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Front Cover Photo -
The Queen visits Brigstock Village Hall

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 1 Kurling, 2pm Village Hall
JUBILEE WEEKEND
2 **Seniors Jubilee Tea, WI Hall, 2.30 - 3.30pm**
2 **50s Film Night, "Singing in the Rain" 7-30pm, Village Hall**
3 **Coffee Morning and Historical Society Exhibition, URC 10 - 12pm**
3 **50s Dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm**
4 **Street Market, 10 - 1pm, Hall Hill**
4 **Refreshments and Historical Society Exhibition, URC 10 - 1pm**
4 **Bell Ringing, St Andrews Church, 10—1pm**
4 **Crowning of the Jubilee Queen**
4 **Combined Service of Commemoration, 3pm St Andrews, 4pm Tea at URC**
5 **Street Parties, and Picnic on the Meadow from 12noon**
6 Mens Club, June Small Room 10.30am
9 Bingo, Village Hall, 7pm
13 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
15 Kurling, 2pm Village Hall
20 Mens Club, June Small Room 10.30am
20 Ladies Leisure Group 1-30pm "Jubilee Tea" June Small Room
21 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
21 Ladies Group 1-30pm "Spring Lunch" June Small Room
22 Historical Society, "Ladies of Fermyn Hall" 7.30pm Village Hall
27 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
28 Mens Club, June Small Room 10.30am

July

- 4 Mens Club, June Small Room 10.30am
6 Kurling, 2pm Village Hall
9 Cricket Club, Match and Gin O'Clock
11 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
16 Jordans Wee Ones, Physic Evening, Village Hall
18 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
18 Ladies Leisure Group 1-30pm "Picnic and Games", Country Park
20 Kurling, 2pm Village Hall
25 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
30 Cricket Club, Live Music

August

- 1 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
3 Kurling, 2pm Village Hall
15 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
15 Ladies Leisure Group, "To Be Confirmed", 1.30pm June Small Room

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 Jubilee Weekend will be busy in the village and the hall has several events as well. See the details elsewhere in the newsletter.

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 Tuesdays 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 rosybbriggs@btinternet.com 373579

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN BRIGSTOCK

As ever, Brigstock is pulling out all the stops to celebrate 70 years of Queen Elizabeth's reign. In that time, we have had two village halls built and lost several pubs. Some of you will remember the original coronation and have seen several subsequent celebrations for other jubilees.

There are a wide range of events coming up for this years celebrations from the Thursday to the Sunday. Thanks to the group of volunteers who have put in a lot of time and effort to making it an interesting and enjoyable time. Please come out and join in with at least one of the events. We have been very lucky to the Queen visit Brigstock recently as shown in the photos in the newsletter .

Full details have been sent out in a previous flyer and further information is included in this Jubilee edition of the newsletter.

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. The next dates are June 6th and 20th, July 11th and 25th.

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, with the next one on 30th May at the United Reform Church hall. This alternates with Mens Club. Following dates are 13th and 27th June, 11th and 25th July, 1st and 15th August at 10.30 am to 12.30 pm in the June Small Room, URC. Please contact Judith Beeby 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. 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

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Do you own or run a business in Brigstock?

Would you be interested in having a quarterly directory published with all the local businesses in it?

Cost would be £10 a year for 4 issues.

Please contact Sally Wilks for further information. 01536n 373428

BRIGSTOCK'S GOT TALENT

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

We are looking for acts to take part in the show. Anyone who is prepared to stand up and entertain, is welcome. Tickets for the event will be on sale in early September . More details from the posters and the next Newsletter.

Phone: Sally Wilks, 373428 for more information

Brigstock Film Night

In the Village Hall

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

1952 film "Singing in the Rain".

Start your Jubilee celebrations by coming to the Village Hall on Thursday 2nd June at 7-30pm for this special showing of the film.

£5 adults £2.50 children

Dress up!

Bar, Choc ices, tubs, bar and we may even find some Kia-ora.



2022/23 Season dates for your diary:

Dates have been set for our next season of films as below:

Friday 28 October

Friday 18 November

Friday 29 January

Friday 17 February

Friday 17 March

Film choices to be announced nearer the time.

All films start at 7:45pm, refreshments available, tickets £5.00 on the door. Contact Emma Poole on 370142 if any questions.



Knit & Natter Group

Our spring post box displays. Knit and Natter ladies are delighted with the wonderful response we received verbally and via the Brigstock Village Information Facebook page. We worked hard to create the display to cheer everyone up after the long winter months.

We had planned to remove the displays during the first week of May; however the Best Village judges will be touring the village on 24th May, so we have decided to keep them up until then. They will then be stored away for next year.

People have asked us if we are putting up post box displays for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have decided not to. The reason being is that the Christmas and spring displays we can store, they can be added to and brought out again for the following year. We are mindful not to be wasteful by knitting things for a one-off event when the village is already planning to put up bunting and decorate their homes and gardens.

Do we dare mention the word "Christmas" when we haven't even had summer yet!!! We will be beavering away during the summer and autumn months to add to our Winter Wonderland scene for young and old to enjoy.

[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 (£1 if you prefer to bring your own coffee).

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, get to know new people and put the world to rights, then do come along and give it a try. If you want to learn to knit but might be 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 United Reformed Church

Since the last issue of this newsletter, the national news has been dominated by the situation in Ukraine, and we decided that we needed to do something to help the refugees. As the chapel is central and empty during the week, we made it available for two sessions when anyone could donate essential products which we packed and took to local distribution centres in Corby and Kettering. The response from the village was amazing, and we also had a great response from people who are not connected with the chapel but who wanted to help with the sorting, packing and transport. There were so many helpers that it would be difficult to name each one as we are bound to forget someone and that would be unfair!-so, a very big thank you to everyone who helped in any way. We finally managed to take four large estate cars full of boxes to the collection points, and these were sent on to be taken to Ukraine by the drivers who had been stranded near Rothwell when the war broke out. We are conscious of the fact that life is still very tough for so many Ukrainians, but it seems that money to buy essential goods is now preferred. We will however, be ready to collect goods again if the opportunity arises.

We also sent £220 for the DEC Ukraine appeal after the Lent Lunch we shared with friends from St Andrews.

We have continued our fundraising this year with our annual Easter coffee morning when we enjoyed hot cross buns and coffee with lots of friends from the village and raised over £500 for our funds. We had a successful Fashion Show on May 12th and raised £1120. Our yard sale made £65.

It will soon be Jubilee weekend, and the chapel will be open for an exhibition organised by the Historical Society. We shall be serving coffee and cakes on the Friday and Saturday mornings, from 10-1 in the June Small room, and we shall also have a stall at the street market. After that, we think we deserve a rest, and so there are no immediate plans for any more events before the Beer festival. We are still open, as always, every Sunday for a time of worship at 10.30, and we welcome anyone from any denomination to join us. Our services are very informal and we have a variety of different people leading them – and sometimes we organise them ourselves. We welcome you all to join us.



I am thrilled to introduce myself to you as Headteacher at Brigstock Latham's CE Primary School and update you on the wonderful things we've been getting up to. I started at the school in January, having recently relocated back to the area and am keen that Brigstock Latham's CE Primary School re-establishes itself at the heart of the community after Covid-19 and all the changes that have happened.

We have been busy in school thinking about where we'd like the next stage of our journey to take us and have compiled a new vision statement for the school which articulates our desire to **embrace** the traditions and culture of our school and local context, **empower** our children, families and wider community and support our children to really **excel**.

Embrace – Empower – Excel

Our school family are empowered to excel by the traditions and Christian values of our community. Through our values of Trust, Respect and Courage, we nurture and inspire all to succeed and we celebrate with them as they embrace Jesus' promise that He came to give:

'Life in all its fullness' (John 10v.10)

It has been a busy spring term in the classroom too with new reading and curriculum schemes in place and engaging and exciting learning projects underway. We've been out and about with Willow and Maple classes visiting Hammerton Zoo and KS2 children attending the Young Voices concert in Birmingham where they sang their hearts out and represented our school incredibly well.

We were also incredibly proud of the KS2 children when they competed at the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama and brought home two first places and a trophy to boot! Our success at the festival goes back a long way and we hope can continue long into the future.

At the time of writing, we are working hard on our May Day rehearsals and are so looking forward to sharing the celebrations with our community on Hall Hill after so many covid related restrictions in recent years.

LATHAM SCHOOL CONT'D

Can you help?

We are in need of governors to join our Governing Body and help shape the direction of our school's future. No experience is necessary as fully training can be provided by our friendly and welcoming governing body. Whilst a voluntary role, there are facilities in place to claim expenses related to taking on the position. If you would be interested in this fulfilling and valued role please do contact me or the Chair of Governors, Steve Hone, via the school office.

BRIGSTOCK CRICKET CLUB

At the time of writing this article, the season was only a few weeks in so not much to report on the playing front, I'll save that for the next addition. The club is in good shape both on and off the field and youth training on Friday evenings has been well attended so far by families in the village and outside. As some readers may have read on the village Facebook site we now have Pisces fish & chip van in attendance every Friday serving from around 19:00 onwards, this is open to everyone not just members so please feel free to pop down for a drink and order your dinner at the same.

We have a couple of social events confirmed which are as follows:

- Saturday 9th July - Brigstock CC 1st X1 v Old Northamptonians CC 1st X1 - Gin O'Clock early door cocktails to set up your Saturday evening perfectly and enjoy a cheeky glass or two with friends and family from 3 pm whilst watching some cricket.
- Saturday 30th July - Live music from Red House Lane and supporting act of Molly & Michael. Further details will follow so keep an eye on social media.

One request from the club for those who use the facilities, when the pavilion is closed. Please respect the property, try not to smash bottles on the patio, and remember to use the bins or take your litter home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Simon Andrews

BCC Chairman.



THE QUEEN ON HALL HILL

SUNNYSIDERS

Sunnysiders continue to meet in the June Small Room, United Reform Church, every Tuesday from 2.00 until 4.00 p.m. We are reduced in numbers as several members have mobility problems and require transport which is difficult to find. We don't have any official helpers and we keep things going with everyone trying to do their bit.

It is unfortunate that we can no longer meet in the lounge at Harper's Court as we have previously for 42 years prior to COVID, which was beneficial to several members who reside there. If anyone over 55 would like to come to a meeting have a cup of tea and see what we do they would be very welcome. For further information contact Maureen Druce on 01536 373383.

A MEMORABLE DATE by JOHN SMOKER

I once went out with a girl from France
I took her to a dinner / dance
She, I remember, had frogs legs
As well as scrambled chicken eggs
But had a sunny personality
Despite her disability

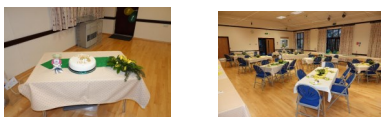
BRIGSTOCK WI WI Hall, Park Walk

The WI year starts in April and we were pleased to maintain our membership of 49 members. Some people left and others have joined us.

WI ACTIVITIES

In the last newsletter we wrote that we had filled Smartie tubes with 5p and 20p coins. We gave these to the Air Ambulance representatives when they visited our February meeting. They later informed us that we had collected the magnificent sum of £276.05

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



We celebrated our 104th birthday in Brigstock Village hall. We had a fabulous buffet and was entertained by a magician and mind reader. We have no idea how he managed to read our minds!! There was also entertainment by our usual duo of Steph and Jude.

“CHALLENGE WITH A TENNER”



Each WI in Northamptonshire was given £10 by the Northamptonshire Federation with the challenge to raise money, keeping half for the WI and the remainder to the Federation. Our first step was Linda Ellison making jars of marmalade.

The profit from this was then used to fund a cream tea with one of our long serving members Joy Thompson entertaining us with a wonderful story of how she had studied silversmithing. She brought items to show us that she had made. At the end of this event we had increased our £10 to £152!



Who remembers the art of tying knots? Macramé was a popular craft in the 1970s but is making a comeback.



The next round of “Triumph With A Tenner” is as discussed and agreed at Tuesday’s meeting. A Macramé demonstration/workshop by Sally Wilks. Date to be confirmed but likely to be July. Keep a look out on Brigstock Information and posters for dates.

BRIGSTOCK WI - Cont’d

EVENTS

By the time this newsletter is delivered, a yard Sale will have been held on May 14th which we hope is a financial success.

BEE DAY! NOT BIDET!!



Save The Honey Bee has been a major campaign for WI groups across the country. We hope many of you attended our event on May 20th where you would have seen a bee hive and watched a demonstration on the making of wax wraps. Various bee products were sold. Profits from this will have been donated to an Affiliated Women's Organisation “Associated Country Women of The World. This supports initiatives in developing countries.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

You should have received a flyer detailing Jubilee events. Our first event will be an afternoon tea to which senior citizens will be welcomed. The Parish Council gave us a donation from their Jubilee fund and members will of course be making cakes!



We are still selling tickets for the 1950s dance in the village hall on Friday June 3rd.

Our final Jubilee event will be a stall at the street market on Hall Hill.

Further details of events can be found in the Jubilee page in this newsletter or on the flyer which has been delivered to every household.

Brigstock WI

Brigstock Book Club

If you enjoy reading, please come and join us at our monthly meetings when we review our current book. Lively 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

BRIGSTOCK

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Margaret Smith	Chair
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Simon Brown	Councillor
Suzanne Sharp	Councillor
Terry Towns	Councillor
Ken Motion	Chair Planning
Nigel Searle	Clerk 01535 373672

My, how time flies! I cannot believe that I have been in the chair of the Parish Council for a year, but both with some successes and some challenges. Our new members are now fully involved in council business and bringing new ideas on the focus of the council. The higher profile of communication with the village on line is, I feel, more inclusive in supporting the traditional hard copy bulletins.

The Village Hall committee had asked the Parish Council as to how their running loss of "Brigstock News" could be covered. We discussed as to whether "Brigstock News" should be offered digitally as well as in hard copy but the consensus was that the magazine offers a reference point throughout the quarter of activities available in the village.

Sudborough Road Industrial Site

Here is still an ongoing problem here, with increased traffic and noise, even throughout the night. We have again written to Tom Pursglove to forcibly complain about the impact of this on the village and ask for his support. We have also written our objections in the strongest terms to the The Transport Commissioner in Leeds and have an ongoing dialogue with North Northants Council Planning Environment Officer.

PARISH COUNCIL

5 Year Plan

The development of a 5 Year Plan for Brigstock is making progress. A very comprehensive survey of all the trees in the village has been made showing that there are very few trees that need special attention. The pollarding of the willows near the brook, and the trees in the cemetery now have a program of maintenance and are costed per year.

Solar Farms on Grafton Road

Scottish Power recently made a presentation to the Parish Council as they are now responsible for both of the planned solar farms to be located between Bullymore's Farm and Grafton Underwood. Because they have ownership of both projects and work to Scottish standards for installation and maintenance of the sites they believe it will be a better experience for all concerned. We were encouraged to raise any concerns that we had so that they could address them at the planning stage. It is unlikely that any work will begin within the next eighteen months, as this is the early stages of getting permissions sorted and considering the best way to get equipment on site. We raised the obvious concerns about traffic movements through the village and up a narrow road. They are considering a number of solutions, which they will present to us at a later date.

Jubilee Celebrations

A big thank you to the Jubilee Celebration Committee for arranging a comprehensive and varied selection of activities.

There's:- dancing, bell ringing, street parties and picnics, coffee mornings, tea parties, film's, art exhibitions and church services, plus photos of past celebrations and flower arrangements in the church, (not to mention your private celebrations too).

After all their enthusiasm and hard work they just need you to come and participate with equal enthusiasm to mark the Jubilee of Her Majesty's 70 year reign with a celebration that will be remember for long into the future.

Margaret Smith

Chair Brigstock Parish Council

brigstockcouncil@aol.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL CONT'D

Flooding

To date, there is little further to report. So far, a survey of Harper's Brook has been conducted by the Environment Agency with a number of small remedial measures having been put in place by householders. Such actions, however, should be undertaken by the Environment Agency who will, in the near future, be assessing the line of the brook as it runs through the village to ensure a co-ordinated approach. The overall project has been allocated a period of five years between reporting and resolution and, in this respect, two years have now past. The Parish Council will continue to encourage that this process remains on track.



LYVEDEN MANOR HOUSE AND NEW BIELD



National Trust

Buzz about Bugs!

This half term, Lyveden will be buzzing as we celebrate some of the incredible bugs that share our planet. Join us for a playful exploration of all things creepy-crawly, pick up one of our brand-new bug explorer backpacks or create a meadow seed bomb to turn a corner of your own garden into a haven for pollinators. Saturday 28 May to Sunday 5 June.

Our May half term family fun runs from the 28 May - 5 June 2022, with crafts available on the 28-29 May and 4-5 June (£1.00 per craft).

Join in with bug and creepy crawlie based activities throughout the site and find out more about Lyveden's wildlife. You can also grab an Explorer Backpack from our friendly Visitor Reception team to take around the site and use the materials to learn more about insects that make Lyveden their home.

Ring a Brigstock bell on Saturday 4th June!



St Andrews Church

Anytime between 10am and 1pm, all villagers are invited to ring a bell as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

We are aiming for at least 70 people. No need to book, just turn up.

No experience necessary and fully supervised. Each ringer will be provided with a personalised jubilee celebration certificate.

Suitable for all ages above 2 years.

Any queries - Call Steve on 373373



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THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION



Thursday 2nd -

26TH MAY

ROCK & ROLL LESSONS

Brigstock Village Hall 6 - 7 p.m.

FREE TO ALL. First come first served. Numbers limited.

No need to bring a partner!

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

SENIORS JUBILEE TEA

W.I. Hall 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.

Invitation only.

50S FILM NIGHT

“SINGING IN THE RAIN”

Brigstock Village Hall Doors open 7.30 p.m.

£5 adults £2.50 children

Come and enjoy a 50s film night with all the family. Dress up!

Bar, Choc ices, tubs, bar and we may even find some Kia-ora.

FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

COFFEE MORNING and HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITION

URC 10 - 12

Come along and have a look at photos of past celebrations and 1950s memorabilia.

50s DANCE

7.30 p.m. Village Hall Adults only

Get your hair done, put on your winklepickers and come and rock and roll the night away to the sounds of Pete Dell and his Fabulous Delltones.

Tickets £10 to include a Fish and Chip Supper (chicken breast or veggie option) available from Steph Beckett, Jenny Willis, Liz Searle or Lesley French.

Licensed Bar

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Sunday 5th June 2022



SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

STREET MARKET

10 - 1 p.m.

Charity Stalls: tombola, books, games, bric-a-brac, plants.

Maypole dancing.

Come along and have a go. You remember how to do it!

11 a.m. Crowning of the Jubilee Queen. Get dressed up in your best 50s or regal garb. Small gift for all children taking part.

10 - 1 Refreshments and Historical Society exhibition at the URC.

10 - 1 Bell ringing at St Andrew's Church. Come along and have a go!

We are hoping to get 70 ringers throughout the morning,

Each ringer will get a commemorative certificate.

COMBINED SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

St Andrew's Church and the URC

3 p.m. St Andrew's Church

4 p.m. afternoon tea in the church.

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

STREET PARTIES (weather permitting)

Are you organising your own street party? Let us know.

Not going to a street party? Come and take part in our

PICNIC ON THE MEADOW from 12 noon.

Bring your own picnic and liquid refreshment.

Games will be organised for all the family from 2 p.m.

Hands round the Meadow at 3 p.m. How big a circle can we make

Flower displays and art exhibition "Portraits of the Queen" in St Andrew's Church from Thursday and throughout the weekend.

BRIGSTOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Why not become a member next year? Talks start again in September and usually take place at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall on the 4th Wednesday of each month. They often have a local connection. If you would like to go on our mailing list please get in touch. We look forward to welcoming you. Non-members £3 per meeting. As part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations we shall be mounting an exhibition "70 Years of Celebrations in Brigstock". If you have any photos or artefacts that we can borrow/copy please let us know

22/06/22	<p>The Ladies of Fermyn Woods Hall</p>	<p>This talk will explore the lives of the Ladies Ann and Gertrude Fitzpatrick who lived at Fermyn Woods Hall and were much involved with the life of Brigstock</p>
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As part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations we are holding an exhibition in The URC with artefacts from the 1950s and photos of Brigstock celebrations. Come along and have a look. Details in the programme.

Sally Wilks Chair 01536 373427 email: sallywilks@me.com

**FOR FRESH TASTY FISH
AND CHIPS IN BRIGSTOCK**

VISIT THE FISH AND CHIP VAN

EVERY TUESDAY

4-30PM TO 7 PM

**ON SUDBOROUGH ROAD,
BRIGSTOCK**

Brigstock Project Group

Brigstock Project Group will shortly be planting up the village planters and the two hanging baskets outside the village hall with red, white and blue bedding plants to tie in with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Unfortunately, some of the daffodil bulbs came up "blind" this year. These have been removed and will be replaced in the autumn ready for 2023 spring display.

Thanks to the Brigstock Beer Festival committee and Treasure Hunt fundraising stall we were able secure enough money to buy some winter plants for the new planter by the meadow bridge and enough left over to purchase summer bedding plants for all 4 planters and the two hanging baskets.

We wish to thank the village volunteers who help to water and deadhead the planters during the summer months for everyone to enjoy. Without your help, the displays would wither and die.

Please support the **Treasure Hunt stall at Queen's Platinum Jubilee market stall** on the village square on **Saturday 4th June**. We totally rely on donations and events like this to raise more funds for this winter and next spring.

If you are interested in joining our little project group ("group" being the operative word and really consists of two people) please contact either Steph on 01536 373422 or Glenda On 01536 373987

BINGO—SUMMER SESSION

Following on from our very successful Christmas and Spring Bingo sessions, we are holding a Summer Bingo Evening in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th June.



Doors open 7.0pm for Eyes Down 7.30pm.

Anyone over 18 is very welcome to join our Happy Group. Entrance Fee £1.

Please feel free to bring your own drinks but Tea and Coffee will be served. Anyone requiring a lift please Contact Eileen and Chris . Tel. 373168. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Eileen, Chris and Steph.

St Andrews Church

Spring has sprung and summer is on the way. Hooray! We have recently celebrated Easter- a time of renewal and hope both in the garden and fields as well as spiritually.

We certainly need hope this year. After two years of pandemic, suddenly we are watching a horrific war in Ukraine and millions having to flee their country, leaving their homes, jobs and lives. And we are reminded that we are all affected by others, even by matters outside our own country. As the saying goes, “No man is an island”.

Easter feels some time ago already and Christmas further still, but actually Christmas was less than six months ago and like Easter, the hope and promise of both seasons continue to live on with us if we don't consign them to “the dusty shelves of nostalgia”. At Christmas we see a star leading wise-men or magi. Margaret Silf says in her book, “Soul Journey” that our desires can be our guiding stars.

Now I was led to believe desires are dangerous and selfish and of course they can be, but Silf explains it depends on “the depth” of our desires. At the deepest level the magi wanted to find out about the new life the star foretold. They could have chosen to remain comfortably at home or pursue other attractive diversions leaving their true hearts desires forgotten and left undone, but they didn't. They followed their deepest desire.

What's our true hearts desire? Silf says, “It isn't about suppressing our desires but about discovering where those desire match up with something the world needs, and once that match is made new possibilities come to birth. We feel most at peace with ourselves and with each other when we follow the star of our very deepest desire and discover that it leads to a simple stable in our hearts where all that is best in us is just coming to birth”.

We all have something to offer, love, prayer, selflessness to name but a few. None of us are more special than another. I imagine as you read this it will be around Pentecost, when the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit, which reminds us God is always with us helping, supporting and strengthening us.

St Andrews Church—Cont'd

We are never alone. So, let's follow the desires of our hearts to make Brigstock, the county, the country, the world a better place. A place of hope and renewal.

May God Bless you and help you to unearth the deepest desires of your heart. Rev'd Heather and Captain Alan.

St Andrews Fundraising Group

Since the last newsletter there have been three fundraising events as a great effort is being made to raise money for a servery and toilet. Many thanks to the willing band of helpers and to villagers who come along and spend.

Yard Sale

A splendid £150+ on plants and £40+ on bric a brac was raised at the Yard Sale. Our willing helpers got a little hot! Remaining items went to Jane Steward's pitch on Park Walk and to a charity shop and the last few items to the tip. A few plants are still available in the church porch.

The Race Night

This raised an amazing £1500 and was an enjoyable evening of fun and laughter. Some went home richer and some didn't!

Spring Fayre

This was a very successful event with the church being very busy. The various stalls and refreshments made the magnificent sum of £1050.

Jubilee Celebrations

There will be a “Tombola with a Difference” Stall at the Street Market on Saturday June 4th at 10am on Hall Hill.

As you will have read in this newsletter there are events at the church. A service at 3pm which is a joint venture between St Andrews and the URC on Saturday June 4th. At 4pm tea and scones is being served. You can combine this with viewing pictures of the queen painted by the school children. Then finally see an array of Jubilee flower arrangements.



The Queen at St Andrews

WAR MEMORIAL ROTA

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

June 2022 Village Hall

July 2022 Cricket Club

August 2022 WI

September 2022 Historical Society

Many thanks again to The Knit and Natter group who provided the spring displays on the post boxes and the duck pond on the green. I have seen people stopping to take photos, especially the posties who empty the boxes.

Liz Searle



The Annual litter pick took place on Saturday 23rd April from 10am-12 noon. Although there were not so many volunteers there didn't seem to be so much litter, especially the bulkier items. Thank you to the children from school who made posters for us and congratulations to the 5 winners who were awarded a book token and certificate, with

6 highly commended posters as well. Thanks to the Art Group for judging them for me.

Although we didn't get any bulky rubbish there is frequent fly tipping along the roads into the village. If you see any fly tipping then please report it to the clerk who will then get it removed as soon as possible by NNC

Liz Searle

Village of the Year

The Parish Council has entered the village in the Northamptonshire Village Awards this year, when, as I said in the last newsletter we will be awarded a bronze, silver or gold certificate. The judges will have been round by the time this publication comes out so let's hope we showed ourselves off to the best of our abilities and thanks to all the people who helped in any way on May 24th. Results will be announced in July.

Liz Searle and Sally Wilks

Fermyn Woods Country Park

It was a Spring of all weathers this season, started off with April showers and ending in one of the driest April on record, with sunny warm days and cold days thrown in as well.

This changeable weather affected many species, The blue tits nested and started brooding later than they did in 2021 but then Fledgling Blackbirds have been seen as early as February.

There was another good display of bluebells on the orange route.

As I am writing the summer migrants are arriving at the park I have seen/heard: Willow warbler, Chiffchaff, Blackcap, Whitethroat, Garden Warbler and Cuckoo

Many species of butterfly are also starting to emerge so far spotted have been: Peacock, Comma, Brimstone, Orange-Tip, Dingy and Grizzled Skipper, Speckled wood, Green hairstreak.

As you walk round the fishing pond you will notice two new sculptures installed, they are of a grass snake and toad which add to our collection of newts and frog sculptures that can be found round the park.

By the time you are reading this there should be even more species of butterflies and summer migrants round the park, why not come and have a walk round and see what you can find, the wildlife board is updated frequently for people to see what is about. Once you have finished your walk why not pop into the Skylark Café for tea/coffee and a piece of cake.

We have now received all the new information boards which were made possible by a grant from FCC Communities. These will be erected shortly and along with the new sculptures, make some interesting objects to find on your walk round the park. Thanks to our volunteers for their help in getting these all erected.

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 or for further details, email:

Educationangers.ncc@northnorthants.gov.uk

ALAN KEITH HECTOR 1923-2003

Alan was my uncle. I was born 1938 and Alan was 15 years old. He lived with his parents, my Granddad and Grandma. My Mum and Dad and Myself also lodged with my Grandparents in a three-storey cottage called "Fernhollow" in Church Walk, where Harpers Court is now.

In 1941, Alan was called up at 18. He was put in the 4th Battalion Coldstream Guards (Service No 14584906) and he then joined the tank division doing his training at Pirbright camp. He was with the D day landing, serving with Overlord campaign, seeing action in Germany, Belgium Holland and Netherlands.

After D Day landing, Alan was in No 2 Squadron HQ troop and was commanded by Capt Dick McDougal. Alan was driver of a Churchill tank named JACKAL. (Serial No 14584906)

During the advance battle to Overlook in the Netherlands taking place between 30 Sept and 18th October 1944, the crew of the tank fell victim to the NEW GERMAN RIEGAL MINE on the 12th October 1944. On the photo you can see where the Riegel mine ripped out the bogey wheels from the left-hand side and also penetrated the Churchill's thick belly plates, which sadly caused casualties. Two of the crew were killed, Capt McDougal lost a leg, and Allan was partially blinded by battery acid. Lucky a medic crew were close by that saved Uncles sight and Capt McDougal's life.

After the war ended Alan was transferred back to Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London, where his duties were keeping guard at Buckingham Palace, (outside on the pavement before the sentry boxes were moved inside) and guarding the vaults in the Bank of England. He also attended a Trooping of the Colour under King George VI.

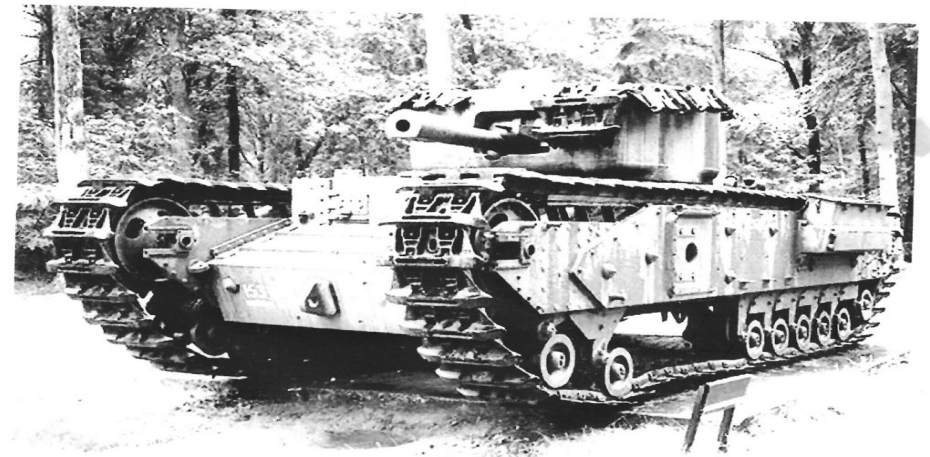


ALAN KEITH HECTOR 1923-2003 Cont'd

My story does not end there. Many years later, Alan and wife Suzy went on holiday to Belgium and the Netherlands, and, during a visit to a open air war museum, Alan saw this Churchill tank sitting on a concrete site, and telling his wife it was the type he drove in the war. Looking on the side of the tank, he saw the name JACKAL. He could not believe it. He checked the serial Number and clarified this was the actual tank him and his crew were in when it struck the mine.

I enclose a photograph of my Uncle Alan Hector and the tank described above before and after the damage.

CARL HECTOR, 2021



Tank showing damage after hitting a mine

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)



Ladies Leisure Group

We were determined not to miss out on our Christmas lunch for a second year, so, in March 28 members sat down to a buffet lunch complete with Christmas table decorations and crackers. We have since caught up with the seasons and enjoyed decorating hard-boiled eggs and eating hot cross buns at our April meeting. Our May meeting will have been held by the time you read this, but we are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June with a special tea and Prosecco. Of course, we shall all dress up for the occasion! Our plans for the next few months are as follows:



June 20th Jubilee tea

July 18th - Picnic and games in the country park

August 15th to be confirmed

September 19th Flower arranging with Steph.

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! Contact details: Val 373456, Sharon 373832, Sheila 373225.

The Queen comes to
Brigstock URC.

Wonderful to see she is enjoying our village



BRIGSTOCK ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

Engaging future generations is key to any community group, so it makes sense that this year's first excavation should be at Brigstock's primary school. By the time you read this, we hope to have completed a test-pit investigating the now-demolished row of houses at the High Street end of Bridge Street.



Consulting old documentation, especially maps, is an important part of preparing for any dig and will hopefully have helped us find evidence of the structures themselves. But there's nothing quite like finding and cleaning artefacts that may have been quite commonplace objects a couple of generations back to help pupils understand how much life has changed within living memory in the parish.

We'll be reporting back on what we found later in the year. We also hope to conduct at least one more excavation over the Summer, and some focused fieldwalking after harvest. To find out more, mail us at brigstockarchaeologicalgroup@gmail.com or visit our website at www.brigstockarchaeologicalgroup.co.uk.



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 Beer Festival 2022

16th and 17th September

The Brigstock Beer Festival (BBF) committee is progressing with plans to make the 18th "coming of age" Festival even better than ever. The Festival will once again commence on Friday 16th September with a comedy evening. Whilst it is envisaged that there will be no need to limit the tickets this year because of Covid since the event has always "sold-out" in the past anyone interested in attending is encouraged to purchase their tickets early in order to avoid disappointment. Tickets will again be available via a ticket agency website and details will be communicated in the forthcoming weeks. There will be a number of changes this year to the format on Saturday as the car park outside the Village Hall will be devoted to a music stage alongside food and drink stalls, meaning that there will be a greater variety of refreshments. There will also be more entertainment on the meadow with various local groups providing support. Music will be an eclectic mix of acoustic artists and silver brass band in the afternoon, followed by an early evening childrens' disco and then a two-tone band. There will obviously be the usual great range of beer and cider.

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 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.

Watch Facebook and the website for more information

WWW.BRIGSTOCKBEERFESTIVAL.COM

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Jordans Weeones

Firstly I want to thank everyone for all the support this village has given Jordans Weeones over the past two years, without it this small family run charity would not have survived Covid as all funds are raised by attending craft fairs, selling homemade craft items and fundraising events, which being town based, were not possible to organise during the last two years.

So far this year I have been concentrating on growing and selling plants mainly tomatoes of which over 300 have been sold! There have also been other vegetable plants out and flowers are just starting to be put out. There is also compost available which can be collected from the farm or delivered to Brigstock addresses.

The bric a brac and book stalls will make occasional weekend appearances and I will be taking it to car boot sales over the summer.

On July 16th my joint Patron of Jordan's Weeones Yvonne Fielding who is a Psychic Medium and fully qualified Complimentary Therapist, Reiki Master will be coming to Brigstock and hosting a Psychic Evening. An Evening Packed With Messages, Emotions and Audience Interaction. Yvonne will also be available for private readings that weekend. This promises to be a great night out, there will be a bar and Tea and Coffee available. This will take place in the Village Hall and tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

Also in July there will be a Summer Craft Fair and Tabletop sale.

The Online Auction will be held in July this year and we have been donated some lovely prizes so far including a flight in a glider, a meat voucher from top Leicestershire Butcher Joseph Morris, Photos from Rose Rodgers, A day's racing, Childrens toys from LOL and an overnight stay with dinner in the beautiful Eastbury Hotel and Spa Dorset.

The Horticultural and Produce Show will be in September. This is a fun event for everyday gardeners to show what they have grown with classes for everyone adults and children from tomatoes to weird vegetables, jams, cakes, flowers, there are lots of pumpkins on the stall to buy and grow to see who can grow the biggest one and enter them at the show.

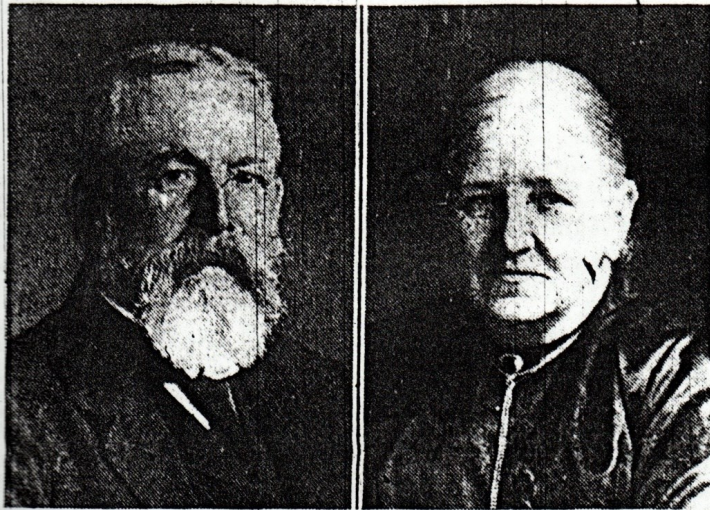
A macramé workshop with Em Davies - date to be confirmed

Autumn Craft Fair October 8th Village Hall

Enchanted garden and Father Christmas December 16th to 18th and will then be available to walk round throughout the Christmas period. Father Christmas will again be free for Brigstock Children.

Jane

Spencer's Woodyard, Brigstock



MR. and MRS. C. N. SPENCER.

For many years Spencer's Woodyard was a prominent feature of Brigstock with the crane dominating the skyline on the approach to the village. It was also an integral part of village life as people regularly went there to buy a wheelbarrow load of off-cuts to use as firewood (before the luxury of central heating). The charge was by the barrow-load and it was said that the biggest wheelbarrows in the county were to be found in Brigstock. The successful timber business was founded in the 19th century by Mr C. N Spencer and the following extracts from an article of 25th May 1928 in the Kettering Leader and Guardian, published to mark the diamond wedding of Mr and Mrs Spencer, give some interesting details of their lives.

"Mr and Mrs C. N Spencer who were married on May 26th 1868 will complete sixty years of wedded life this month (*May 1928*). Mr Spencer is a well-known timber merchant of Brigstock and a familiar figure at the Kettering, Wellingborough and Thrapston markets. He is 86 years of age and his wife is 82 and all their wedded life has been spent in Brigstock where he founded the firm which bears his name. Mr and Mrs Spencer had a family of twelve, seven sons and five daughters and in addition 29 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Spencer's Woodyard, Brigstock cont'd

Mr Charles Newman Spencer was born in Stanion in 1842. He left school when he was nine years old and at twelve started work with his brothers assisting his father who was a timber merchant in a small way. He later spent some time in gentleman's service. In 1868 he married Miss Charlotte Head at Lutton Church on May 26th 1868 and they took up residence in Brigstock where he started a timber business. While Mr Spencer can be thankful from the business point of view for the advent of machinery into his trade, he might also be forgiven a certain regret for in 1880 he met with a serious accident when cutting a piece of wood with a circular saw, which severed his left hand at the wrist. When he went into timber buying he had little capital at the start and at one time he admits he owed £700 (*a very large sum in those days*). "Time seems to have gone very quickly" he says "my wife and I have been very happy and there is greater credit to my wife than to me for my success. She has been the backbone of our marriage."

He is still a regular attendant at the parish church and still dons his surplice and takes his place in the choir as he has done for 60 years. "I will sing as much as I can for as long as I can" he affirms. He also used to play the euphonium in Brigstock band but gave that up over 50 years ago as his wife said he was not at home enough.

Mrs Spencer has plenty to talk about too. Often as a girl she used to stay at Windsor. In those days the public were allowed to wander about the castle grounds when Royalty were in residence and frequently, on an evening stroll there, she would see Queen Victoria sitting on a balcony listening to the band. She visited Cowes for the regatta and review of the Fleet and saw King Edward VII and Princess Eugenie of France. They recount how Lord Lonsdale, who was Master of the Woodland Pytchley Hunt took up residence in Mauntley House, which he bought in 1882. On January 25th 1883 Brigstock was very merry for Lord Lonsdale had inherited his title and gave a supper and ball in the schools to which everyone was invited. On that occasion Mrs Spencer wore her wedding dress for the second time. And the third occasion on which she will wear the dress will be for the happy celebration of her diamond wedding."

Bill Simon

BRIGSTOCK KURLING GROUP

The Kurling dates for the next three months are: 1st and 15th June, 6th and 20th July, and 3rd and 17th August, 2-4 p.m. at the Village Hall as usual. Unfortunately, as June and August both have a fifth Wednesday, there will be two lots of three week intervals between games, but we will continue to meet on the first and third Wednesdays, rather than changing to every fortnight.

The men's group recently made use of the equipment at one of their Monday morning meetings, which resulted in one of their members coming to the next Wednesday meeting. We have also welcomed another two new players, and someone who had previously has returned, post-Covid.

We won't be doing anything particular for the Jubilee, but then we do play with red, white and blue equipment at all our meetings.

If you would like any more details, please ring me on 373367, or just come along to the hall on any of the above dates.

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