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Front Cover Photo - The new Newt sculptures at Fermyn Woods Country Park. See article inside.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - September

November

27 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 10—2 pm

December

1 Curling. Village Hall, 2-4pm

3 Film Night Village Hall 7-45pm "Uncle Buck"

4 URC Christmas Coffee morning, 10am

6 Mens Club June Small Room URC, 10.30

9 BINGO Village Hall 7-30p,

11 to 22nd Flower Festival, St Andrews Church

13 Scrabble, June Small Room URC, 10.30

15 Curling. Village Hall, 2-4pm

19 URC Carols by Candlelight 6pm

20 Mens Club June Small Room URC, 10.30

24 Christingle, St Andrews Church, 3.30 and 5.30pm

January

3 Mens Club June Small Room URC, 10.30

5 Curling. Village Hall, 2-4pm

7 Film Night Village Hall 7-45pm "Misbehaviour"

10 Scrabble, June Small Room URC, 10.30

11 SunnySiders, June Small Room 2pm

17 Mens Club June Small Room URC, 10.30

17 Ladies Leisure, June Small Room 1.30pm

19 Curling. Village Hall, 2-4pm

24 Scrabble, June Small Room URC, 10.30

26 Historical Society - "The River Nene"

31 Mens Club June Small Room URC, 10.30

February

2 Curling. Village Hall, 2-4pm

4 Film Night Village Hall 7-45pm "Ammonite"

7 Scrabble, June Small Room URC, 10.30

12 Village Hall Valentines Day Quiz. 7-30pm

14 Mens Club June Small Room URC, 10.30

16 Curling. Village Hall, 2-4pm

16 to 19 Father Christmas in his Grotto, Park Walk Paddock

21 Scrabble, June Small Room URC, 10.30

23 Historical Society, Village Hall, 7-30pm "The Working Canal Family"

28 Mens Club June Small Room URC, 10.30

BRIGSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

It was great to see so many at our afternoon tea at the beginning of September. It was a wonderful way to welcome our friends and regulars back for this social.

Since then there have been several social events which have brought out visitors to the hall, with the Beer Festival being very busy on the Saturday afternoon. The film night season has started well with two well attended evenings.

To check when the Village Hall is being used or is available, visit our website at **BRIGSTOCKVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK**.

There many events coming up in the next few months, being either the regular events or special one off events.

One for your diary:

VALENTINES QUIZ NIGHT,

VILLAGE HALL,

12TH FEBRUARY

Tickets will be on sale in the New Year from Committee members.

THE VILLAGE HALL REGULAR USERS:

Post Office Mondays 10-12

Music Makers Tuesdays 10.45am

Ballet Tuesdays 5— 9pm

Music and Movement Thursday 2pm

Crafters Meet First Tuesday of the month (Second in January)
10.30 to 3pm

Historical Society Fourth Wednesday, 7.30pm

Parish Council Third Wednesday, 7-30pm

BOOKING THE VILLAGE HALL

We are now fully open and operational following our refit and Covid.

Perhaps you would like to hire the hall for a future event or new classes.

Have you thought of using the hall for children's parties, weddings, anniversaries? We have all the facilities that you might need.

We have spare times available now, so give Rosie a call to see what we can offer you.

Lots of opportunities available.

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MENS CLUB

We are starting up again with our fortnightly morning meetings. We will meet on Monday morning 6th and 20th December, 3rd, 17th and 31st January and 14th and 18th February at 10-30 till 12 noon. We will start with a general discussion and hope to have some talks on a relevant subject soon. We will be meeting with coffee and biscuits.

Please pass this on to anyone who you think might be interested. All men are welcome with no age limit.

Contact Robin Phillips 01536 370144 or Terry Bowen 01536 373807 for more details.

THE SCRABBLE GROUP

If you fancy a game of Scrabble against like minded people, come along to our group. It will be held on **Mondays** every fortnight, from 10-midday, starting on December 13th, January 10th and 24th, and February 7th and 21st the United Reform Church hall. This alternates with Mens Club.

Please contact Josie on 373592 for details of this group, as the day may possibly change depending on people's preferences and hall availability.

Collectors Corner

The following people collect items for various charities

1. Claudette Black, Hall Hill Used stamps
2. Steph Beckett, 13 Swan Avenue. Jewellery (does not matter if broken)
3. Sally Wilks 7 Park Walk, Computer cartridges
4. Steph Beckett, 13 Swan Avenue. Bras
5. Kerry Wills, 48 Lyveden Road. Drinks cans.

Please do not crush. This is a new collection and the money made from the cans goes towards funding Air Ambulance services.

6. Co-op Car Park and Three Cocks PH Car Park - Clothing

7. Co-op shop. Batteries.

8. Collecting for Kettering General Hospital Intensive Care Unit who need hair Brushes. Soap, Razors, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Showergel, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body / hand lotion. To 11 Mauntley Avenue, and happy to collect. Tracey Widdall

GUY IN THE GARDEN

Guy in the Garden competition was another successful event, wasn't as big

as last year but still over 20 Guys took part in the fun. Our judge was Rosi Greenall from our local RDA who said it was very difficult to choose just three winners because they were so good and to say thank you for your kind donations. I would like to say thanks to all of you that took part and to my helpers. I've been asked if this will be an annual event, it will be as long as it gets your support, I know some of the adults are already planning next years.



These are the winners Dino the Dinosaur, ET and Tractor Tom.

Thanks to Jenny Willis for organising this great village event. - Editor

Brigstock Film Night

2021/22 Season

Village Hall – films start 7:45pm
Refreshments available
Tickets £5.00 on the door



MOVIE NIGHT

3 December – Uncle Buck (PG)

When Cindy and her husband, Bob, have to leave town for a family emergency, there is only one person available to babysit for their three kids: Bob's lazy, carefree brother, Buck. While he immediately gets along with the two younger children, Buck must change his bachelor lifestyle if he wants to be a responsible caregiver for the angst-filled teenager, Tia.

Starring John Candy and Macaulay Culkin

7 January – Misbehaviour (12a)

In 1970, the Miss World competition took place in London, hosted by US comedy legend, Bob Hope. Claiming that beauty competitions demeaned women, the newly formed Women's Liberation Movement achieved overnight fame by invading the stage.

Starring Keira Knightly, Keeley Hawes, Lesley Manville and Jessie Buckley

And add these dates to your diary:

4 February – Ammonite (15)

4 March – The Pursuit of Happiness (PG)

Contact Emma Poole on 370142 if any questions.



National
Trust

LYVEDEN MANOR HOUSE AND NEW BIELD

Winter at Lyveden



Lyveden will be open Fri-Mon 10am-4pm throughout November and December (but closed 24-27th December), including our new café! Do pop along for walks and warming soup and see the changing season.

In January, treat your little ones to a world of adventures at Lyveden on the Percy the Park Keeper's winter wander trail. Join in the fun with Percy and his animal friends and give nature a helping hand. The trail will take place between 7th-30th January (Friday-Monday), so come along and explore the beautiful countryside of Lyveden. Booking not required for the trail but you must book tickets in advance to visit the property.

Please see our website for further details

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden>.

SUNNYSIDERS

Hooray! Sunnysiders will be starting again on

TUESDAY 11th JANUARY 2022.

We will meet at the June Small Room at the United Reformed Church in Mill Lane, Brigstock from 2pm until 4pm. £2 including tea/coffee and biscuits.

We look forward to seeing our old members and hopefully some new faces. Anyone over 60 will be very welcome. We are happy to just chat and we have speakers too, sometimes a quiz and occasionally grown up games like Play your cards right and other simple card games. We just enjoy the company. Come and join us on the 11th January.

For any further information please speak to Maureen Druce on 01536 373383.

Knit & Natter Group

Our Knit and Natter group has been going now for 8 years. We welcome four lovely new ladies – Sharon, Maureen, Laura and Amanda – they have turned up week after week, so we can't be a bad bunch can we J. In the autumn newsletter I wondered if we dare mention the word "Christmas". Now we are in November; in reality, it's only weeks away - **help!**



Our little fingers have been beavering away making items for the joint craft fair for Dementia UK – Wilma Rennie, Cransley Hospice – Lesley French and PTSD – Tracy Widdal. Please come and support this event on **Saturday 27th November at the village hall from 10am to 2pm**, where you can buy a range of Christmas items (see separate Craft Fayre insert).

War Memorial Poppies:



You can't help but notice that the poppies have come out of storage and taken centre stage in the village square.

It has been four years since Knit and Natter and many ladies in the village, made thousands of poppies for the war memorial. At the time, we were only able to cover two sides of the cross, however, last year we were able to complete the other two sides, so that it can be viewed from every angle.

Christmas Winter Wonderland and Village Post Boxes:

For those newcomers to the village, The "Winter Wonderland" and our yearly decorating of the village post boxes has come out of storage, much to the delight of our friendly posties. There will be a different slant on the Wonderland this year.



St Andrew's Church Festival:

We are planning our display to help raise funds for St. Andrews Church festival along with so many other organisations who are also taking part

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope that you enjoy the displays around the village.

KNIT AND NATTER - Cont'd

Brigstock Living Advent Window:

We have also been planning our contribution to Brigstock Living Advent Window. Our opening night is on **Wednesday 1st December**. This year we are doing an outside display near the notice board for passers-by to enjoy on their walks around the village. If present Covid rules apply, we will be having a social distancing countdown to unveil our advent display. Our very grateful thanks to Jane Jones who tirelessly organises this spectacular yearly event for our village.

Brigstock Beer Festival 2021



Thank you to everyone who helped make Brigstock's 17th Beer Festival such a success. Following the cancellation of last year's festival due to covid, it was great to be able to put on the festival once again. The festival commenced on the Friday with a sell-out comedy night of 4 of the most funny people in the UK. On the Saturday visitors enjoyed the entertainment whilst consuming a variety of refreshments in the September sunshine.

The festival raised almost £5,000, with local village groups e.g. PFA, URC, WI and Friends of Fermyn Woods making a further £3,000. This means the Beer Festival committee are able to donate £2,000 for this year's chosen charity, Riding for the Disabled who are based locally. The rest of the profit will be shared out amongst the village groups who submitted funding requests to support a variety of different projects and worthy causes.

The Beer Festival committee have already started to consider next year's festival. In order to ensure the festival continues to evolve an open invitation meeting was held on the 11th November and several people attended who are keen to contribute to the organisation of the 18th "coming of age" Festival. At the meeting a new Chairman, Matt Johnston, was elected. Matt has been on the committee for many years and is looking forward to leading this now village tradition.

Yours

Justin Mumford, Chairman

Christmas Charity Craft Fayre

Dementia UK, Cransley Hospice and PTSD

Saturday 27th November from 10am to 2pm

Brigstock Village Hall

Come along and browse the stalls for these worthwhile charities. When you have finished with your purchases, tried your luck on the tombola and purchased a raffle ticket, all you need to do is to sit and relax over a cuppa and a mince pie or a slice of cake with friends and look at your purchases – you might have missed someone off that list of yours!! Available gifts:

Handknitted toys, stocking fillers and teachers presents

Tree Decorations

Home-made cakes

James, Chutneys and Marmalades

Upcycled Christmas Baubles

Very morish Hot Chocolate Bombs

Hand-made fudge

Jewellery

Scottish Tablet

Christmas Cakes

Cross Stitch Christmas Cards

And lots, lots more



For more information, please contact Wilma on 01536 373556

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BRIGSTOCK UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th December

at the chapel

Mill Lane, Brigstock

10.00am – 12noon

Coffee and Mince Pies

£1.50

'Open the Box'

Special prize game – cash prizes

**Plus – Cakes, Tombola, Raffle, Jigsaws,
decorations**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Brigstock United Reformed Church

This time last year we were still very restricted in what we could do and the churches remained closed. Fortunately, we were able to open them for a while around Christmas time, so this year we hope to have as normal a Christmas as possible.

It's hard to believe that, despite all the trials and worries this year has brought us, it seems to have passed really quickly, and the last Sunday in November will be the first Sunday in Advent!

Despite everything, we have managed to keep the church open since Easter, holding a service every week, and we are grateful to all our visiting ministers who have continued to accept our invitations to lead services. We were also really glad to open up the June Small room again in September and our regular groups are all meeting there. They will also be joined by Sunnysiders after Christmas and it's very heartening to see the room get so much use now. A list of regular bookings is below.

We decided to cancel the Barn Dance in October; too many people leaping about, getting out of breath and holding hands with strangers didn't seem like a good plan at the time, so we hope to try again next year when, hopefully, the worst of the virus will be over.

We are holding our popular Christmas coffee morning this year, on December 4th from 10am-midday. We really missed this last year; it's always been a very busy but cosy and relaxed occasion. This year we will be having the stalls in the chapel so that we have more room for seating in the June Small room. Our big attraction will be the "Open the Box" stall that Yvette started up a couple of years ago. This offers some very attractive cash prizes, so do come and try your luck! See our poster for details.

We are also holding our Carol Service by candlelight again, after last year's proved so popular. The only change this year will be that we can now sing the carols and not just listen to them! Details are below. There will also be a short service on Christmas Day at 10.30, and no service on Sunday 26th.

We hope that everyone has been able to stay safe and well this year, and we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Brigstock United Reformed Church cont'd

Christmas dates:

Saturday December 4th Christmas coffee morning 10-midday

Sunday December 19th Carols by candlelight 6pm

Saturday December 25th Short service at 10.30 am.

June Small room activities:

Alternate Mondays Mens' group 10-midday

Alternate Mondays Scrabble group 10.30-12.30

3rd Monday every month Ladies Leisure group

Every Tuesday morning Open Door 9.30-11.30 am

Every Tuesday afternoon Sunnysiders 2-4pm

Every Friday Art group 10-midday

Last Friday in the month Book Club 2.30-4pm

BRIGSTOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP £12 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.

We have had a good turn out so far for our first two talks of the season. If you are nervous about venturing out please be assured that we shall be allowing plenty of space between seats. We look forward to welcoming you.

26/01/22	<i>The River Nene</i> Peter Gout	The history of the river Nene and its beauty.
23/02/22	<i>A Working Canal Family</i> Barry Watson	There were an estimated 18000 families living and working on canal boats at one time. The talk will give some idea of what life was like for them.
23/03/22	<i>The Great Fire of Northampton</i> Ruth Thomas	On September 20th 1685 a great fire destroyed most of Northampton with dramatic consequences. Ruth will tell the story of that catastrophic event and the rebuilding of a new and more prosperous Northampton.

BRIGSTOCK

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Margaret Smith	Chair
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Julie Lemmy	Councillor
Max Marsden	Councillor
Faye Perkins	Councillor
Elizabeth Searle	Councillor
Sue Doolan	Councillor
Simon Brown	Councillor
Suzanne Sharp	Councillor
Terry Towns	Councillor
Ken Motion	Chair Planning
Nigel Searle	Clerk 01535 373672

The new Parish Councillors are settling in together and working as an efficient team for you.

We are determined to make more use of social media. We particularly want to use the village Facebook page with a link to Brigstock Parish Council website to keep you informed of notable events.

The information on Facebook regarding the proposed mast at the entrance to Mauntley Avenue has certainly provoked much interest. This has enabled village residents to make their voices heard in North Northamptonshire and the response from the Parish Council can be found on the Parish Council website.

In terms of the Parish Council's response to planning matters in the parish, we too are able to make our opinion heard (loudly on occasions) but we do not have any say in the actual decisions that are made by North Northamptonshire Council.

Recently, we asked you to respond to the Survey Monkey questionnaire (there was also a copy on the notice board for those without a computer) about how the village would like to celebrate the Queen's forthcoming Jubilee. More responses would be very welcome so that we can create something that is memorable for years to come.

PARISH COUNCIL

The council has voted to upgrade the Parish Council website to make it an even more relevant mode of communication with you and this will take place shortly.

Flooding Matters

The Parish Council continues to drive for action to be taken to mitigate against future heartache should there be another flood event that threatens the village. Following a meeting with our MP, Tom Pursglove, representatives of the Environment Agency, Longhurst's (who manage Harpers Court) and North Northamptonshire Council, we are pressing for a timeline of decisions and actions to be taken well ahead of the proposed five year project envelope. These were useful contacts to have made and we will be having further meetings to ensure that residents can feel more secure about what is actually happening and who to contact in the event of an imminent threat of flooding developing.

Sudborough Road Industrial Site

We are continuing to collect your concerns and observations about the use of this area and represent the complete picture to all parties that can influence a better outcome for residents of the village. The wheels of progress turn slowly but we intend to have a positive outcome.

Margaret Smith, Chair Brigstock Parish Council



CHRISTMAS 2021



We will be having the usual large Christmas tree on the green and a winter scene kindly provided by our wonderful Knit and Natter group. We would like residents and organisations to put trees outside their houses around the village to make it all more festive. There will be no organized switch on of the lights or a visit from Santa, but we are hoping to make your walks around the village even more colourful than usual.

Please put a tree outside your house this year too to join with the decorated Advent windows.

Please stay safe and enjoy the festive season.

BRIGSTOCK BONFIRE NIGHT

Having had to cancel last year's display it was great to see the village coming out in such numbers to see the fireworks this year. The weather was perfect, the atmosphere was fantastic and the firework display as good as ever. There was a lovely guy to put on the fire too. As a result we made nearly £1000 for Brigstock organisations. Thank you to everyone who helped by selling tickets, collecting wood, building the bonfire and clearing up afterwards.

If you enjoyed the display but didn't buy a ticket it isn't too late to contribute to the Firework Fund via Nigel Searle the Parish Clerk

FLOOD WARDEN STILL NEEDED!

Could you volunteer? We need someone who is physically fit and able to help out in an emergency.

Duties include: Managing the flood store. Organising the distribution of equipment. Being the point of contact for the emergency services. Liaising with the emergency co-ordinator at North Northants Council and other volunteers in the village.

If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk, Nigel Searle

Are you struggling financially?

Do you know of someone who is finding it hard to make ends meet?

Are you a Brigstock resident?

Brigstock Consolidated Charity may be able to help you through difficult times. You can apply in confidence on your own behalf or someone else's to any of the trustees: Rev. Heather Lowe, Liz Searle, Bill Simon, Jane Jones, Carl Hector, Abigail Marsden Findlay, James Steward, and Sally Wilks (Secretary).

If you would like to make a donation to the charity please contact Sally Wilks, 7 Park Walk, Brigstock, NN14 3HH Tel: 01536 373428

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Riding for Disabled Kettering & District

Charity No. 1074319.

The RDA Kettering & District was founded 40 years ago to provide therapeutic riding lessons for children attending local special schools.

We are based in Lowick and work on Wednesday and Thursday mornings in school term times.

The Group is approximately 30 strong and we all work on a voluntary basis. We are totally self sufficient and we rely on donations and fundraising to pay for the upkeep and expenses of our ponies, all of which are chosen because of their size and temperament, which is necessary for this type of work.

Obviously, due to the extended periods of lockdowns that we have suffered, we have been unable to organise our regular fundraising events, whilst the cost factors of livery, vets, insurance etc., have remained.

We would like to express our thanks to all Brigstock residents who have supported us recently with their efforts 'A Guy in the Garden' and also a big thank you to the Beer Festival Committee, who have chosen us as one of their Charities this year.

If anyone is interested to come and join our Group, please call Rosi Greenall on 07808609151

WAR MEMORIAL ROTA

A huge thank you to the cricket club and WI who have kept the War memorial tidy in the last couple of months. These are the worse months with all the leaves coming off the trees so thank you for all your hard work.

Another thank you to the knit and natter group for their poppy display once again over the war memorial, it makes a striking display and makes you reflect on the reason it is there, and to the helpers who erected them.

Next years rota is settled, but a couple of groups have decided they cannot commit to the rota this year but the groups for the next few months are:-

January - The Men's Club, February - The Parish Council
March - The URC members April—St Andrew's Church members.

Liz Searle

BRIGSTOCK LIVING ADVENT CALENDER 2021

The village will be creating nightly Advent windows again through December.

This year, we have decided against hosting gatherings at timed openings. The windows will be unveiled from 6.30pm and be lit nightly, through until 27th December.

There will also be no charity collection this year. The windows are about creativity and community and be something to brighten an evening walk around the village.

There will be a special visitor in the paddock on Park Walk on THURSDAY 16th December. Information about timings and further details can be found within the newsletter from Jane Steward, the organiser.

The map of the windows is on the next page as a pull-out centre page followed by the diary with locations. Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered and to Tracey Sharpe @nothingbutlovely for, once again, producing the map.

FERMYN COUNTRY PARK - SCULPTURES

The Country Park and the Friends applied for a grant from FCC Community Fund for new information Boards and 4 sculptures around the park.



The sculptures have now been installed with 2 newt seats on the Plateau and a frog crawling towards Reedy Pond.



A new Dragonfly now hovers over the fishing pond, keeping guard and waiting to feed!



Come along to find them, have a good walk around the park and call in for a snack at the café.



BRIGSTOCK *living advent calendar* 2021

24 windows around the village will be illuminated with festive scenes.

A new scene will be 'opened' at 6.30pm each evening but there will be **no** nightly gatherings, families and individuals can wander around and enjoy the creations at their leisure.



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- 1st *Knit & Natter*, Village Hall
- 2nd *Bake & Brew* 34-36 High Street
- 3rd *Co-op*, 2 High Street
- 4th *Emporium Salon*, 5 Church Street
- 5th 41 High Street
- 6th 7 Park Walk
- 7th 20 High Street
- 8th 6 High Street
- 9th *Brigstock School*, Bridge Street
- 10th 30 Back Lane
- 11th 12 Latham Street
- 12th 6 Hall Hill
- 13th *Olde Three Cocks*, High Street
- 14th *WJ, WI Hall*, Park Walk
- 15th 1 Lyveden Road
- 16th Park Walk peddock
- 17th Mill Lodge Mill Lane
- 18th 2 Church Street
- 19th 25 High Street
- 20th *Green Dragon*, Hall Hill
- 21st 12 Hall Hill
- 22nd 11 High Street
- 23rd 10 Mill Lane
- 24th St Andrew's Church

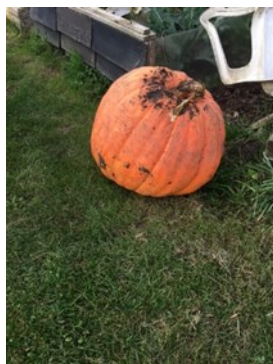
BENEFIELD ROAD ALLOTMENTS

It has been a strange summer and autumn because of the weather. It has remained very dry which means that those who do full digging have managed to get on to turn the soil so that the frosts can break it down for the spring.

The strong winds we had a couple of weeks ago did cause some damage on the allotments. Greenhouse and poly tunnels were hit worst. Glass was broken and some frames collapsed completely. Poly tunnels moved from one plot to another several pitches down. No trees were blown over though. Repairs are being carried out and all will be back to normal soon.

When you grow your own vegetables, you definitely know what is in season. The winter greens - Kale, Calabrese, Brussels Sprouts and Autumn Cauliflowers are ready to pick and the frosts are making the parsnips sweeter and great for roasting.

All the allotments are being used at present which is good, unless you are looking to get a plot for yourself. Do contact Sally Wilks a secretary of the Charity who own and manage the allotments.



BOXING DAY MEET WITH THE PYCHTLEY HUNT HALL HILL, BRIGSTOCK

MONDAY 27TH DECEMBER AT 10.45AM

Come along and see the Horses and Hounds parading through the village as they have done for many years.

St Andrews Church WINTER FLOWER AND FOLIAGE FESTIVAL



Come along to St Andrews Church for some festive cheer and a mince pie or two!

St Andrews Church are hosting a Winter Flower and Foliage Event entitled "12 Days TO Christmas." Flower arrangers and several village groups will be participating. The displays depict Christmas songs or carols. There will be a quiz sheet for you to guess which carol or song is depicted.

The church will be open during the following times.

Saturday December 11th until Wednesday December 22nd

Saturdays 10am until 4pm, Sundays 12 noon until 4pm

Monday to Friday 11am until 3pm

Refreshments, Raffle and Quiz sheets on sale. Entry free.

We look forward to seeing you.

BRIGSTOCK SCHOOL PFA

The PFA supporters had a busy day at the Beer Festival where we raised around over a £1000 from the sale of food on the Saturday afternoon. Thanks to all those that help or donated food to help us.

We aim to support our school where we can and we are looking for new members to help with our plans to provide extra facilities for the Village School.

If you are interested, please contact Leanne Cloono

St Andrews Church

HAVE A VERY SOULFUL ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS Our simple prayer this winter-time is that it will be a much easier time for us all than the last one. Assuming we continue to act with a sense of responsibility for the common good, the signs are very promising. In the New Testament of the Bible, we read this interesting comment: We know that 'all things' can work together for good, with those who love God. In no way does this mean that bad things should be pleasant to us or indeed to the Almighty. It's more about how we deal with both the good and bad times we experience. The good times are easier, but can we learn from the bad times too? This is a question that has been on our minds recently as we approach Advent, Christmas, and a New Year. With much of the paraphernalia of Christmas taken away from us last year did we approach things differently? Perhaps we focussed more on the roots of the festival. The coming of Christ showing us that God is indeed in solidarity with humanity, just as we were in solidarity with one another at the height of the invading Virus.



We will of course provide what we can this coming Advent and Christmas, whilst considering safety too. Whatever happens this winter, our prayer for everyone is that we continue to ponder anew what the Almighty can do! With that in our minds, the paraphernalia that we can have again this year, will be that much more meaningful.

With love and prayers for the season.

Heather and Alan Lowe (Rector and Associate Minister)

CHURCH CLOCK REPAIR FUND

Following the generous donations, the work on installing the automatic winder has started. They have a little work left to do and then it should be in full functioning mode.

This will mean that I will not have to climb up several floors to wind the clock daily. Much easier and safer for me!.

Carl Hector

St Andrews Church cont'd

A huge thank you to all who have contributed towards our clock repairs and our churches running costs and/or servery and toilet. There is no cut off point for donations and we would be most grateful to continue to receive any contributions anyone is able to give, whether large or small.

We recently had two super fundraisers, the 'pick a box' stall at the beer festival and the car boot sale, on both occasions the weather was truly kind to us. Once again the generosity of those that attended warmed our hearts with in excess of £800 being raised.

We are having regular services on the third Sunday of the month at 10.00 a.m. as well as a Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m. Please do come along even if its your first time you will be welcomed with open arms (albeit two metres apart!) We continue to do everything possible to keep our congregation and visitors safe. The church is open during the week on Monday, Thursday and Friday and on both weekend days.

We will be hosting a " 12 days **TO** Christmas" event in the church. See separate article on previous page.

On the **26th March 2022**, there will be a **Race Night** in the Village Hall, further details nearer the time, watch out for the posters and the village Facebook page.

Christmas Benefice Services

Carol service with choir organised by All Saints Church, Sudborough at St Peter's Church, Lowick on Saturday 18th December at 4.00pm.

This will be recorded and available online.

Blue Christmas Service at St Peter's Church, Station on Tuesday 21st December at 7.00pm. If you would prefer a quiet Christmas service without the razzmatazz this could be the service for you. Not everyone finds the Christmas period easy and some just prefer to be more meditative than glitzy.



St Andrews Church cont'd

We hope to hold two Christingle services at St Andrew's Church, Brigstock on 24th December at 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Unfortunately this year they will need to be strictly ticketed events with reduced numbers in order to do our best to keep everyone safe. More details will follow. And it is possible that it may have to be altered to an outdoor event. We will let you know where tickets will be available from in due course. If you are unable to get a ticket please feel free to attend the outdoor Christingle at St Peter's Church, Stanion outside the Village Hall on the grass on 23rd December at 6.00pm.

St Andrew's Brigstock First Holy Communion of Christmas on 24th December at 9.00pm

St Peter's Stanion First Holy Communion of Christmas on 24th December at 7.00pm

Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Communion (by extension) at All Saints, Sudborough

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peters, Lowick

Wishing you all a Happy, Peaceful and Blessed Christmas.

Brigstock Project Group

We held a stall at the Beer Festival and raised £145. This has enabled us to buy winter flowering plants and bulbs for the four planters and hanging baskets. We would like to thank Robyn and Sue Philips, Bill Addison and Gill Dorks for watering and maintenance over the summer.

The hanging baskets are replanted for the winter and bulbs are in four planters.

Watch out for our future thoughts and projects. If you have any ideas, please do pass them on.

Glenda/Steph



BRIGSTOCK WI WI Hall, Park Walk

The end of the financial year brought a complete change of committee at our AGM. We welcome our new President Lesley French and her committee, Janet Oldham, Glenda Stephen, Jenny Willis, Wendy Jeffs and Paula Shaw.

We have been working very hard since the beginning of October to get events, speakers, and trips off the ground at very short notice. A programme taking us up to the end of the members year (March) was given to members and we have a full programme of events planned for next year.

We have planned a special Christmas Celebration this year. With so many restrictions over the past 19 months, we plan to pull out the stops to make this a memorable Christmas Party for our members. This year, we are holding our party at the village hall to allow for extra space to spread out for members who might feel more comfortable with a little bit of social distancing. Obviously, we can't divulge the activities as it just won't be a surprise. What we can tell you is that we have some special guests!

The WI isn't just about organising things for its members, the ethos of the WI is about friendship, education and contributing to the community where it lives.

War Memorial Tidy:

Like all groups in the village, it was our turn in November to make the memorial garden look extra nice for the service and wreath laying by our President Lesley French on Sunday 14th. Thanks to the Knit & Natter group, the poppies on the cross have been erected for the 4th year, which attracts many visitors from neighbouring villages.

Flowers of Kindness Day – 16th November :

Our annual event where members gather, at the WI Hall, armed with foliage and flowers to make posies to leave around the village for people to pick up and either keep, or pass to someone they know that needs a little bit of cheering up.

Open Coffee Morning – Tuesday 23rd November:

An open Coffee Morning from 10am to 12 noon. Tea/coffee and cake for £2 plus a raffle. Have a stroll up to the WI hall in Park Walk with a friend or neighbour and enjoy a social chat over a cupper.

BRIGSTOCK WI WI Hall, Park Walk—cont'd

Brigstock Living Advent Window – 14th December:

A sub-committee run by Sally Wilks has formed to create our outside display this year. With such a talented lady heading the team we are sure it will be something quite special.

St. Andrews Festival:

Ideas are flowing by our Sub-committee to create a display for the festival at St. Andrews to help to raise much needed funds. With so many different groups taking part, it's bound to attract many visitors to our historic church.

Air Ambulance:

Members were given a tube of Smarties at the October meeting to eat and enjoy. However, there's a slight catch! Keep the empty tube and fill with 5p and 20p pieces between now and January, where the money will be given to our local Air Ambulance who will be giving us a talk at our February meeting.

You don't have to be a member to contribute, if you wish to take part, treat yourself to a tube of smarties and start your collection.

ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World):

The WI's national charity exists to amplify the voices of rural women, so that the problems they face and the solutions they raise are heard and acknowledged by international policy-makers. Our member Judith organises an annual bluebell walk in our local woods to raise funds and we will be starting

Village of the Year

Over the last few years, we have entered the Northamptonshire Village of the Year and although we have had some success, we have not achieved the highest award of Best Village in Northamptonshire.

Next year the format is going to be different and so we are entering again. If you would like to help to promote the village and say what is good about it, please get in touch with the Parish Council or Liz Searle. The entry has to be in by the end of January and the judges complete a walk round in the spring.

So have a think and tell us about the Brigstock you know as it will be different for everyone.

Liz Searle

Brigstock WI 200 Club

£12 per share which provides 12 monthly cash prizes of

1st Prize - £50 2nd Prize - £30 3rd Prize - £20

The draws take place at the WI monthly members meeting and minuted. 12 draws per year except August, when we take our summer break, therefore two draws are held in December.

Are you looking for a stocking filler, or a present for someone that has just about everything? Why not buy them a £12 share and they could win any of the cash prizes above. For just 50p extra, we have some specially designed hand-made gift cards to hold the 200 Club share tickets.

This year they seem to be going like hot-cakes, so don't be disappointed. To purchase a share(s), please contact **Glenda on 01536 373987**

Afternoon Tea For Breast Cancer



I love making cakes so decided to host an afternoon tea in Brigstock Village Hall. My chosen charity was Breast Cancer Care. I have friends and relatives who have suffered this disease.

I really enjoyed the afternoon and was very grateful to the 3 friends who assisted me.

I was very grateful to those who came along and bought raffle tickets and ate cakes. We even had dog walkers who came in for a take away!

I raised in excess of £300. I was delighted. Thank you to everybody who supported me.

A very pleasant afternoon. Watch this space as I have another planned for 2022.

Lisa Bushnell

Fermyn Woods Country Park

Here we are again another autumn turning into winter, the summer migrants are long gone, and the winter ones arrived here mid-October. As the weather got colder the flocks of Fieldfares and Redwings became bigger around the park feeding on the Hawthorn berries. We have started our winter habitat work of clearing areas of scrub around the park and brush cutting some of the areas of long grass and clearing at Reedy and Long marsh. With help from our volunteers, we have been raking off the plateau and the hay meadow where it has had its end of season cut and added to our existing grass snake habitat piles.

We were very lucky when we had the high gusts of wind at the end of October, we only had one major tree come down which was a lime next to the playarea that uprooted, we did have some tops snapped out of some of the hawthorn in Great Thicket but nothing major compared to other Country parks and areas in the county.

As the park has become quieter there has been more signs of Fallow deer moving through the park, sometimes during the day and an increase in signs of Badgers around the park. The Jays and squirrels have been busy around the park caching nuts ready for the lean time of Winter, Jays are very good at distributing acorns around the park as they prefer to cache them in scrubland as they are easier to find again, any that they do not eat during the winter then germinate as Jays only cache fertile acorns which then grow and is protected from predation from deer by the Hawthorn and Blackthorn this in turn then creates new woodlands which is known as passive rewilding.

We hope you enjoy many winter walks around the park and pop into the café for a nice hot drink and piece of homemade cake.

The Rangers

Monday afternoon Health Walks at Fermyn

Join our free and friendly group for a 60 minute walk around the beautiful country park. Every Monday (Term time only). Meet outside the SkyLark Café at 1.30pm.

To book a place or for further details, email:

Educationrangers.ncc@northnorthants.gov.uk

BRIGSTOCK ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

Museum of London Archaeology, (MOLA) one of the UK's most illustrious archaeological bodies, has kindly reiterated its offer to supply a ceramics expert to run a pottery identification workshop in Brigstock. It's a relatively rare opportunity to learn directly from one of the discipline's top specialists, so now would be a great time to get involved.

Ceramics is one of the oldest fields of study in archaeology and is also one of the most exciting in terms of new scientific developments. Technology such as radiocarbon dating of organic residues, X-ray diffraction spectroscopy and neutron activation analysis are beyond the means of most community groups, but we can still learn much about our village's past from the humble ceramic sherd.

Ahead of the workshop, we're looking for new ceramic finds from the parish to identify. The fields at this time of year are largely clear of crop and optimal for permitted fieldwalking, so we've arranged access for BAG members. November saw the first of what we hope may be a new series of surveys (weather and crop permitting), starting with a more informal gathering on the 21st intended to introduce the activity to anyone new to archaeology.

To which end, we're also opening the invite to anyone from the village with an interest in the past who doesn't mind getting a bit muddy. If that's you, please drop us a line (see contact details below) and join us at the next event. Alternatively, now might be a good time to dust off those ceramic sherds you found while turning over the garden a while back. We expect the workshop to be held in the Spring, so please watch this space.

Meanwhile, with the Summer's High Street excavation work complete and finds now cleaned and in one location, work continues



interpreting finds and writing up a report, which we hope to present back in a public meeting in the coming months. To contact BAG or find out more, mail us at brigstockarchaeologicalgroup@gmail.com



or visit our website at www.brigstockarchaeologicalgroup.co.uk.

BRIGSTOCK KURLING GROUP

We have been able to hold all the meetings that were scheduled for the last three months without any problems, and have been pleased to welcome several new players who have moved to the village recently, as well as some previous players who have come back to join us. The dates for playing in December are the 1st and possibly the 15th, depending on how the group feel, and then in the New Year we will meet on the 5th and 19th January, 2nd and 16th February and 2nd and 16th March.

For a number of years, at this time of year, we would have been planning a trip to the ice rink at Beckworth's Emporium, to play the game properly, or at least to try to. Obviously, that didn't happen last year, and they have decided not to have an ice rink this year either, so we will just have to carry on with the New Age version, and hope that we can go again next year. As usual, we will meet from 2-4 p.m. on the dates listed above, and if you would like to join us, or for any more details, please ring me on 01536 373367. Judith Beeby

Brigstock Bell Ringers

Ringling practices at Brigstock, Stanion and Sudborough are now on Monday nights on rotation and ringing for Sunday services.

Listen out and lend your support by simply coming along and watching when you hear Monday night ringing or adding comments to your village Facebook page. Any support is gratefully received.

As always, if you're interested in learning more then contact Steve Todd on 01536 373373.

Brigstock Post Office

This is held every Monday from 10 until 12 in the village hall subject to availability. Some people come and sell craft items in the foyer, including cards. This is to ensure a good footfall so we don't lose the post office facility.

If anybody else would like to do so, please contact Steph Beckett (sbeckett13@yahoo.co.uk)



WI Recipe— Haw Haw Willy from Sue Phillips

A very old recipe handed down through generations. For 70 years this recipe has been part of Robin Phillips's family and is still a firm favourite.

For two people (double up for four etc)

Ingredients – vegetables will depend on your portion size:

1 Tin of Mulligatawny Soup

Onions

Carrots

Potatoes

Nice thick cut pork chops (you can use lamb too, but must be thick cut)

Method:

Cut the onions into quarters

Peel and chop the carrots into chunks

Peel and cut the potatoes into Roast Potato size pieces

Place into a baking tin

Pour the soup over the top

Cover with foil and cook long and slow in the oven for about an hour 180F, 350C Gas Mark 4.

Remove the foil and continue to cook to brown the tops of the potatoes

BINGO

This year's Christmas Bingo will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th December. Doors open at 7.00pm eyes down at 7.30pm.

There will be a £1.00 entrance fee to cover hire of hall. Refreshments will be served along with our usual Christmas raffle.

New players always welcome.

Feel free to come in your festive hats and jumpers as usual.

Chris, Eileen and Steph.



Letter From America – Christmas 1902

On December 26th, 1902 the Kettering Leader published what they called “an interesting letter from an old Brigstock man”. The letter had been sent by William Mace from Denver, Colorado, on December 11th and contained a warning to Britain about the enterprise and productivity of “the Yankee”.

William stated that he had been living in America for thirteen years, which means that he would have left this country around 1889. The 1881 census returns show two entries naming a William Mace. The first is a carpenter and builder, aged 62 living on Hall Hill. He is unlikely to be the letter writer as he would have been 83 by that time. The other William Mace is probably our letter writer. In 1881 he is 31 years old, born in Brigstock, a butcher, employing one man and a maidservant and married to Mina, aged 25, born in Liverpool. They do not have any children and are living in Brook House which is situated on the High Street, between the New Inn and the Angel Inn. There is no William Mace in the 1891 Brigstock census, indicating that it is likely that he has left the village by that time. The letter shows him to be a man of intelligence with a keen interest in business and with sharp observations on the economic outlook. We have to remember that at this time the United States was a very young nation and it was less than forty years since the end of the American Civil War, while Britain still had a vast Empire. Here is what he has to say about the competition that Britain was facing from America.

“This writer is afraid that the workmen of Great Britain are falling behind as I find that Yankee shoes are going to Northampton and Leicester. The Yank is building your bridges and tunnels and sending large quantities of machinery to the colonies. I find that foremen and managers of great enterprises are from ten to twenty years younger than the men in the same positions at home and are quick to take advantage of new ideas and labour-saving devices. They turn out much more work per man. Everything is rushed to the limit. It takes an Englishman a long time to get used to the rapid pace but, my countrymen, you have got to do it or fall behind. A friend of mine told me when he worked in a printing office in London he was not allowed under the rules of the union to do more than a certain amount of work, but here it is just the reverse. Is it not time for the labour unions of England to consider these things or the American bogey man will surely get you

Letter From America – Christmas 1902 - cont'd

The Americans are making better use of electricity than you in England, all the streets and most houses lighted by it and much of the machinery run by it. I don't know if the buying of the great Atlantic liners is a good thing but it appears to me you ought to keep the ships where the Denver storekeeper keeps his gun – within easy reach. Wishing all my friends a smiling Christmas and a glad New Year.”

I think we can safely say that William Mace did identify real problems with the British economy but his early warning fell on deaf ears and it could be argued that we still have similar problems a hundred years later.

Note: Brook House is probably the present 42 High Street, Bramble Cottage.

Bill Simon

Ladies Leisure Group

We started meeting again in September and were please to see such a good number of ladies there, including several new faces! There were even more at the October meeting and both occasions soon had people making new friends and chatting over tea and cakes. We had a “Beetle and Bingo” afternoon in October which provided a lot of hilarity, and at our November meeting, which will have taken place by the time you read this, we will be trying our hands at making Christmas table decorations. In December we will be enjoying a “Bring and Share” Christmas Lunch and deciding what to do at our January meeting.

If you have a couple of hours spare on the third Monday afternoon every month and fancy some company, please join us in the June Small room , Mill Lane at 1.30pm. There is no committee but there is always tea and cake! Maybe you have some fresh ideas about what we can put in our programme-if so, let us know. Contact details below.

Meanwhile, a very happy Christmas to everyone, and we hope to see you at our meeting on January 17th .

More info from: Val 373456, Sharon 373832 , Sheila 373225.

Jordans Weeones

When the last newsletter was published the poly tunnel was full of plants for sale, there was brisk trade for both summer bedding and vegetables and so I was soon able to plant my tomatoes, peppers and chillies in there which later on appeared on the stall outside for sale, the peppers were interesting some being exceedingly hot and others mild and sweet. There continued to be a steady stream of Bric a Brac both donated and bought. This year the Bric a Brac will be put away for the winter and will then make occasional appearances over next summer, if anyone has Bric a Brac please contact me before dropping it off. The books dvds along with jigsaws and some children's toys will still be outside as usual.

Other fundraising included the Garage Sale which was well supported and brought lots of visitors to have a look, Nicola Newbery very kindly donated a Llama Experience to be raffled and Jenny Willis put in a huge amount of time selling tickets raising £278.00. Courgettes and peppers made their appearance on the stall along with some lovely new potatoes. The next thing to happen was a visit from Superwoman who we now know was Sheila Wise she raised £112.15 for Jordans Weeones.

Antonia McKinnon Wood and Red Piece Equestrian raised money at two shows selling refreshments both for horses and riders in total £448.91 and Antonia also donated her penny jars as did Alison Solesbury.

A new one for this year were the Brigstock Peaches donated by Amanda Fitton, they really were delicious.

We postponed the History Night as we felt it was too soon to be gathering indoors. This took place on 12th November and around 50 people came to hear Carl Hector tell stories of the old village along with many historic photos of houses, many of which have now gone. The money raised was split between our charity and Breast Cancer Research.

The Beer Festival committee kindly allowed me to have the Horticultural Show in the meadow, we could perhaps have done with a few more entries but the judges were impressed with the quality of entries.

The Jordans Birthday Auction was very successful and thanks must be made to all of our generous donors of prizes.

The Autumn Fair presented an opportunity for early Christmas shopping with some lovely stalls with homemade crafts and goods to be snapped up.

Jordans Weeones cont'd

Nicola Newbery again donated a Llama experience, with Jenny again stepping in to sell raffle tickets. Rosy organised and ran the tombola. The biggest surprise at the Autumn Fair was Anthony helping in the kitchen doing sausage and bacon rolls !! She has also been growing and selling beautiful bunches of Dahlias for Jordans Weeones - these have been very popular again this year.

Compost continues to be sold with all profits going to Jordans Weeones.

Thanks to Caroline Nall for designing and printing all my posters etc for the events.

Thank you to all who volunteer to help at events, donate to and support Jordans Weeones, I couldn't do this without you all and Jordans Weeones Charity is very grateful for all your help and support.

Thanks to Bake and Brew for their support, selling tickets for events and also some delicious cup cakes

Upcoming events

Enchanted Garden and Father Christmas in his Grotto,

Please book Father Christmas through me via email j@janesteward.co.uk messenger, or on the post on Brigstock Jordans Weeones information fb page, you can also try phoning but my signal is not great 07775830526

Thursday 16th Advent calendar light up, Father Christmas Saturday 4 pm to 6.30, more information on Brigstock Jordans Weeones information fb page nearer the time. Father Christmas will be running this as a free event.

Friday 17th December Father Christmas 5pm - 6.30pm

Saturday 18th December and Sunday 19th December, Father Christmas 3pm - 6.30pm

The garden will be available to see at any time over the 3 days and will be lit on the 16th as part of the Brigstock Advent Windows

This is a free event for all Brigstock children See Fb for more details.

Total raised to date this year £9728.80 that means we have helped 64 families who have children with cancer.

Brigstock Cricket Club

Another season is well behind us as we move from the autumn into winter we can proudly look back on what was a successful season for all three of Brigstock's teams. The first team finished in a creditable sixth position in the Northants Premier League, I should point out, if they hadn't lost the final game of the season (by just 2 runs) then it would have been a top three finish, this just demonstrates how tight the league was. Credit to Patrick Croker in his first season as first team captain, he worked so hard and matured into the role as the season progressed. Some standard out performances worthy of mention, firstly George Groenland with the bat who averaged 66 and was the fourth highest scorer in the league and with the ball Danny Mohammed, who took 43 wickets and was the second highest wicket taker in the premier league. The second X1 won division eight by a clear margin of over 70 points. Notable performances from Ian Sharp with the bat who scored nearly 400 runs after just 12 innings and with a highest score of 133 NO. Three other batsmen also featured in the top ten run scorers in division eight, Satnam Singh, young Harry Howell and all rounder George Butler. With the ball, George Butler was the top wicket taker with 28. Congratulations to all the players for their efforts and special thanks to skipper James Steward for leading the second X1 to successive promotions. The U15's had an excellent season finishing second in their league and runners up in the cup. Skipper Monty Spencer amassed over 200 runs with a top score of 68 and also took 10 wickets, Hal Cubitt scored 180 runs with a top score of 51 and took 11 wickets and Charlie Parton aged just ten! took 6 wickets. It would be unfair not to mention all of the other U15 players, they conducted themselves impeccably and were a credit to the club, Harry Griffiths, Jonty Cullinan, Noah Johnston, Ethan & Oscar Hunt, Rowan Griffiths, Ethan Pike and Millie Tadman (who is now playing county cricket) thank you from all of us at the club. We will be going on a recruitment drive for youth players during the winter so please keep an eye out for further information and will be looking for youth players of all ages.

A big thank you to all of the social members who paid their annual social membership and continue to support the club, we can't operate and improve the facilities without the income generated by our social members. For those of you who walk your dogs around the cricket field will have noticed the new defibrillator on the pavilion wall, this was installed (thank you Warren Griffiths) a few months ago and was funded by a social event we

Brigstock Cricket Club - cont'd

held one Sunday afternoon in August, together with private donations, thank you also to those individuals who donated whether financial or helping on the day. Whilst it is not currently a legal requirement in the UK for sports facilities to provide an AED, it is a valuable addition to the wellbeing and protection of not only cricketers and club members but also the local community. Still only a very small percentage of sports clubs and gyms have a defibrillator on site so it is another improvement to our facilities. During the winter months we also have plans to upgrade the ladies and disabled toilets in the pavilion and we are hopeful this project will be completed for the start of next season.

On behalf of all of us at the Cricket Club we wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and may the year ahead be one of contentment and joy.

We look forward to seeing you in 2022.....winter well!!

DADS JOKES

Q: What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?

A: An abdominal snowman.

Q: Where does Santa stay when he's on a vacation?

A: At a ho-ho-ho-tel.

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