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Jubilee May Queen - Sheila Chalmers

See article inside about her

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 5 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
- 7 Kurling, 2pm Village Hall
- 7 Friends of Country Park AGM 7.30pm
- 8 Bingo, Village Hall, 7pm for 7-30pm
- 10 St Andrews Stride and ride
- 12 Mens Club, June Small Room 10.30am
- 15 St Andrews Church "Antiques and Curios Roadshow" Village Hall 7.30pm
- 16 Beer Festival Comedy Night, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 17 Beer Festival Fun Day. Village Hall 1pm
- 19 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
- 19 Ladies Leisure Group 1-30pm "Flower arranging" June Small Room
- 21 Kurling, 2pm Village Hall
- 24 St Andrews Church Coffee Morning "See the Servery Plans" 10—2pm
- 26 Mens Club, June Small Room 10.30am
- 26 Village Hall Coffee Morning 10 - 12
- 28 Historical Society, "Northampton Castle" 7.30pm Village Hall

October

- 3 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
- 5 Kurling, 2pm Village Hall
- 6 St Andrews Church "Beyond the 39 Steps" 7pm
- 8 Jordans Wee Ones, "Autumn Craft Fayre" Village Hall
- 8 Brigstock's Got Talent. Village Hall 7.30pm
- 10 Mens Club, June Small Room 10.30am
- 17 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
- 17 Ladies Leisure Group 1-30pm "Kurling" June Small Room
- 19 Kurling, 2pm Village Hall
- 24 Mens Club, June Small Room 10.30am
- 24 Village Hall Coffee Morning 10 - 12
- 26 Historical Society "Stories from Public Houses in E Northants" VH 7 - 30pm
- 28 Film Night, "The Duke", Village Hall 7.30pm
- 31 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am

November

- 2, 16 and 30 Kurling, 2pm Village Hall
- 7 and 21 Mens Club June Small Room 10.30am
- 14 and 28 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
- 17 Film Night "Operation Mincemeat" Village Hall 7.30pm
- 21 Ladies Leisure Group, "Christmas Crafts", 1.30pm June Small Room
- 23 Historical Society "Footwear manufactures in E Northants" VH 7.30pm
- 26 St Andrews Church Winters Fayre 10 - 2
- 30 Historical Society, Brigstock History Day Village Hall 10—4pm

BRIGSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is becoming quite busy again with regular classes and groups as well. There now a wide range of interests covered so hopefully you can find something to interest you.

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

The hall is now quite busy as can be seen by the number of events in the Diary. Research by our committee has shown that we are one of the cheapest large halls around the area, so do make the most of your local facilities.

THE VILLAGE HALL REGULAR USERS:

Post Office	Mondays 10-12
Crafters Meet	Second Monday of the month 10.30 to 2pm
Music Makers	Tuesdays 10.45am
Kurling	First and Third Wednesdays 2pm
Ballet	Tuesdays 5— 9pm
Knit and Natter	Wednesday 10-12
Music and Movement	Thursday 2pm
Historical Society	Fourth Wednesday, 7.30pm
Parish Council	Third Wednesday, 7-30pm

BOOKING THE VILLAGE HALL

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.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS rosybbiggs@btinternet.com 373579

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNINGS

The Village Hall committee will be holding monthly coffee mornings at the village hall on the fourth Monday of the month. This will be when the Post Office is present, so combine your trip there with a cuppa and something to eat. There are often stalls selling cards or similar also present. All are welcome, so come and have a chat



The first date is Monday 26th September from 10am to noon.

Next ones will be October 24th and 28th November.

BRIGSTOCK'S GOT TALENT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH



Saturday October 8th. The tickets are printed, the raffle prizes bought. All we need now is you! We have some acts but we need more. It is not competitive, just light hearted fun with fellow villagers.

We were all ready to rock in March 20²⁰ when Covid struck. We returned all the ticket money but we hope you will support us again this year. Tickets only £5 from Steph Beckett and Sally Wilks.

Doors open 7pm Start 7-30pm BAR available

Brigstock Film Night, Village Hall

2022/23 Season Dates

Friday 28 October: The Duke (12) (2020)

British comedy drama, a 60-year-old taxi driver steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London, starring Jim Broadbent, Helen Mirren

Friday 18 November: Operation Mincemeat (12a) (2021)

British war drama based on a true story; during WWII, two intelligence officers use a corpse and false papers to outwit German troops, starring Colin Firth, Matthew Macfadyen, Penelope Wilton, Jason Isaacs.

Friday 29 January: Changeling (15) (2008)

American mystery crime drama film directed, produced, and scored by Clint Eastwood, based on real-life events in 1928 California, starring Angelina Jolie as a woman united with a boy who she realizes is not her missing son.

Friday 17 February: The Keeper (15) (2018)

British-German biographical drama about the footballer Bert Trautmann, who played for Man City after WWII (spoiler alert – it's not primarily about football!)

Friday 17 March: The Dish (12) (2000)

This Australian historical comedy drama tells the story of the Parkes Observatory's role in the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969, starring Sam Neill.

The popular Film Club is back at the village hall this autumn and everyone's welcome. Here's what you can expect if you've never been:

A friendly and social atmosphere – come alone, with a partner, or with friends/family, you'll be made to feel welcome and included

A bar! We serve wine, beer, soft drinks and tea/coffee, and ice-creams in the interval

An interesting choice of films – we don't show box office blockbusters, but quirky or understated films, some based on true stories, often a comedy, romance and/or drama, frequently starring well-known actors

Doors open at 7:15pm, films start at 7:45pm

Tickets £5.00pp on the door

Contact Emma Poole on 370142 if any questions.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Well, what a celebration in Brigstock!

To get us in the mood for the 50s dance on Friday night we were treated to two sessions of free dance lessons in the village hall. Learning how to jive in an hour was a tall order but undertaken with enthusiasm.

The W.I. provided a splendid Jubilee tea on Thursday for 70 of Brigstock's senior citizens at the W.I. hall. The weather was fine and a great time was had by all. Many thanks to the Parish Council for a financial contribution



"Singing in the Rain" topped the box office in 1952 and those who came to watch it at the village hall on the Thursday evening thoroughly enjoyed watching this iconic movie. They were even greeted by the cinema manager in evening dress and an usherette with choc ices!

Many people popped along to the coffee morning at the URC on Friday where they could also look at the 50s exhibition put on by the Historical Society along with photos of past village celebrations.

The 50s dance in the evening went with a swing. Even Elvis turned up to hear Pete Dell and his fabulous Delltones.



The Jubilee Street market on Saturday morning drew in the crowds to have a go at dancing round the Maypole, buying from the charity stalls and watching Sheila Chalmers the Jubilee queen being crowned.

Meanwhile there was a queue to have a go at ringing the bells at St Andrew's church. Certificates were given to all those who turned up - 180 in all!

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS—contd.

In the afternoon there was a combined service of commemoration with the URC at St Andrews, followed by a cream tea. There were portraits of the queen done by children from the primary school and Brigstock art group to look at too, as well as some beautiful Jubilee-themed flower arrangements.

Having enjoyed lovely weather for most of the weekend Sunday was cold and wet so unfortunately the planned picnic on the Meadow was cancelled.



A few of us took our lunch along to the village hall and celebrated there instead. Many thanks to all the village groups and individuals who contributed to an action-packed programme and to the Parish Council for their support with the weekend. Also grateful thanks to our cardboard cut-out queen who kept popping up at various events. A weekend full of lovely memories for a very special occasion.



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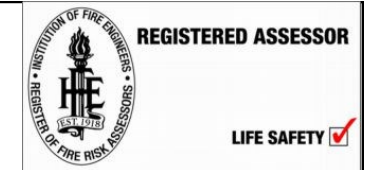
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BRIGSTOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP £13 for the year otherwise £3 per visit. Talks usually take place at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

28/09/22	Northampton Castle Ruth Thomas	Following Ruth's interesting talk about the Great Fire of Northampton last year she returns to tell us about the history of the castle.
26/10/22	Stories from Public Houses in East Northants	Tales of some of our local hostelries including Brigstock.
23/11/22	The Rise and Fall of foot- wear Manufacture in East Northants Ron Whittaker	Nearly every town and village in Northamptonshire was engaged in the making of shoes in the 19th century. What happened?

We look forward to welcoming you

Thank you very much to all those who contributed to the successful Jubilee exhibition at the URC. We received many positive comments.

BRIGSTOCK BONFIRE NIGHT

Sunday 6th November

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

Fireworks 6-30pm

Tickets £3 adults, £2 children (£4 and £2.50 on the gate).

BBQ, Mulled Wine, Cricket Club Bar, Guy Competition

Can you help on the night, build the Bonfire, selling tickets?

Contact Sally Wilks or Chris Allen

01536 373579

BRIGSTOCK KURLING GROUP

Kurling sessions have carried on as normal over the Summer months, even though people have been away on holidays, and occasionally unwell with various ailments. Several new players have tried out the game – some have continued to come, others have decided that it's not for them, but if you don't try it, you'll never find out!

Dates up to the end of the year will be: 7th and 21st September, 5th and 19th October, 2nd, 16th and 30th November, and finally December 14th. The three November dates will mean that we won't be getting too close to Christmas for our last meeting of the year.

Fingers crossed that this year we may be able to have another go at playing the original version of the game, if Beckworths Garden Centre at Mears Ashby decides to invest in an ice rink again.

As always, the sessions run from 2-4 p.m. at the Village Hall and usually cost £2, which includes tea or coffee and biscuits. If you would like any more information, please contact me on 373367, or just pop in on one of the above dates.

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Sheila Chalmers: Brigstock's Jubilee Queen

Brigstock enjoyed a very successful weekend of celebrations in June to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. As part of the celebrations a Jubilee Queen was chosen for the village and Sheila Chalmers, one of the oldest residents, was selected and, although a bit reluctant at first, she agreed to take on the role and enjoyed her day in the limelight. On the day she enjoyed a drive, in style, from her home in Barnard's Way to Hall Hill in a Jaguar saloon, courtesy of Nigel Searle. On the Market Cross she was crowned by the Parish Council Chair, Margaret Smith, and then presided over maypole dancing, which was open to anybody who fancied taking part. Later she had a walk round the stalls on the street market and visited the URC church to see the interesting exhibition of historical photographs of Brigstock. Sheila was presented with a bunch of flowers, a box of chocolates and a necklace which she really appreciated.

Sheila, nee Beasley, was born in Brigstock on the 22nd of August 1930, the middle child of five, one sister Betty and three brothers, John, Malcolm and Richard. Her father was a cattle dealer who made regular trips to Ireland to buy stock which he brought over to England. The family lived in a house at the top of Bridge Street which is no longer there as it was demolished, along with those of their neighbours so that an extension to the school could be built. She then moved to the house in Barnard's Way in 1960, where she has lived ever since.

She attended Brigstock School and the teachers she remembers are Mrs Palmer, who taught the infants, Miss James, music and the headmaster at that time, Mr Tomlinson. She recalls the big changes that came about in school life when child evacuees arrived during the war years, mostly from London, which meant that at one stage there were twice as many evacuees as village children. The number of pupils in each class went up, with the evacuees and village children mixed together, and extra classrooms were set up at the chapel and the conservative club in Back Lane.

Apart from the regular lessons Sheila recalls going out to collect rose hips to make rose hip syrup and everyone having two weeks off in the autumn to pick potatoes. At Christmas there were Christmas parties for the children at Fermyn Woods Hall and later, during the war years, at the American air base at Grafton and with the Czech soldiers based at the Mill, in Brigstock

Sheila Chalmers: Brigstock's Jubilee Queen - Contd

Christmas at home was a much simpler occasion than today with not many presents, a stocking filled with nuts and an orange and goose rather than chicken for Christmas dinner. And in those days people didn't go on summer holidays as they do today. Sheila's first holiday away was a trip to Ireland when she was 19 to visit her father's relations.

Sheila left Brigstock school at aged 15 and started work in Greenlees shoe factory in Kettering, earning £3 a week of which six shillings went on bus fares and five shillings into a clothing club for dresses etc. But a bonus was that the weekly bus ticket included Saturday when she did not go to work. So it was possible to save the unused Saturday tickets and exchange them at the office and have a free week on the bus with money in her pocket to spend on other things. Entertainment was a dance every Saturday at the mill in Brigstock, pictures in Kettering on Sunday and, on the free week, dancing at the Central Hall, Kettering or the Raven, Corby. After leaving the shoe factory Sheila worked on farms for a time and was a cleaner at the Green Dragon public house for twenty years.

Sheila has seen many changes in the village over the years. When she was growing up there were many more shops in Brigstock than nowadays and people could get everything they needed without leaving the village. There were even two midwives on hand locally. It was the usual thing to drop off the Sunday roast at Freeman's bakehouse on the High Street to be cooked then pick it up later maybe on the way back from church. Everybody knew everybody else which isn't the case today with people moving out and new people coming in all the time.

Sheila has some mobility problems these days but she keeps her mind very active doing crosswords, jigsaws, TV quizzes and also likes to watch tennis and horse racing on television. She used to be a regular at Sunnysiders and still attends the church service on Thursdays. Sheila feels very fortunate to have her daughter, Fiona, living with her. She is able to get out with Fiona in the car to go to the shops or other outings, including garden centres which she enjoys. Sheila maintains that living with someone younger helps to keep her young as well and I am sure that we all wish her a very happy 92nd birthday.

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Jordans Weeones

Now that covid is not stopping us from trying to get back to some sort of normal, the team at Jordan's Weeones have been able to resume fundraising. Wayne and Sue have been able to get back to craft fairs and Yvonne Fielding has run several very successful Spiritual Events in aid of Jordans Weeones.

Over the last two years with the various fundraising in the village we have raised a total of £17,800.18p which is a fantastic amount and has gone towards helping over 200 families.

This year started with me planting bulbs, hundreds of bulbs which were then sold outside on Park Walk, followed by tomatoes, peppers, courgettes, pumpkin, cucumbers and a variety of bedding plants. The Bric a Brac and books are still outside and some interesting items appear on the stall. I have also been car booting again with some of the Bric a Brac.

A couple of planned events had to be cancelled, one due to the weather being too hot. Who would have thought that could happen in this country?

Three very successful 2 hour Macrame workshops were held in Stanion Village Hall where 10 of us each week made something and learnt about macrame. Em Davies very kindly ran the workshops and provided all the materials, I grew the spider plants for the plant holders we made the first week. Thank you Em for doing this for Jordan's Weeones. In fact I grew so many spider plants I was able to donate some to a gentleman in Woodford who sells plants in aid of the NHS. His fb page is "David's Growing Plants for the NHS" if anyone wants to have a look.

Looking forward Jordan's Weeones will be holding an Autumn Craft Fair with bouncy castle, refreshments and hopefully the fire engine will be able to attend on Saturday October 8th. There will also be the biggest pumpkin and marrow competition at the Autumn Fair

We will also be holding either a raffle or another online auction October/November with lots of Childrens toys so you can start Christmas Shopping.

Christmas brings Jordan's Weeones Enchanted Garden and Father Christmas again running on the 16th, 17th, 18th December. Father Christmas will again be free for Brigstock Children. If anyone is upgrading their Christmas tree I would be grateful for any old artificial ones which I can use in the garden.

Money raised so far this year £2566.30, Thank you for your support. Jane

Brigstock Beer Festival 2022



The Brigstock Beer Festival has now been running for 18 years and plans are for this year's festival to be even better than ever. The Festival will once again commence on Friday 16th September with a comedy evening. Tickets are available via a ticket agency website and details of how you can purchase these is now listed on the Beer Festival website and Facebook page. On the Saturday the festivities will start at 1pm and entry is free. The car park outside the Village Hall will be devoted to food and drink stalls, meaning that there will be a greater variety of refreshments including taco bar, fish and chips, ice cream, coffee and a gin bar. The music stage will have a variety of sets and there will also be lots of attractions on the meadow with a climbing wall, large bouncy castle, bird of prey display, fairground rides, WI duck race, treasure hunt, lose your marbles game, Liam Marshall penalty shoot-out and a horticultural tent and much more. The evening entertainment will commence with a childrens' disco at 6pm, followed by the "2Tones" and then a DJ. There will also obviously be the usual great range of beers and ciders available throughout the festival.

The Beer Festival Committee aim has always been to "entertain" whilst raising money for charity and worthy causes. Cransley Hospice has been chosen as the main charity for this year's festival as it continues to provide invaluable support to local people. So since the long-range weather forecast is still looking good, please make a note in your diaries so that you and your family and friends are available to enjoy this wonderful village family event.

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Knit & Natter Group



Our Knit & Natter group is growing. We welcome Jan, who joined our group 5 weeks ago and hasn't disappeared, so we must be doing something right.



Two of our members made knitted bees for Brigstock WI and Northamptonshire Federation for their events on World Bee Day. One of our members is making something for the RLNI, which is a closely guarded secret. All will be revealed by the next addition of our village newsletter.

We don't have any major projects lined up at the moment, however we continue to meet weekly concentrating on our own personal projects and of course nattering and putting the world to rights. It's surprising how many topics we cover in two hours!!!! In September we plan to expand the "Winter Wonderland" scene on the village square.

If you want to join our friendly group

We meet every Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon. Cost is just £2 per person, which includes coffee and biscuits.

A few of our members have learnt to knit and crochet at the Knit and Natter group, so if you want to learn knitting or crochet and join our friendly group and get to know new people, then do come along and give it a try. If you are put off because you are left-handed, never fear as we have a left-handed knitter who will be able to help you get started.

For more information, please call Glenda on 01536 373987 or Steph on 01536 373422

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)



BRIGSTOCK LIVING ADVENT

Happy Autumn to all - may your summer have been full of sunshine and memories. Looking ahead to the coming months - and CHRISTMAS!

This is to announce my final organisation of the Brigstock Living Advent Calendar - I do hope it might continue in some format but feel it's time for me to free my December for family and further travels.....

If you would like to create a window or outdoor installation, please let me know. Brigstockadvent@hotmail.com 07771766433 (WhatsApp or text)

These can be secular but it would also be lovely to celebrate other festivals and other religions- with the culmination on 24th in St Andrew's on 24th December for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

A few suggestions from an extensive list.

World Aids Day 1st Dec Abolition of slavery day Dec 2nd

St Nicholas Day Dec 6th Rohatsu Dec 8th Buddhist

Human Rights Day 10th December Hanukkah 10-18th Jewish

Solstice Dec 21st Pagan

We will reintroduce the nightly 6.45pm gatherings and no obligation hospitality.

I have already been contacted with a suggestion of fundraising for the RNLI - an organisation, while not 'local' as such, one which protects many of us at some point in our lives. More to follow about this...

Thank you!

Jane

SUNNYSIDERS

Sunnysiders meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00 until 4.00 pm in the June Small room at United Reform Chapel. Recently we have had speakers from guide dogs, RNLI and the duties of a registrar. Some weeks we play curling, bingo and card games by Ron and other activities suitable for our age group. Anyone interested in coming along for a cup of tea and biscuits, and to chat among friends, would be most welcome.

Contact telephone number Maureen 373383.

Brigstock United Reformed Church

It was great to see so many people about over the Jubilee weekend. There was a lot to see and do; just a shame that the weather broke and spoiled the effort on the meadow on Sunday. We were really pleased to see so many people coming for coffee and cake at the chapel on the Friday and Saturday and at times we were rushed off our feet! The History Society exhibition was a great success too and we were happy to host it. We were quite glad to be inside on the Saturday morning as it got a bit chilly for anyone sitting on Hall Hill for the street market, but we hope we were able to fortify them with hot coffee and cupcakes. Another successful Brigstock effort!

This October there is another Jubilee celebration!-it is the 50th anniversary of the formation of the United Reformed church. The chapel used to be a Congregational church, but in 1972 the Congregationalists and Presbyterians joined together to form a new church, and we are part of it. On October 9th we shall be joining people from other congregations in the area for a special service and picnic at Toller URC in Kettering.

Life is just about back to normal at the chapel now, and we are free from all the Covid restrictions. We are, however, conscious of the fact that Covid is still with us and we ask everyone using our premises to be careful and use the hand sanitisers. The June Small room is in use again for all the groups that meet there regularly, and if you are part of a group looking for somewhere to meet, we have vacancies on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

We have had a very quiet summer but we do need to start fundraising again -like everyone else, our electricity bills are going up and we are not looking forward to our winter bills arriving. We are having our usual tombola stall at the Beer Festival and our next planned effort will be our Christmas coffee morning on December 10th. It may seem a long way off but please put the date in your diaries!

The chapel is open for worship every Sunday at 10.30am, and we welcome people from any denomination to join us.

BRIGSTOCK

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council continues to work hard on your behalf. Since the last edition of Brigstock News there has been steady progress with ongoing issues.

Sudborough Road Industrial Site

We have made a robust response to the developers' 44 page document explaining why it is not a foregone conclusion that such a site would be acceptable to the village.

Flooding

The Environment Agency is yet to complete its report which they continue to assure they are working on.

Solar Farms adjacent to Bullymore's Farm

Following a further presentation by Scottish Power, we feel confident that they are taking our concerns into consideration in their planning for construction of the site. The recent world focus on climate change certainly underlines the need for such sites. They have positioned the proposed battery storage construction such that it is hidden from the road and the village. We still await notification of their decision regarding the main delivery route for the installation traffic.

PARISH COUNCIL

5 Year Plan

The next project is to ensure the stability of the headstones in the cemetery. Initially those headstones considered a danger to the public will be made safe, followed by a rolling programme of straightening and strengthening.

Stanion Road Development

Construction on this site seems to be on schedule. We have agreed the level of street lighting for the site and the entrance to the estate, which will become the responsibility of the Parish Council on completion.

Jubilee Celebrations

Happily, despite periods of rain, many of the Jubilee events were very successful and were enthusiastically supported by the village. The crowning of the Jubilee Queen was a joyful occasion too. The recipient had lost the opportunity to be crowned May Queen in her younger days by the onset of World War Two. It thus seemed a fitting tribute to be crowned at last. Thank you for your enthusiasm in attending those activities which were put forward with particular note for those who created so many opportunities for us all to attend.

Clerk to the Parish Council

Finally, as has been previously mentioned, Nigel Searle is retiring from the post of Clerk to the Parish Council. In the first instance, we would like to encourage applicants to fulfil this role from those living in the parish and, in this respect, a copy of the job description for you to consider is contained in this issue and on the Parish Council website. If you feel you have the free time to undertake this remunerated responsibility, and especially if you have a good understanding of local issues, we would be pleased to hear from you. Training will be provided if you have no prior experience.

Margaret Smith

Chair Brigstock Parish Council

brigstockcouncil@aol.co.uk

Brigstock Parish Council

Our current Clerk is retiring so there is a vacancy for a Clerk to the Parish Council commencing on the 1st January 2023

The Clerk is the Proper Officer of the Council undertaking all the statutory duties. The Clerk is also the Responsible Financial Officer, maintaining all the financial records of the Council and ensuring the careful administration of its finances. Brigstock has 11 councillors 1,108 electors and our precept is £30,600:00.

The position is part time, 8 hours per week (to be reviewed) and involves working from home/Village Hall and attending evening and daytime meetings as and when required. The salary is dependent on qualifications and experience. Candidates holding or studying for CiLCA are especially welcomed, although applicants with other relevant qualifications and experience will also be considered. Training opportunities will be available. There will also be a transition period working with the current clerk to ensure a smooth handover.

The ideal candidate should be able to demonstrate a good understanding of IT, organisational, administrative and financial skills with strong interpersonal and communication skills and relishes challenges.

You will be responsible for updating and coordinating the Council's website and ensure its success as a valued resource for information, also maintaining cemetery and other parish records.

Closing date for applications: **30th September 2022**

Application form is available on the parish website www.brigstockcouncil.org.uk or by contacting the Clerk on 01536 373672 or e-mail brigstockcouncil@aol.com

BRIGSTOCK BUS SERVICES

It has been reported that Whippet buses that run through Brigstock will be cancelled in the near future, probably the 3rd September

The Parish Clerk has received an e-mail confirming that Whippet Coaches have surrendered their contract and NNC are currently tendering for a replacement. Watch out for more details.

Ladies Leisure Group

Our Jubilee meeting was a great success, with strawberry cream teas and prosecco to celebrate the Queen's 70 year reign. We had planned to visit the country park in July, for a picnic and outdoor games, but the weather on that day was far too hot and, after all the warnings that were given to keep out of the sun, we didn't feel we should go ahead with it. Instead, we had a quieter meeting with indoor games and puzzles the following week. The June Small room does stay cool in the summer and it was quite a relief to be comfortable indoors!

We had nothing planned for August and we decided to give ourselves a rest as quite a few people had holidays booked, so our next meeting will be on September 19th. Our programme for the rest of the year is below; please join us if you would like a couple of hours of relaxing company and a good natter over tea and cake. We charge just £2 each meeting to cover the hall rent, refreshments and a raffle ticket- a bargain for anyone!

September 19th : Flower arrangements with Steph

October 17th Kurling and Janet's sitting keep fit

November 21st Christmas crafts with Val and Paula

December 19th Christmas lunch

More details from Val-373456, Sharon-373832 or Sheila-373225

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For more information or if you have any ideas for the Project Group, please call Steph on 01536 373422 or Glenda on 01536 373987.

BRIGSTOCK ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

To find out more, mail us at brigstockarchaeologicalgroup@gmail.com or visit our website at www.brigstockarchaeologicalgroup.co.uk.

Ahh, the agony and the ecstasy of archaeology! With our Hall Hill excavation still in progress as this newsletter goes to press, it's fair to say we're currently – frustratingly – a lot less clear about what we've found compared to the same stage of last year's summer dig. Fascinating, relatable items like a brass huntmaster's button and a slightly-dented thimble have been mixed in with metalworking evidence, plenty of ceramic, and animal bone. Indeed, some interesting sherds some half-metre down might yet turn out to be significantly earlier than the Lyveden-Station Ware we can date to c1250-1450CE.

But so far, not much has emerged in the way of identifiable stratigraphy and features to offer context and help us interpret how our site was being used at different times. This lack of coherence may actually be the best clue we have to at least understand the later phases of activity. It's not surprising to find heavily disturbed upper layers in villages like Brigstock with a long history of occupation. However, as some keen gardeners may have noted, Brigstock's topsoil/subsoil isn't that deep in places – well under a metre in our previous two test-pits. So, it may be that a limestone surface we're presently revealing is in fact the final phase of this summer's dig.

If that's the case here, we're likely facing much the same issue as at our Bridge Street test-pit in July. The shallower the combined depth of topsoil/subsoil, the more likely the soil matrices around our finds might be jumbled up and represent a completely different time and even place to where and when such artefacts were deposited. Before regular collection was established, refuse was often buried in garden pits, and manure and night soil (human waste) were used as fertilisers. Sometimes artefacts from the same spot hitched a ride to new places, some near and some far – and can subsequently frustrate archaeologists with seemingly random ceramic scatters in unexpected places.

Repeat this kind of activity over several centuries in a confined area like a village garden, and the archaeology can get very complicated to interpret. We may marvel at the material culture of Brigstock's past residents – the often-simple designs and careful crafting of everyday objects –



BRIGSTOCK ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP—cont'd

and contemplate what they meant to their historic owners, but we can rarely understand their full biographies. At best, archaeology like this summer's dig can sharpen the focus a little when seeing our history through a looking glass, darkly.

By the time you read this, we should have just about wrapped up our summer dig. Keep your eyes peeled for news of some focused fieldwalking in the Autumn.

To find out more, mail us at brigstockarchaeologicalgroup@gmail.com or visit our website at www.brigstockarchaeologicalgroup.co.uk.

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



Volunteer Action based in Oundle has many members in Brigstock. They use the car service for hospital appointments and other activities. Some also use the befriending service.

They would love to recruit some more car drivers. You don't have to give hours of time, any amount you can give would be appreciated.

Further details from 01832 275433

BRIGSTOCK WI WI Hall, Park Walk

Jubilee Celebrations

We had a very busy time at the Jubilee weekend. An afternoon tea was held for 70 senior citizens. A wonderful opportunity to get out and socialise. Sandwiches and cakes were prepared by a team of WI members and the Parish Council kindly contributed to the costs.



We held a 1950s dance in conjunction with the Village Hall committee. It was a great evening of fun and dancing and a lovely fish and chip supper from the local fish and chip van. Our dancing skills had been practised at a few dancing sessions in the preceding weeks!

Saxby's Cider Farm

12 of our members went on an outing to Saxby's Cider Farm, one of our first outings as many were postponed because of lockdown. There was a tour of the orchards by tractor and a tour of the cider making plant. It of course culminated with Cider tasting and the inevitable purchases in the shop. Saxby do various events and details can be found on their website. They are based at Easton Maudit.

Triumph With a Tenner



Our final event found members tying themselves in knots! Sally Wilks kindly demonstrated macramé techniques. This was very popular in 1970s and has made resurgence. All that attended had a lovely evening and created their own masterpiece. The evening made £40.00 profit bringing the total for the challenge to £207, which will be divided equally between the Federation Brigstock and WI (£103.50 each)

Baytree Garden Centre

This was to be another outing but as it was on one of the heat wave days it has been postponed until later in the year. Maybe to see the Christmas displays which will no doubt spring up by October?



BRIGSTOCK WI Cont'd

Brigstock 18th Beer Festival



We will be holding a duck race again at Brigstock Beer festival. Probably our 15th or 16th appearance and the ducks are still ready to race. Let's hope for a little more water in the brook! Tickets are available from Steph Beckett in advance or on the Saturday afternoon of the Festival. Prizes of £50, £25, £15 and £10 will be given. Tickets £1 from Steph Beckett, Lesley French or Liz Searle.

Tickets also available at the Beer Festival

Brigstock War Memorial

Along with other village groups we take our turn in tidying the war memorial. Our turn this year is August and hopefully won't be too hot.

Village Treasure Trail

28 members enjoyed a treasure trail around the village of Wilbarston. A buffet supper was then enjoyed outside on a beautiful sunny evening. This is an Annual event that has continued for more than 20 years. Northamptonshire has some very pretty villages.

THE SCRABBLE GROUP

HELP!! The village Scrabble Group needs more players!

Numbers have dropped to a critical level recently, so much so that we may have to consider whether to change the time and/or date of the meetings to enable the group to continue. We currently meet on Mondays every fortnight, from 10.30-12.30, in the June Small room at the U.R.C. in Mill Lane, alternating with the Men's Group. The meetings up until Christmas, hopefully, will be on 5th and 19th September, 3rd, 17th and 31st October, 14th and 28th November, and 12th December.

Please ring me on 373367 if you would like any more details, or just come along on any of these dates.

Fermyn Woods Country Park

According to the Met Office July was the driest July since 1935. During the extreme heat the ponds dried up or reduced in size, but we made sure there were areas for wildlife to get water. Because of the heat, I counted over 40 Purple Hairstreak butterflies that had come down to feed on minerals and what little moisture they could find on the ground. Usually they are found at the top of Oak trees.

Because of the extreme heat and risk of wildfires we band all BBQS from all North Northants country parks. And as I write this the summer holidays are in full swing with families coming to the park for a walk, play or ice cream from the café.

Apart from struggling in the warm weather there has been a lot of wildlife seen round the park, especially butterflies. It seems to have been a good year for Marbled Whites, Meadow Browns and Gatekeepers, but I have not heard what sort of season the Black Hairstreak or Purple Emperor have had.

I spotted a hummingbird hawkmoth flying on the purple route feeding on bramble flowers. They are an impressive moth to see - they are a small day-flying hawkmoth. It is a summer visitor to the UK, migrating from Southern Europe in variable numbers each year.

With help from the friend's group and Chris Allen we managed to get a grant for five interpretation boards telling you about different habitats and wildlife as you go round the park. These include Reedy Pond, Long Pond, and the fishing pond, but also about the history of the park and the local area. Keep an eye out for them as you walk round the park. The interpretation boards were officially opened by the Councillor for Climate & Green Environment, Harriet Pentland.

It has been another good year for the wildflowers. I have noticed that the Knapweed has spread to areas in the park where it has not been seen before, along with Birds Foot Trefoil. All the wildflowers have been full of bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects feeding on them.

Do come and join to see the Park turn from summer into Autumn and Winter over the next few months. Remember that you can always stay and have something to eat or drink at the Café every day.

The Ranger Team

FRIENDS OF FERMYN WOODS COUNTRY PARK

Three Notes for your diary

1. **Our AGM** will be on Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 7.30pm. (This has been changed from 14th September) On this occasion we have been invited to have the meeting at 14 Hall Hill (Pete and Judy Burdett's home). We hope that everyone who has an interest in our Park - or use it - will be able to join this meeting.

Anyone wishing to join the Committee should contact the Secretary, John Leech using e-mail e4johnl@btinternet.com.

2. **Support the BBF** on Saturday 17th September 2022 - we plan to have a 'Test your Skills' stall (have fun to test skills - physical or mental abilities before or after a drink). So come to enjoy and support this annual event.

3. **Autumn Quiz Night** – Is planned to be in the Autumn – lookout for more information.

Monday afternoon Health Walks at Fermyn Woods

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

To book or for further details, email:

Educationangers.ncc@northnorthants.gov.uk

MENS CLUB

Our fortnightly morning meetings are now progressing and we meet on Monday morning 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.

In July we had an interesting visit to Harrington Aviation Museum where we had a personal tour of the SOE memorabilia followed by a pub meal. Great.

Date are: 12th and 26th September, 10th and 24th October, 7th and 21st November. Contact Robin Phillips 01536 370144 or Terry Bowen 01536 373807 for more details.

Brigstock Book Club

If you enjoy reading, please come and join us at our monthly meetings when we review our current book. Live-ly discussion and a friendly welcome await you Fortified of course by tea and cake!

Please contact me if you are interested and for further information:-
Sophie Robinson 07768876708 ; email sophiarobinson@icloud.com



WAR MEMORIAL ROTA

Thank you to the groups who have kept the War Memorial area tidy in this hot weather. The following groups are taking it on for the next few months.

September 2022 Historical Society October 2022 Knit and Natter Group
November 2022 Ladies Leisure Group December 2022 Kurling Group
Liz Searle

Village of the Year

As you know the village entered the Northamptonshire Village Awards this year, and at a celebration event held at Hunsbury Hill Centre, Northampton, Brigstock was awarded a **silver** award for the Village Award and also a **silver** award for Use of a Creative Space Award, which was Hall Hill. We have not yet had the



feedback about the award but we are really pleased with the result. The judges did say if there had been a silver gilt (as in RHS society) we would have received that so not far to go to get gold!

Thank you to those who spoke to the judges or helped in any way, we could not have done it without you as it is based on the community not individuals. The certificates are in the notice board by the Village Hall.

BRIGSTOCK LATHAM SCHOOL PFA

The PFA is a group of parents or supporters of children from our school who want o help support and raise funds for extra items for the children that are not covered by the basic curriculum.

We are looking for new members to join our committee from September.

We haven't got anything planned yet, as it's the start of the school year soon but we're looking for parents, new or old to join our friendly committee to help raise funds for the school. We meet around 2/3 times a year to share ideas and organise events.

It's never a huge commitment. We ideally need people who wouldn't mind helping out at events and coming along to a couple of meetings a year.

If you are interested, please contact me to discuss.

Leanne Cloono at leabee27@me.com

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. Co-op Car Park and Three Cocks PH Car Park - Clothing
6. Co-op shop. Batteries.
7. 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

St Andrews Church

Whilst we melt our way through a hot summer and wish it would rain lets remember how much we will moan when the sun decides to leave and the colder weather arrives. We are never satisfied! However Church life continues despite the seasons and whether it rains or not. Recently we have been trying a new way of worshipping when there is a fifth Sunday in the month. In May there was a Pentecost picnic with a short service at Fermyn Woods Country Park and at the end of July we had Hymns and Songs of Praise on the Meadow at Little Stanion. Both events were very much enjoyed and gave an opportunity for us to reach out to those who may find the formality of Sunday services is not for them.

We are looking for a Benefice Safeguarding Officer for our four churches. Whilst we would prefer to have someone with links to any one or all of our churches this is not compulsory. You will be expected to promote the development of and the implementation of safeguarding knowledge, policy and practice within the benefice as well as provide timely and effective advice and support in respect of concerns arising about the protection of adults, young people and children at risk. Training and a comprehensive handover will be available from the current Safeguarding Officer along with an enhanced DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service). This is an unpaid voluntary post but expenses will be reimbursed. If you think that you would be suitable and have an interest in the role please request a Role Description by emailing beneficeoffice5@btinternet.com

On a more sombre note I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to one of our dear friends who recently passed away, Peggy Adams. Peggy was a stalwart supporter of our four churches but in particular St Andrews. She was a regular service attendee, choir member, PCC member and Churchwarden. For many years she made marmalade to raise much needed funds and was always available to help with fundraising events. Peggy will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

<https://www.harpersbrookanglicans.org.uk>

Contact Us:

Rector: The Reverend Heather Lowe heatherlowe020@btinternet.com

Churchwarden: [Carl Hector 01536 373410](mailto:Carl.Hector.01536.373410)

Benefice Administrator & Safeguarding Officer – Allison Porter email: beneficeoffice5@btinternet.com

St Andrews Church—Cont'd *Ride and Stride*

The Annual Historic Churches Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday September 10th. This is a sponsored event with half the money going to St Andrews Church and the other to Historic Churches Trust. The trust then allocates the profits this to worthwhile church projects. If you are interested in taking part further details can be obtained from Steph Beckett. sbeckett13@yahoo.co.uk



St Andrews are working hard at fundraising for their toilet and server. Churches that take part in the sponsored event are more likely to receive grants than other churches so can you support this?

You can cycle or walk a route of your choice around local churches which open their doors to welcome you.

A list of churches participating can be found on Historic Church's web site.

WINTER FAYRE

St Andrews Church will be holding a Winter Fayre on Saturday November 26th. Refreshments including a soup lunch, raffle, tombola crafts and other stalls. Proceeds to the server and toilet fund at St Andrews



St Andrews Church Brigstock

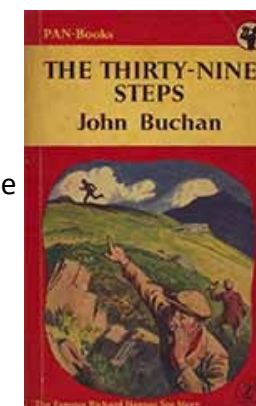
Thursday October 6th, 7pm

"Beyond The 39 Steps"

A talk by Ursula Buchan grand daughter of the author John Buchan

Tickets £10 to include wine and canapes.

Details 373213



St Andrews Church

SERVERY AND TOILET PROVISION

The plans for the proposed servery and toilet have now been approved by the Diocese and we are now in the process of applying for the formal Faculty. This will then give us all the approvals needed for us to proceed.

The next stage is to raise the around £100k that we need to carry out the construction. There is already £24k in the funds, but this leaves us with a large sum to raise.

We are starting to increase the fund raising process and various events are being planned to raise funds. If you are interested in supporting us either by helping at events or donating money towards the cause, this would be gratefully appreciated.

On Saturday 24th September from 10am to 2pm we are holding a coffee morning in the church to give you a chance to see the proposed plans and discuss the project.

When the project is complete, the church will be a much better place for groups to use for events such as exhibitions or music venue as we will then have somewhere to provide teas and coffees and with a toilet.

If you would like to discuss how you can help, please contact Carl Hector, the Church Warden. 01536373410

Thursday 15th September. SAVE THE DATE! An 'Antiques and Curios Roadshow' with James Burton". 7-30pm to 9-30pm in the Village Hall. There will be an entrance charge and the format will be bring a couple of things along, James will pick out some to talk about to the audience but no valuations in public, though he will be available afterwards for a chat. He does not talk about books or pictures as he says he is not an expert on those two subjects.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

It has been suggested that we include a section in each newsletter of births, marriages and deaths that have happened in the village in the last quarter. This can only work though if people will feed the information into us. Would you be interested in seeing this? Steve and Lynette Todd are prepared to compile this. Please contact the editor Chrisallen043@gmail.com or Steve Todd stephen8591@googlegmail.com with your views.

LYVEDEN MANOR HOUSE AND NEW BIELD



National Trust

Gunpowder, treason and plot at Lyveden

Remember, remember the fourth of September - the Three Inch Fools are performing their laugh-out-loud interpretation of The Gunpowder Plot at Lyveden! Featuring all the usual suspects including Lyveden's very own Francis Tresham!

Did you know Lyveden's connection to the notorious plot? In 1605, Sir Thomas Tresham died leaving Lyveden to his eldest son Francis. Later that year, Francis was among the conspirators.

In fact, we believe that it was Francis Tresham who wrote anonymously to William Parker, Baron Monteagle - the letter led to the authorities exposing the plot.

Francis was imprisoned along with the other plotters but died before he could be brought to trial, leaving Lyveden to his younger brother Lewis.

Join the Three Inch Fools this September for an explosive evening of short fuses and tall tales, as five actors try to pull off the most infamous conspiracy in history.

Sunday 4 September, 6 pm, Book at nationaltrust.org.uk/Lyveden

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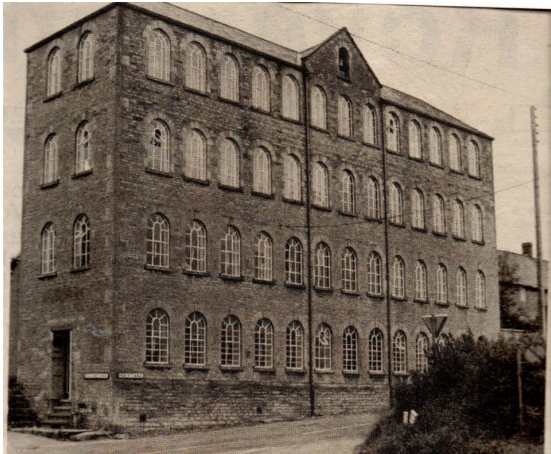
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WALLIS MILL NEWS

Dear villagers,

We are delighted to announce that planning has finally been approved to convert this iconic old building into beautiful boutique B&B accommodation. The plan is to create seven B&B studio rooms – 5 one bedroom suites, and 2 family suites (with two bedrooms). We aim to make this as successful as our award-winning Swallows Rest B&B that we have been operating in the village for over 9 years.



We are really excited to breath life back into this unique old building, sympathetically restoring it, retaining the character and turning it into something that the village can be really proud of. The original “Wallis Mill” name will be kept, in honour of the man who opened this extraordinary building back in 1873, Mr Frederick Wallis.

Already we have uncovered lots of the original features of the mill. We have found a deep groundwell in the middle of the building; tiny pieces of fabric, timesheets, sweetwrappers and buttons dating back to the 1900s; and of course the old bell which still works!

We expect the refurbishment work to take approximately 10 months, so please bear with us during this time. Your patience would be greatly appreciated as obviously scaffolding will need to be erected and deliveries & noise will ensue during this period. *Please refrain from parking on the corner of Old Dry Lane and Back Lane as building work will be taking place and vehicles may be at risk. Please do not enter the building grounds as it is a dangerous work site.*

We would love to talk to anyone that has any connections to the mill. Did you or a relative work there? Do you have any stories, information, facts, photographs or memorabilia you could share with us?

WALLIS MILL NEWS—cont’d

For example it would be amazing to find an original sewing machine from the clothing factory that could be put on display to really showcase the history of this incredible building. All information received will be included on the Wallis Mill website when it is up and running, with access for everyone to discover the interesting history of this unusual building and to see illustrations of the new accommodation.

We would like to thank the Parish Council, the Historical Society and everyone else who has supported us to reach this milestone and look forward to welcoming you all to the grand opening of Wallis Mill next year....hopefully Summer 2023!

Sam & Nick Read

Mob 07766 573400

Tel 01536 370171

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

BINGO— SEPTEMBER 8TH

Our Autumn Bingo Session will be held on Thursday September 8th in Brigstock Village Hall. Doors open 7.0pm for eyes down at 7.30pm.

We are a friendly Group and New Members over 18 are very welcome to join us.

Feel free to bring your own refreshments but Tea and Coffee are included in the entrance fee of £1. There is also a Raffle. For anyone needing transport this can be arranged just call Eileen and Chris 373168.

Look forward to seeing you all on September 8th. Another Date for your Diary is our Special Christmas Bingo on Thursday 8th December. More details in the next Newsletter.

Chris, Eileen and Steph



BRIGSTOCK BELL RINGERS

An outstanding 180 people came along to ring the Brigstock bells to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We were hoping for 70, so were pleasantly surprised by the turnout. Everyone



enjoyed the opportunity to have a go.

It turned into quite a Brigstock gathering. We recorded our youngest ringer at 6 months and most senior at 88 years, quite a spread. A scroll of names is hanging in the church to commemorate this

The Brigstock bell ringing team ran similar events at Stanion and Sudborough. Over 360 locals rang the bells across the churches during the celebrations.

The bell ringers also successfully completed quarter peals at Brigstock and Stanion.

Thank you to everyone for your support during the celebrations and through the year.



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

Listen out and lend your support by simply 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.



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