle and much more. Check the site out <https://www.northants.police.uk/advice/prevention>

**Theft of number plates** has occurred of late so don't forget I have screw packs available offering different sizes of screws that cannot be easily undone. If you should wish to change your current ones, let me know.

**Burglaries:** There have been reports of a number of burglaries and a number of sheds/garages and cars being broken into so please be vigilant and check your security.

**Think Fraud:** If you receive an unsolicited call from a Police Officer, before you speak to them, think fraud. Find out what they want, request their name and warrant number, always call 101 to check their identity using a different phone if you can, don't be rushed and don't disclose any personal or financial information.

**Cold Calling Customers:** who had loft insulation carried out on Government Green Deal up to nine years ago are being contacted to say that the work needs surveying to make sure it was carried out correctly. Of course it is not done correctly according to these surveyors and they want money to put it right. Trading Standards state that if you need any work doing of any description then contact a reputable company yourself and totally ignore any cold calls offering any kind of service. Trading Standards have an Approved Trader Scheme. These traders can display the Buy With Confidence logo. Visit [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders), call 0300 126 1000

These are just a few of their recommendation, join up to get the full updates Glenda Stethen, Co-Ordinator.

# Ladies Leisure Group

We have had four successful meetings so far this year, although there was a slight hiccup with the cinema afternoon which didn't happen. But we are a resourceful group and despite the last –minute change to the programme we entertained ourselves with different games and quizzes. Hopefully the rest of this year's programme will go according to plan. We try to do as many different things as possible and, as we have a steady average attendance of over 20, we must be doing something right!

Here's our programme for the next few months; we hope you'll find something you will enjoy, and please feel free to join us .

**June 17<sup>th</sup>:** **Ascot comes to Brigstock.** Horse racing with a difference plus cream teas. Posh frocks and hats optional!

**July 15<sup>th</sup>:** **Lunch and leisure time at the Country Park** -12.30pm.

**August 19<sup>th</sup>:** **A visit from the WI drama group**

**September 16th:** **Music and movement** (gentle!) with Janet.

All meetings are at 1.30pm in the June Small room, Mill Lane unless otherwise stated. Further details from Sharon 373832 or Sheila 373225.

## Bell Ringing Open Evening – 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 – 10th June 7:00 – 8:30pm – Brigstock Church. Come along and give it a try.

Alternatively, contact Stephen Todd on 01536 373373



**The Sound of Music**

The Brigstock Theatre Group Presents

Friday 5th & Saturday 6th  
July 2019  
@ 7pm  
Matinee Sat 2pm

Come and support our fantastic local cast!

Adults £7  
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Music by RICHARD RODGERS  
Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN  
Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE  
Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp  
An amateur production by arrangement with R&H Theatricals Europe

## St Andrews Church

Dear Brigstock Villagers,

It's nearly five weeks after Easter as we write this, but the church is still celebrating the Easter season and reflecting on what we have just celebrated. Sadly, what we have seen so recently on the television seems so far apart from that which we have celebrated at Easter.

In church services, as we remember Christ's death, one of our prayers uses the words, "He opened his arms of love upon the cross". Love is at the heart of the Easter message; the love which meant that Jesus was willing to die for us, and the love of His Father which brought him back from death. Added to that is God's loving welcome to all who choose to come to him.

As we have celebrated that message, we have watched as a young journalist was shot dead in Northern Ireland, and then seen carnage on Easter Sunday as churches and hotels were targeted by suicide bombers in Sri Lanka. The stories of those who died are heart breaking. What have we learnt of love in the past two thousand years? Very little it would seem.

The Christian message is at its most powerful when it is lived out in the lives of ordinary people, and in particular when it is lived out in love. Church should never be about anything else apart from loving God with all our hearts and souls and minds and strength and loving each other, as Jesus loved us. For this to be the case we have to allow Jesus to be in our lives as well as in our church.

From 30<sup>th</sup> May to 9<sup>th</sup> June, there is a national initiative of Prayer, called, Thy Kingdom Come. The idea is that during those dates we pray for "God's Kingdom to come". That we would do things God's way rather than our own. These are words we say every time we say, The Lord's Prayer.

In St Andrew's Church from the evening of May 30<sup>th</sup> there will be areas around the church with visual aids, words and a very simple activity to do in order to help us pray. Please drop into the church anytime until the 9<sup>th</sup> June to look at the prayer areas and take part in the prayers and activities. It will be suitable for people of all ages, but children will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult as there will be items which could be potential hazards. As we mark those days between Christ going back to heaven to be with his Father and Pentecost when the Spirit first came let us pray, "Thy kingdom come, Lord", so that the hatred will cease and the love of God will be seen. Yours in Christ, Rev'd Heather and Captain Alan Lowe

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**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



**Brigstock Film Night  
2019/20 Season**

We are presently planning our next season of films starting in October. The films and dates will be advertised in the Autumn edition of the newsletter.

We have been very lucky to be awarded a grant from Awards For All Lottery Grant for a new projector and DVD so that we will be able to improve the visual experience for you. The old projector was losing power and made it harder to view.

So we hope to see you on our future evenings and if you have suggestions of suitable films, please let us know.



Emma Poole and Alison Millen

**Brigstock Lunch Club for over 55's  
at The Olde Three Cocks  
Every Thursday from 12.30pm to 2pm**

Brigstock's Lunch Club has a new venue thanks to Paul at The Olde Three Cocks. The group of ladies and gents are well looked after by Jenny, Bridget and the "nothing's too much trouble for her" Emma.

The aim of the group is to bring people together socially. We meet every Thursday for a two-course meal (a set menu of 2 mains and 2 pudding choices) for just £8.

First Thursday of the month we hold a raffle and third Thursday we hold a bingo session, both of which raise funds for the club.

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.**

*Glenda Stephen (Secretary)*

# BRIGSTOCK

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL		
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Thanks to Liz Searle for organizing the poster competition and William Millen for coordinating the litterpick and all the volunteers that turned out to help. It was amazing to see the amount of rubbish collected.



We are gradually clearing the bank on the Meadow and sowing wildflowers acquired via the "Grow Wild" scheme sponsored by Kew Gardens. The children from playgroup had fun broadcasting the seeds. The area will need managing so if anyone would like to help with this task please get in touch.

We rely on volunteers to keep the village tidy. The tasks they undertake include: regular litter picking, keeping verges outside houses mown, weeding round the war memorial, tidying up the cemetery, sweeping the paths, watering plants, cleaning the bus shelter, planting bulbs, trimming hedges, weeding the paths, reporting on problems with the footpath network, removing staples from telegraph poles. Thanks to all of you who do your bit. It is much appreciated.

# PARISH COUNCIL

There has been some concern about the removal of salt bins in some parts of the village by the County Council following a "review". This was all part of a cost cutting exercise which the Parish Council objected to but was unable to stop. However, following representations by some residents, we have been able to arrange a meeting with the County Council to see if we can have at least some reinstated. The fact of the matter is that, if we cannot get them back, the cost of replacement would fall on the PC and our budget does not cover the expense of buying new bins and we don't have the authority to keep them replenished.

I'm afraid I have to report that there were some complaints about paths around the village being fouled by horse droppings. Hopefully this was a one-off and that riders will stick to the roads and grass verges so that pedestrians don't have to negotiate piles of horse poo. A few dog owners are still not dealing with their pets' poo. Please can you bag it and bin it.

## MUGA News (Multi Use Games Area) Final Bulletin

The MUGA is now officially open. It was opened by Ann Dickson supported by Wendy Brackenbury the then leader of East Northants County Council and her husband Councillor David Brackenbury on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The MUGA seems to be in constant use and is also being used by the school, which is very pleasing. It is checked weekly by members of the parish council to ensure the safety of users. Happily there has been very little litter and shows users are respecting and enjoying the new facility.

Thanks to WREN's FCC Community Action Fund for the generous grant which has now been claimed and completed.

Margaret Smith, Vice Chair Parish Council





## TRANSPORT SURVEY

Thank you to all of you who took part in our recent transport survey. About 90 households participated.

From the responses we have analysed we can see that we are a community very dependent on the car to get us to where we need to go. Most households have two cars, many have one and some even three or four.

Public transport is mostly used by our senior residents who have the benefit of bus passes. Most journeys are to Corby and Kettering for shopping trips. Reasons for not using the bus include: not running at convenient times, not going to where people want to go, not linking with rail services, not being suitable transport for food shopping, being expensive for those without bus passes.

Many of you complained that taxis are expensive and difficult to book for late night events. Teenagers have to rely on lifts and struggle to meet up with friends out of the village in the evenings and at weekends, and find it difficult to get to Saturday jobs.

Over 80% of those of you who work rely on private transport and 46% commute over 20 miles.

The community volunteer car scheme is well used for hospital appointments, trips to the dentist and doctor by those who are eligible.

School transport is an issue for many parents. Most children of secondary age travel on a school bus. Some parents lift share.

It is unlikely that we will be able to rely on public transport in the future so we shall have to think about some more creative ways of getting around which cut down on the use of private cars.

There was a great deal of support for a community minibus and many of you would be interested in more information so watch this space!

Sally Wilks, Chair, Parish Council

## 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, contact the editor, Chris Allen



The poster features a central green tree graphic. At the top left is the EquATA Ltd logo, a circular emblem with a horse and rider. A black diagonal banner at the top right reads '10th Anniversary'. The main title 'EquATA Fun Day' is in large green letters, with '17th August 2019' below it. Below that, 'AND MUSIC FESTIVAL' is in large black letters, followed by '16th -17th August 2019'. A black box contains the text 'FREE ENTRY ALL WEEKEND'. Another black box contains 'WEEKEND CAMPING' and '£10'. The location 'Grafton Park Lodge, Grafton Underwood, Kettering, NN14 3AE' is listed. At the bottom, it says 'Find us on [Facebook icon] [Instagram icon] for more information'. The sides of the poster are decorated with blue and green floral patterns, butterflies, and trees. At the bottom corners, there are illustrations of black speakers on a grassy field.

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BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S  
SCHOOL

## Brigstock Latham's Church of England Primary School

It has been another busy few months at our school, with so much going on both in and out of the classroom. The children enjoyed the events in the run-up to Easter and we want to thank our PFA for providing us with prizes for the bonnet competition and for organising a fantastic egg hunt. Heather Lowe had the difficult task of judging the Easter bonnets this year, which was a very difficult job due to the huge amount of effort from all children... and parents!

We completed our 'DT Day 10:10' project just before Easter and we were all proud of the way that we Investigated, Designed, Made and Evaluated a range of products. Our children designed and created catapults, boats, marble runs, bridges...and sock monkeys, of course! They also designed team games and created Easter cakes as part of their food technology project. We enjoyed sharing our activities with parents at our DT event, and everyone was impressed with our design skills and our creativity.

In each year group the children have enjoyed a range of experiences to enhance their learning. Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children had a great trip to the Space Centre, which provided a memorable end to their unit of work on Space. The year 4 children had already enjoyed their residential to Derbyshire and this term it was the turn of Year 3 to have their very first residential experience. We were very proud of the enthusiasm and resilience of our Year 3 children, who enjoyed a range of outdoor activities at the John Lowther Centre...and two nights away from home!

We welcomed a number of local businesses into our school for a Careers Event, which provided our Year 5 and 6 children with an insight into a number of career possibilities for their futures. The children were so enthused by this event and it has really inspired them to think about their future careers. We want to thank everyone who gave their time to inspire and motivate our children, and provide them with such fun and interactive sessions.

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

The whole school is enjoying a new Day 10:10 unit entitled 'The Lost Words', based on the book by Jackie Morris and Robert McFarlane. The book aims to bring back to life beautiful words from nature that have been squeezed out of the dictionary-through the creation of artwork and poetry. We are all learning so much about nature, and we are creating our own poetry and artwork as well as doing nature trails, quizzes and creating fact files. We are creating some outdoor poetry and artwork for you all to enjoy, and we hope you will contribute your own favourite words of nature on the back of our 'Brigstock Hare'. The Hare is our Word Collector, and has been created by our Art Club.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful May Day Celebration with our children and the whole village, and hope to see many of you on Hall Hill for our traditional celebration of dancing and singing.

Sandy Ettridge and Victoria Bull

## 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 . 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 10th June 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

With Summer just around the corner the plans for our second **Alternative Horticultural Show on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019** are well underway. Hopefully you have received the programme which lists the various categories and includes an entry form on the back page (there will be plenty of spare copies in the Co-op). So this is the perfect time to get planting, sewing, painting, jamming (as in jam making) and out and about taking lots of photographs of the changing seasons!

The show is open to all our WI members and residents of Brigstock, Stanion, Little Stanion, Sudborough and Lowick.

For anyone entering any of the categories in the garden section please note that judging will take place **week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> July** so any garden entries will need to be in by **1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**.

On the day of the show judging will commence at 11.30am so any exhibits will need to be at the WI Hall by 11am. Tasty refreshments will be served throughout the day and our auction (which proved very popular last year) will commence at 3.30pm.

**Send entry forms to:** Brigstock WI, c/o 51 Back Lane, Brigstock NN14 3ER. Good Luck! **For more information** on any of the categories, please contact 01536 373987 / 373478/ 370015

Jill Pettigrew

### Brigstock WI What's on

Tuesday 11th June 2019

Brigstock WI Meeting at 7.30 pm, WI Hall. Colin Hill- Dancing with Diana

Competition: A picture of you dancing.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Brigstock, WI Meeting at 7.30 pm, WI Hall. Helen Crabtree- History of telephone kiosks.

Competition: An unusual phone box item.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Village Quiz walk with Steph and Judy.

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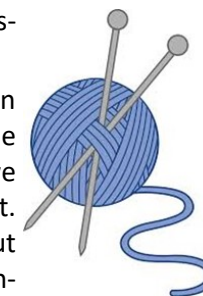
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## Knit and Natter Club

Do I dare mention the “Christmas” word when summer hasn’t begun yet!!!!

Over the past few months our group of knitters have been catching up with their own personal projects, but now the “Christmas” word has come out of hiding!!! No, no, no we say – but these things take time to make, so plan we must. We are not only planning our advent window display, but also planning more surprise yarn bombing items for the enjoyment of everyone.



If you want to learn to knit/crochet, or already knit/crochet and want to join our friendly group, we meet every Wednesday at The Olde Three Cocks, High Street from 10am to 12 noon. Cost is just £2 for the use of the pub, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits and £1 if you want an extra cup.

*Glenda Stephen*

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## Friends of Fermyn Woods

### ***MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT***

**Saturday 22nd June**

**7pm at the WI Hall**

**Tickets £7.50 including ploughmans. BYO drinks.**

**Tickets in advance only—Jenny 01536 373201**



Following last year's brilliant performances as the Blues Brothers and ABBA, Justine Lovell sings the sounds of the **Bee Gees** as Barry Gibb and Frankie Valli of the **Four Seasons**

**Brigstock Village Hall**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Doors open 19:00 Performance starts 20:00

Tickets £10 each, available from Joan Mayers, 10 Mill Lane 01536373618 or Peter Hedges, 5 High Street 07702425363

**Bar and Food available to purchase**

Proceeds from the event towards Sunnysiders, the Village Hall and the Cricket Club



# BRIGSTOCK BEER FESTIVAL 2019



## SEPTEMBER 20TH AND 21ST SEPTEMBER

With 4 months to go, the beer festival team are busy putting the finishing touches to another exciting weekend of fun for the village and the opportunity to raise funds for local organisations and, this year, the Northants Air Ambulance

We are celebrating everything USA so be prepared for rock n roll, buckin bulls, pony rides, American cars and lots more.

There's also lots of activities for the kids with circus skills, a climbing wall, Punch and Judy and even a flea circus!!

Food will have a USA flavour which can be washed down with a selection of American craft beers along side the usual excellent selection of real ales and ciders.

So, Friday Night is Comedy Night. Tickets will be £15 per person last year and we will have 4 comedians to entertain you. Tickets will be on sale in June either from Committee members or 9 Woodyard Close.

Saturday afternoon is the much anticipated Fun Day with its wide range of stalls and fun events.

Saturday evening, we have a great local band playing who will be playing rock and Roll to continue the USA theme. This is free entry, so plan to include this in your weekends entertainment.

More information will be posted on the beer festival website and facebook page shortly.

So please put the date in your diary and join us for another great weekend.

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



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## WAR MEMORIAL ROTA

By now groups in the village will have received letters asking if they could keep the war memorial site tidy in 2019 as per the list below. Thank you in advance for this.

Regards, Liz Searle.

Month	Organisation
June 2019	PFA
July 2019	Historical
August 2019	Knit and Natter
September 2019	Ladies Leisure
October 2019	Men's Club
November 2019	WI
December 2019	URC

# Fermyn Woods Country Park

The park has really sprung to life, there has been a nice display of Black-thorn blossom around the park, Bluebells in the woods and Cowslips seem to be everywhere. As I write this the Hawthorn or May blossom is out and attracting insects. Thanks to the friends of Fermyn Woods Country Park we have a new wildlife sightings board located at the end of the café building, when you pop down to the park come and see what has been spotted round the park and woods.

There was a good showing of frogs and toads in the ponds and the ditches that were holding water at that time. They were so busy walking across the paths that we had to be careful where we walked to avoid treading on them. At the fishing pond you could hear around 50 frogs all calling for several days. Hopefully we should have a good number of new frogs appearing in the coming weeks. The Long Pond has quite a few newts present in it even though we had it cleaned out this winter. It will be planted up by Frog Life in the next few weeks and we fully expect the newts to be back next year for a full breeding season. Maintenance work has to be carried out to ensure that we keep a good depth of water and not let the reeds take over.

The Cuckoo has returned once again and is busy calling and flying over the park. All our regular summer migrants have also returned including the Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Blackcap, Whitethroat and Garden Warbler to name but a few. There have also been sightings of Ravens over the park.

The butterflies have been emerging so far we have had Orange-tip, Speckled Wood, Grizzled Skipper, Dingy Skipper and many more. By the time you read this article the Black Hairstreak will be slowly emerging usually the first weeks of June and then the Purple Emperor end of June beginning of July.

In mid May, we had an open day run by Butterfly Conservation Group, Northants Moth Group and Fermyn Woods staff. About 21 people attended and were treated to a great breakfast in Café, inspected moth traps from the previous evening and then went butterfly hunting. They found :

12 Dingy Skippers, 12 Grizzled Skippers, 2 Green-veined Whites, 1 Brimstone, 1 Orange-tip, 6 Green Hairstreaks, 7 Common Blues, 2 Small Coppers, 2 Brown Argus, 1 Peacock, 1 Speckled Wood.

## Fermyn Woods Country Park - cont'd

Interestingly, we have seen several Roe Deer near the village, which is quite rare as we would usually see Fallow or Muntjac. Let us know if there are any more sightings.

Our team of volunteers have been busy round the park helping us with various repair jobs and finishing off conservation work from winter.

Ranger Dan

## Wild & Woody Forest School - Nature Tots

Join a parent group with a difference for tots aged 2-4 years, come and explore nature through the seasons. Take an Education Ranger led themed walk followed by a craft activity. Thank-you to Friends of Fermyn Woods Country Park for donating new resources for the children to use, the hammock is definitely a hit along with our new large scales made by one of our volunteers.

**Mon 3rd June to Mon 15th July, 12.30 to 2.30pm £30 per child for 6 sessions. Also Sessions are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the park during term time.**

10am-11:30 am. £3.50 per child. **Booking essential.**  
Tel 0300 126 5933

For more details please contact [jthompson@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:jthompson@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## BRIGSTOCK KURLING GROUP

Kurling meetings will continue as usual on the first and third Wednesdays of each month over the Summer, so you would be very welcome to come and give it a try on any of the following dates: 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August.

It will only cost you £2.00, including tea or coffee and biscuits, and all the equipment is provided.

If you would like any more information, please ring Judith Beeby on 373367 .



# Brigstock Pre-school Playgroup

In the last newsletter I was writing about what we had done at Christmas and now it is nearly the end of the playgroup year when we say goodbye to our pre-schoolers and wish them well at Brigstock School. They will be going to school for some mornings and the staff come and see them in our area.



Thank you to the people who supported our Easter Egg Hunt and hope you enjoyed the activities. We raised £150.

This term we have several more fundraisers for you to partake in.

The playgroup children are going to do a sponsored walk to the Fermyn Woods Country Park at the end of June so if you know one of our children please sponsor them as there is a prize for the child who gets the most sponsor money.

The first main event is on **Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>** in the afternoon when we are having some game stalls at the School and Church Fete so come and have a go. Then on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July** we are arranging a garage sale around the village from 10am until 2pm so if you would like a place on the map please put £5.00 in an envelope with the address where you are going to be and give to either Sarah Dema, Liz Searle or hand in at Playgroup in the village hall before 30<sup>th</sup> of June so we have time to print the maps to sell for £1.00. Refreshments will be available at 55 Lyveden Road in aid of playgroup so go along and help us.

If you have a child who is between 2years old and 5years or coming up to 2 then come and meet us on any morning at the village hall between 9.15am and 12.15 pm, as we are taking names for September and beyond. It has been suggested to us that some parents might like a whole day session so let us know your views so we can plan in the best way to keep going for the children.

Contact Playgroup on [brigstock-playgroup@outlook.com](mailto:brigstock-playgroup@outlook.com), mobile 07708977714 during term times.

Hope to see you all at one of the activities , Liz Searle, Secretary.

## Brigstock Pre-School Playgroup

Are organising a Garage sale with a map.



On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July

From 10am until 2pm

If you want to be included on the map it will cost you £5.00

Give money and address to

Liz Searle

Sarah Dema

Emma Mitchell

Or hand in at Playgroup

Before 30<sup>th</sup> June



Maps will cost £1.00 on the day to show where all the sales are.

## HIGGLETY PIGGLETY PLAY

Brigstock 0-5 stay and play  
Brigstock village hall (upstairs) **9.30AM-11AM**  
Term time Thursdays

£3 for first child £1 for siblings

Come along to meet/chat with other parents/carers while the little ones enjoy free play with other children and explore the toys, then join in with action songs, games and enjoy a story.



Tea & coffee included,  
please feel free to bring your own snacks

## The Purple Emperor and Denys Watkins Pichford

Habitat change was indeed responsible for many of the local extinctions of our woodland butterflies. They clear felled many grand old oak woods to sell the timber and replaced them with cash crops of planted conifers and beech plantations. Goat Sallow, the foodplant of the Purple Emperor was now considered a weed and cut down where ever it was encountered. As the Sallow went, so did the Purple Emperor. By the 1950s the Purple Emperor had become a real rarity in Britain.

The gifted naturalist and countryside fiction writer Denys Watkins Pichford ( 1905-1990 ) who was known to the British public as 'BB' was saddened by the loss of so many butterfly species in his home county of Northamptonshire. In spite of extensive searches he had only seen the Purple Emperor in Northants, a few times. Another favourite haunt of BB was an area of woodland he called in his books the ' Chase ', which was not far from his Northants home in Sudborough. BB also knew these woodlands as Fermyn woods. The declining emperor population in these woodlands had also vanished. Now he decided to act, he would now try to reintroduced his beloved butterfly, the Purple emperor in his home county in Fermyn woods.

While he was on holiday in Hampshire in Southern England during 1972, BB visited a woodland that was being clear felled and he searched the remaining Sallow bushes and collected a number of ova and reared the larvae on growing sallow bushes in his Northants garden and then released the adult butterflies in the nearby Chase'. Then one winter, he visited to see how his latest emperors were getting on and he was met with a disaster. All the Sallow bushes ( Salix ) along the ride had been cut. BB was devastated, all his work of ten years lay in ruins. A lesser man would have given up, but not BB, he searched the cut Sallow trees along the ride and collected all the tiny over-wintering larvae he could find. He transferred them to another part of the wood where some Sallow bushes remained. BB continued to breed them in his garden and released the adults in Fermyn woods right up to his last days. He was always writing to the Forestry Commission officers of Fermyn to save the food plant Sallow bushes. Today the area B.B knew as the Chase - Fermyn woods is managed by the Forestry Commission who now help manage the woodlands for this species and because of BB 's - Denys Watkins Pichford's great work, the Purple emperor and their food plant flourish here and today they are now the main British stronghold.

Do go and look for them yourself opposite the gilder club in early July.

## WI RECIPE PAGE

It will soon be strawberry time again!

### RECIPE : Strawberry Tart

Serves 6-8 Time taken 1 hour

225g (8oz) sweet shortcrust pastry	450-700g (1lb) strawberries
For the custard: 300ml (1/2 pint) milk	50g (2oz) caster sugar
3 egg yolks	1 level tablespoon cornflour
25g (1oz) butter	1 vanilla pod
For the glaze: 3 tablespoons strawberry jam and juice of ½ lemon	

**Method:** Roll out prepared pastry to line a 26cm (10inch) loose bottom tart tin.

Trim edges neatly and line with greaseproof paper/add a couple of handfuls of baking beans and bake for 10mins in preheated oven 180c Gas no.5. Remove baking beans and cook for another 5mins or so until pastry is light brown all over.

Allow to cool whilst preparing the custard filling.

Pour milk into a saucepan and heat gently until hot.

In a basin mix together egg yolks, sugar, vanilla seeds that have been removed from the pod and cornflour.

Gradually stir hot milk into the egg mixture. Blend well and return to the saucepan. Stir constantly until custard has thickened and is boiling. Remove from heat add butter and mix well. Continue to stir custard when cooling to avoid a skin forming.

Spread cooled custard over the base of the pastry case.

Arrange the washed and sliced strawberries over the top.

Sieve jam for glaze into a small saucepan and add lemon juice. Stir until melted, blended and boiling.

Draw off heat and spoon over to glaze. Serve cool with cream or ice cream.