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Front Cover Photo -

A BRIGSTOCK CHRISTMAS ROBIN

A photo by Andy Homan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- 1 Advent Windows starts
- 1 URC Warm Space 10— 3pm
- 2 Christmas Quiz, Village Hall, 7.15pm
- 2 Astronomy Club. Village Hall, 8—10pm
- 3 Dementia Coffee Morning, Village Hall 10—12am
- 5 Mens Club, June Small Room, 10.30am
- 8 BINGO, Village Hall, 7 /7.30pm
- 9 Historical Society, Christmas Party, WI Hall
- 9 Ultimate ABBA, Village Hall, 7pm
- 9—10 St Andrews Church Nativity display
- 10 URC Christmas Coffee Morning, 10—12am
- 12 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
- 14 Kurling, Village Hall 2—4pm
- 16, 17, 18 Enchanted Garden, Jordans Weeones Meet Father Christmas
- 18 URC Carols by Candlelight, 4pm
- 19 Mens Club, June Small Room, 10.30am Ladies Leisure group, 1.30pm
- 24 St Andrews Church Christingle, 3pm and 5pm. Booking necessary

January

- 4 Kurling, Village Hall, 2—4pm
- 6 Astronomy Club. Village Hall, 8—10pm
- 9 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
- 16 Mens Club, June Small Room, 10.30am
- 16 Ladies Leisure Group, “Brooch Collections” June Small Room, 1.30pm
- 18 Kurling, Village Hall, 2—4pm
- 23 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
- 23 Coffee Morning Village Hall, 10—12am
- 25 Historical Society, “History of Pantomimes”, Village Hall 7-30pm
- 27 Film Night, “Changling” Village Hall 7.30pm
- 30 Mens Club, June Small Room, 10.30am,

February

- 1 Kurling, Village Hall, 2—4pm
- 3 Astronomy Club. Village Hall, 8—10pm
- 4 PFA / Village Hall, Curry Night 7.30pm
- 6 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am
- 13 Mens Club, June Small Room, 10.30am
- 15 Kurling, Village Hall, 2—4pm
- 17 Film Night, “The Keeper”, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20 Scrabble June Small Room, 10.30am Ladies Leisure Group, 1.30pm
- 22 Historical Society, “For the Duration” Village Hall 7.30pm
- 25 Village Hall Valentine Quiz, 7.15pm

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
North Northants Astronomy Club (NNAC)	First Friday 8pm

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 rosybbrieggs@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 future dates are Monday 23rd January and 27th February from 10am to noon.

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND

Tickets from Chris Allen, Steph Beckett, Terry Beckett, Pete Burdett, Caroline Motion, David Oldham, Richard Gayton or Sally Wilks.

£5 to include refreshments. There will be a bar.

Doors open 7pm Start 7-30pm **BAR available**

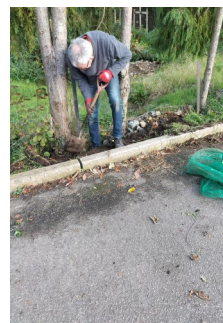
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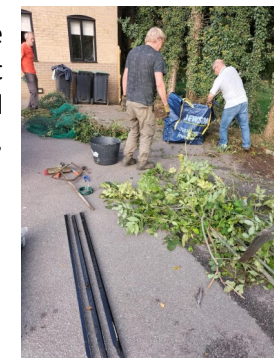
VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

We owe many thanks to Chris Allen, Terry Beckett and Pete Burdett who do lots of jobs around the hall which saves us lots of money. Many thanks also to Chris who is always looking for grants for improvements to the hall. This means we can keep our costs down to hirers. We are one of the cheapest halls in the area. If you have any suggestions for the hall do please let us know.

We are always having to litterpick in the car park and pick up cigarette ends despite have a box on the wall. If you do see any litter please pop it in our bins. The car park is often very busy so we do try to keep on top of the litter.



The photos show committee members replacing the front fence to the car park. This had been in since the hall was built, so it was due to be replaced.



BRIGSTOCK'S GOT TALENT

We had to cancel Brigstock's Got Talent as some of the acts were not available at the last moment. This was unfortunate as we had sold more than 70 tickets at that point. We had to cancel in 2020 because of lockdown. We are not sure whether to risk third time lucky!

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNINGS

We have held 2 coffee mornings on the fourth Monday of the month. We have had about 20 or so people. Do come along and use our heating as we are open anyway for the Post Office. No actual charge but just a small donation for a drink and a biscuit. There are also card and knitting stalls. If anybody else wants to come along and bring their stall from 10 until 12, contact Steph Beckett or Sally Wilks.

TRUSTEES

The Committee is looking for new Trustees to help manage the Village Hall CIO. If you think you are interested, please contact one of the committee.

Brigstock Film Night, Village Hall

2022/23 Season Dates

Well, thank you to everyone for making the first film night this season such a fabulous success, with 60 people giving a round of applause after seeing "The Duke" in October. We're delighted you enjoyed it so much! By the time the newsletter goes to press we'll also have seen our second film, "Operation Mincemeat", and hope that you'll have found that equally entertaining.

As usual, we won't be showing a film in December, but we'll be back at the end of January.

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.

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 usually show box office blockbusters, but quirky or understated films instead, 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, Proceeds go to the Village Hall

Enquiries: Emma Poole on 370142

VILLAGE HALL VALENTINE QUIZ

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY



Tickets will be available soon

£5 to include refreshments.

Doors open 7pm Start 7-30pm BAR available

Enquiries 07471 502952 or Committee Members

BRIGSTOCK KURLING GROUP

It hardly seems five minutes since I wrote the report on the kurling group for the Autumn newsletter, but here we are planning the dates for early next year. You should receive this newsletter in time to remind you that we are meeting this coming Wednesday, 30th November, an unusual one on a fifth Wednesday.

This will mean that we will hold our last meeting of the year on 14th December, in the hope that most people will be able to attend, before getting too caught up in preparations for Christmas.

Beckworth's Emporium have decided not to have an ice rink again this year, so we won't be off on a trip over there to see if we are any better at the real game than we have been in the past. However, we have always enjoyed ourselves, so must hope that they will have the ice back again next year.

If you fancy doing something different in the New Year our first meeting will be on 4th January, followed by 18th January, 1st and 15th February, and 1st and 15th March. As usual, we will be at the Village Hall from 2-4 p.m., £2 including refreshments. If you would like any more information, please ring me on 373367, or just come along on one of those dates.

Judith Beeby

Brigstock Warm Space at the URC

You've probably read about communities opening up rooms to help people out who might be finding it harder to heat their homes this winter, or who just need some company and refreshments.

The June Small room at the chapel in Mill Lane is not used on Thursdays at the moment but it is heated, so to save wasting that heat, the URC and St Andrews members are getting together with friends from other local groups to offer a warm space to anyone who would like to use it.



The Space will open for a trial run on December 1st from 10am to 3pm, and you can come and go as you please, but we do need to know numbers in advance as we're limited by space and fire regulations.

What's on offer? Well, it's up to you how you pass the time—you can bring anything you want to read, play table games, knit, crochet, chat—of course!—and maybe make new friends. We don't have Wi-fi but you can bring laptops and iPads. We will provide tea/coffee and biscuits and a soup, cheese and rolls lunch for anyone who would like it. If you prefer to bring your own lunch, please do.

Volunteers will be making the soup and serving refreshments, Morrisons are supplying the rolls and we have been given £100 from the Parish Council and another private donation of £50 to get us started. If the scheme is successful we shall be applying for local grants. The idea is that this is a free service to anyone who wants to make use of it.

If you would like to come on Dec 1st, we need to know by November 28th, so you can contact us on the following numbers: **Sheila 373225**

Barbara 373240

If you would like to help in any way, let us know! We are hoping this will be a weekly event throughout the winter, and the more helpers we have to join the rota, the better. After the trial run, we will decide if anything needs to be changed and then start the weekly scheme, possibly starting on January 5th.

BRIGSTOCK LATHAM SCHOOL PFA

The PFA has started the new school year positively with some new parents joining us. We held our annual AGM and have appointed the following people for another year.

Chair - Leanne Cloono

Vice chair - Tracey Sharp

Secretary- Nicky Hill

Treasurer - Rosy Briggs

We have a lot of events in the diary already if people would like to follow our Facebook page Brigstock Primary School PFA to keep up to date with events.

We have our first ever Christmas wreath night on 3rd December which has sold out! Please can people with tickets remember to bring their tickets and a pair of scissors on the night to join in with some festive cheer.



We're also looking forward to joining forces with the Village Hall Committee next year by hosting the Curry night together on the 4th February!

As always, we welcome any new members.

If anyone would like more information, email me: leabee27@me.com

CURRY NIGHT 4TH FEBRUARY VILLAGE HALL

A joint venture between the PFA and the Village Hall Committee.

We will be looking for volunteers to make a large curry and then for people to come along to taste and judge the entries. Tickets will be on sale in January. Please contact either committee for more information.



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.

We look forward to welcoming you.

09/12/22 <i>Revised date</i>	Christmas Party	The BHS party will be in the W.I. Hall once more. Members only. Bring and share. <i>7.30. p.m.</i>
25/01/23	History of the Pantomime Martin Heath	In pantomime season let's hear all about how it started.
22/02/23	For the Duration Andrea Pettingale	Stories of Northamptonshire women in World War 1.

Thank you very much to all those who came to the **BRIGSTOCK HISTORY DAY** on **Sunday 30th October** in the village hall. Over 120 people attended and were able to view material from our archives as well as have a close look at the 1725 Brazier map of Brigstock kindly lent from Boughton House. We hope to hold another such event in 2024.

If you would like to go on our mailing list for future talks and events please telephone 370144 Or 373428.

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)



Coffee Morning

Saturday 3rd December
at Brigstock Village Hall
from 10am to 12 noon

Tea &
Coffee



Christmas
Stocking
Fillers

Tombola

Raffle

Enjoy a natter with friends
over a cuppa and homemade cake or a
delicious mince pie





Knit & Natter Group

Seeing as this is the last Brigstock Newsletter for 2022, we feel that we can officially talk about Christmas!!



Living Advent Window:

We have traditionally earmarked 1st December to unveil our contribution to Brigstock's Living Advent Window display and this year is no exception, except for the fact that there won't be surprise as such, as we have to start setting up the scene early on the village square and the display is just too big to cover up. However, there will be a lighting ceremony at 6.45pm with a few words said, some treats for the children and there might even be a little song for you!!!

2023:

Knit and Natter group is starting a new project for next winter. "Why are you planning for next winter?" you might ask yourselves. Well this is where Brigstock village knitters come in.....

Calling All Brigstock Knitters

Our new project for next year is to make as many green knitted bobble hats as possible before November 2023. It is for a very special cause, which will be revealed next year. All you knitters out there that are willing to help us, by beaver-ing away during the long winter nights, is to produce

An adult bobble hat

Knitted or crocheted in double knit or chunky wool in any shade of GREEN. It can't be any other colour.

The bobble on the hat must be ANY COLOUR of your choosing (as long as it's not green). However, if you are unable to make a pompom for your hat, we have plenty of people that can make and add one on for you.

Some of you experienced knitters might already have a pattern for a bobble hat, which is great, if not we could either email or print a pattern for you to use if you call us on either of the contact telephone numbers at the bottom of our knit and natter write up.

Knit & Natter Group—Cont'd

War Memorial Poppies:

Was it really 5 years ago that the Knit and Natter Ladies, as well village knitters made over 2.5 thousand poppies to create the memorial display. With careful drying and storage, we hope you agree that they look as good today, as the day they were first put up and will continue to be a reminder to those brave men and women who lost their lives in combat to defend our country.

If you want to join our friendly group

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

Glenda 373987 and Steph 373422

SUNNYSIDERS

Sunnysiders meet in the June Small room at U.R.C. on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00 until 4.00 pm. Our Christmas lunch is being held for members on 6th December, the meetings then restart on 10th January 2023. Over the last few weeks we have listened to various speakers namely from the fire service, guide dogs for the visually impaired, the police and a talk about Brigstock life in 1840. At other times we play curling, bingo and card games organised by Ron. If anyone over the age 55 would like to come along for a cup of tea/biscuits and see what we do they would be very welcome.

Contact is Maureen on phone number Brigstock 373383.

ULTIMATE ABBA

Back by popular demand

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

BRIGSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

£12 - Doors 7pm / Show 7.45pm

Bring your own food and drink

Tickets for 24 High St or 07947 092525

In aid of Sunnysiders



Brigstock United Reformed Church

The URC 50th anniversary celebrations on October 9th were very enjoyable and we met with members of other URC churches in the area at Toller church in Kettering. The previous Sunday was our Harvest service, and we collected two boxes of non-perishable goods to send to Corby foodbank. We also held a soup and cheese lunch with friends from St Andrews church. Donations made at that lunch were split between the Appeal for the flood victims in Pakistan and the Trussell trust, and we sent £50 to each organisation.

We are now busy preparing for a new venture in conjunction with St Andrews church, which is the creation of a Warm Space in the June Small room on Thursdays. There is a separate article giving more details about this in the newsletter, and if you are interested in attending or helping, please let us know on 373225 (Sheila) or 373240 (Barbara).

Coming up next- the annual Christmas coffee morning on Saturday, December 10th. See the poster for details, but do come and relax for a while with a hot drink and a mince pie. We have an excellent raffle and tombola, cakes and Christmas decorations to sell and our very popular "Open the Box", courtesy of Yvette, where you can win great cash prizes.

Our Christmas carol services by candlelight have proved very popular over the past two years, and we are holding this year's service on December 18th at 4pm. You are very welcome to join us and stay for refreshments afterwards- the chapel looks beautiful decorated with greenery and candles- it's a lovely way to start the festivities.

Don't forget, we have a service at 10.30am every Sunday, and everyone is welcome.

We hope you all have a very happy Christmas.

CHRISTMAS JOKES

1. **Q: Why doesn't Santa like tight spaces?** A: He's Claus-trophobic.
2. **Q: What do you call Santa when he runs out of money?** A: Saint Nickel-less .
3. **Q: What did Santa say when his elves hid the toys?** A: This is snow laughing matter



BRIGSTOCK UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Christmas Coffee Morning



**Saturday 10th December
at the chapel**

Mill Lane, Brigstock

10.00am – 12noon

Coffee and Mince Pies

£1.50

'Open the Box'

Special prize game – cash prizes

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS

A Brigstock War Veteran's Memories -

Mervyn Payne



While of course we should honour those who sacrificed their lives during wartime in defence of their country, we should also pay tribute all those who served and survived.

This report from the “Evening Telegraph” in December 2005 recounts the memories of Mervyn Payne of Brigstock who was in the Fleet Air Arm in the Second World War. Some Brigstock residents will remember Mervyn as the local chiropodist and a well-known figure in the village.

The article written by Telegraph journalist, Ruth Williams, is headed “**Hero's Welcome to Returning Veteran**” and describes some of Mervyn's experiences while serving in the Pacific. The article is as follows:-

A hero who helped people injured by kamikaze bombers during the Second World War has paid tribute to his fellow servicemen. Former Navy electrician Mervyn Payne has revisited south-east Asia and Australia after receiving a £4000 grant from National Lottery's Heroes Return fund.

Brigstock War Veteran's Memories Mervyn Payne Cont'd

The 80-year-old who lives in Grafton Road, Brigstock said, “I was fortunate to receive some funding from Heroes Return in recognition of my service in the Fleet Air Arm until the end of hostilities in August 1945. Mr Payne was just 17 when he joined the Navy and was 19 when he set sail for the Pacific in 1943.

Part of the supply ship on which he served was used as a hospital deck to treat people wounded in an attack by Japanese kamikaze pilots in April 1945. He said, “Unfortunately we lost quite a number of people. We used part of the hangar deck as a hospital. The ones who died were buried at sea. The injured were looked after by the ship's doctor until they got to the hospital ship in Leyte in the Philippines. Some of them were very badly injured and died en route.”

However, the most terrifying aspect of the war for Mervyn was a typhoon which blew up in the Pacific in April 1945. Mr Payne said, “It raged for three days. The US crew lost a cruiser and a destroyer in the storm.” As well as bravery Mervyn remembers the friendships he struck up during the war. He said, “Wherever we went everybody was so keen to help those who had been in that theatre of war.”

The Heroes Return trip to the Pacific saw Mr Payne and his wife, Margaret, visit the Kranji war cemetery in Singapore. The couple later travelled to Australia and on November 11 they attended the Service of Remembrance in St Martin's Square, Sydney, where they were invited to sit with Australian war veterans. He said, “Everywhere we went we were shown good hospitality, friendship and respect for being a war veteran.”

Bill Simon

WAR MEMORIAL ROTA

As can be seen the Poppies have returned adding colour to a drab time of year. Thanks to Glenda and helpers for keeping them safe over the year and getting them back in time for Remembrance Sunday. Thank you to the groups who have kept the War Memorial area tidy over the last few months. The following groups are taking it on for the next few months. I will be writing to ask other groups to take it on over the year.

December 2022 Kurling Group January 2023 Parish Council

February 2023 Village Hall Liz Searle

BRIGSTOCK

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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

It is difficult to believe that, in the short time since the previous report, things have changed so dramatically.

Having celebrated the Queen's jubilee, we then supported the events related to her death.

Equally the changes in government have created challenges that we need to give thought to.

Sudborough Road Industrial Site

This site continues to be a source of dissatisfaction for the whole village and particularly its near neighbours. The Parish Council has repeatedly alerted North Northants planning department of every new development and expects that action will be taken to control development on this site.

Solar Farms on Grafton Road

The planning process continues with permission being sought to connect the sites at Grafton and that nearer to Brigstock to the battery site.

PARISH COUNCIL

Flooding

A new initiative, RAIN, has been introduced so further positive developments should soon be forthcoming.

The Parish Council is still exploring the possibility of installing our own flood monitor and warning system but, like many products, its availability is hampered by the worldwide availability of memory chips. We will make a purchase as availability improves.

Friends of the Cemetery

With the imminent retirement of Nigel Searle as Clerk to the council the many roles that he has so ably carried out for many years will need to be taken on by others in the village.

We will be appointing a new Clerk to the council, but their role will not include the responsibility for managing the Cemetery.

There needs to be a new action group who are willing to be responsible for the day to day and ongoing organisation of the cemetery.

If you would like to be involved with this group, please contact Nigel Searle.

Stanion Road Development

Final boundary agreements of the site are yet to be finalised.

Finally, Nigel Searle is retiring from the post of Clerk to the Parish Council at the end of the year. His expertise and unstinting efforts for the good of the village are exemplary and have made it impossible to replace him with just one person. He has developed a considerable level of knowledge and a wealth of contacts that have ensured matters arising have been signalled to appropriate bodies and resolved as speedily as possible.

We wish Nigel well with his future activities and say a well-deserved thank you for the way you have gone above and beyond for the village.

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 November 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 Parish Council is an equal opportunities employer and your application will be judged solely on merit.

Litter Picking

The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers who pick up the litter when out for a walk. Any piece picked up helps to keep the village looking good. Thank you.

Liz Searle

BRIGSTOCK LIVING ADVENT CALENDER 2022 - THE FINAL!

The village will be creating nightly Advent windows again through December, for the last time. (unless anyone wishes to organise the windows going forward...

This year, we are reinstating nightly reveals. The windows will be unveiled at 6.45pm and be lit nightly, through until 27th December.

There will be charity collection this year. One of the reasons, I have decided this will be my last as organiser, is that, apart from not being in the village all the time, my husband has Prostate Cancer and I want to be less 'committed'.

I think it is fitting that the collection this final year is for UK PROSTATE CANCER.

There is a Just giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/brigstocklivingadventcalendar>, a bucket collection and you are welcome to put any envelope donations through my door at 28 High Street. Thank you.

The collection at 64 High Street on 9th December will be for Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The windows are about creativity and community and be something to brighten an evening walk around the village.

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

The map of the windows is included in the newsletter in a pull-out centre page but here's a list of contributors. Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered and to Tracey Sharpe @nothingbutlovely for, once again, producing the map.

EDITOR - And a big thank you to Jane for all her hard work over the years in putting this together.



MAP

MAP

BRIGSTOCK LIVING ADVENT CALENDER 2022

DIARY OF WINDOW LOCATIONS

DATE	DAY	LOCATION
1	Thursday	Hall Hill - Knit and Natter
2	Friday	Co-op
3	Saturday	7 Park Walk
4	Sunday	Bake & Brew High Street
5	Monday	Brigstock School * 4pm
6	Tuesday	Tally Ho Cottage 1 Lyveden Road
7	Wednesday	6 High Street
8	Thursday	11 Latham Street
9	Friday	64 High Street
10	Saturday	12 Latham Street
11	Sunday	25 High Street
12	Monday	14 Grafton Road
13	Tuesday	Bell Ringing St Andrew's
14	Wednesday	WI Hall
15	Thursday	9 Woodyard Close
16	Friday	Park Walk paddock
17	Saturday	2 Church Street
18	Sunday	30 Back Lane
19	Monday	Mill Lodge Mill Lane
20	Tuesday	60 High Street
21	Wednesday	28 High Street
22	Thursday	12 Hall Hill
23	Friday	The Old Forge, 11 High Street
24		St Andrew's Church

BINGO—



Our Bingo Group is meeting again on Thursday 8th December for a CHRISTMAS Fun packed evening.

Doors open 7.0pm for eyes down 7.30pm.

There will be Seasonal refreshments, and a Christmas themed Raffle.

Old and New members are very welcome to join our Happy Group. Please note minimum age 18.

Christmas jumpers and hats are encouraged to get us all in the Festive mood.

Anyone requiring transport please do feel free to contact Eileen or Chris on 373168

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Eileen, Chris and Steph

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MENS CLUB

Our fortnightly morning meetings are now progressing and we meet on Monday morning at 10-30 till 12 noon at the June Small Room at the United Reformed Church in Mill Lane. 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.

Date are: 5th and 19th December, 16th and 30th January, 13th and 27th February.

Contact Robin Phillips 01536 370144 or Terry Bowen 01536 373807

CHRISTMAS ONE LINERS

1. If you cross a duck and a mistletoe, do you get a Christmas quacker?
2. When you stop believing in Santa, you start getting clothes for Christmas.
3. When Santa's in your house you can sense his presents.
4. The Christmas alphabet only has 25 letters. There's noel.

THE SCRABBLE GROUP

The Scrabble group has been able to meet on the dates we had arranged for the last three months, apart from 19th September, which had been designated as a Bank Holiday for the funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II. The number of players still varies, so some meetings finish earlier than others, to enable us to keep within our means. The cost of living crisis strikes everywhere!

Our next meeting will be on 12th December, and will be the final one for this year, and we will resume on 9th January, followed by 23rd January, 6th and 20th February, and 6th and 20th March, in the June Small Room at the United Reformed Church in Mill Lane as usual, starting at 10.30 a.m.

We would really welcome some more players, so why not make a New Year Resolution to come along on one of these dates. It will cost you £3, with tea/coffee and biscuits included. For any more information, please ring me on 373367, or just pop round one morning.

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Ladies Leisure Group

After our summer break we were back in business for a demonstration of flower arranging from Steph, plus lots of useful tips. Then we had a go ourselves, with some really lovely results. In October we had a very competitive Kurling session and a "Question of Sport" quiz which stumped quite a few people!

Next month we shall have our annual Christmas lunch, and then ,at our first meeting of 2023 on January 16th, we have Claire Wise coming to show us some of her very interesting collection of over 1,000 brooches and to tell us some of the stories behind them.

We shall also be organising our programme for the year ahead and enjoying our usual tea, cake and raffle. Do join us for a couple of hours, in the June Small room at 1.30pm.

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

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas, hope to see you on January 16th!

Brigstock Project Group

Our planter at the village hall is much improved with slate chippings as the bark was becoming a bit unsightly. The planters in the village have all been planted with spring flowering bulbs. After a very hot summer it is a relief to not having to constantly water. Many thanks to villagers who if they saw planters that were a bit dry, gave them a much needed drink



FIREWORK NIGHT

This years firework display was one of the best and gave a great evening out for all those who attended. The bonfire went up like a wildfire, so lucky there had been recent rain to wet the ground.

Thanks to all those who helped with ticket selling, building bonfires, Cricket Club for their bar and pavilion and to the Parish Council for fronting it.

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BRIGSTOCK ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

Our Hall Hill excavation may have wrapped up in September, but we're still very much engaged with the next phase of any archaeological fieldwork: interpreting what we found and report writing. As this newsletter goes to press in November, we're finalising a trip to one of MOLA's facilities (Museum of London Archaeology) for typological assessment of a selection of Brigstock sherds by their Northamptonshire ceramics specialist. Highly durable, pottery has historically been one of archaeology's most common and important interpretative tools. A sherd or vessel from one site can be compared with type-series from another and so, among many other valuable insights into how past communities lived, suggest dating – without the need for expensive scientific analysis.



Many of us may recognise more recent types of ceramic found in Brigstock's gardens and fields, such as the famous blue and white 'willow plate' transfer ware, or perhaps fragments of white kaolin clay smoking pipes. However, among sherds of distinctive green-glazed medieval Lyveden-Stanion ware, BAG's test-pits have uncovered a number of other ceramics that have so far proved less than diagnostic to the non-specialist. Our October trip to Northants' fantastic Archaeological Research Centre at Chester House Estate to compare our finds with archive material indicated some interesting similarities, especially between some of this Summer's ceramics and those found during Dennis Jackson's 1979-81 excavation of an Iron Age site in the fields towards Geddington Chase.

Iron Age sherds were also identified during roadworks south of the marketplace a while back, so authenticating a wider spread from the last two Summers' digs to the west and north could be especially useful for understanding Brigstock's earlier settlement patterning. We also have a few sherds that MOLA may yet characterise as 'Roman', which is perhaps not entirely surprisingly given some were also found ahead of construction in the manor house grounds off Mill Lane and the substantial overlap of Iron Age and Roman material culture. Equally exciting would be for typological analysis to suggest some of our sherds are Anglo-Saxon – again, perhaps not entirely surprising given the proximity to our landmark church/manor, but much less visible in the archaeological record due to poorer preservation, and the types and volumes of material and technologies used.

BRIGSTOCK ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP—cont'd

None of such research would be possible without the kindness of organisations such as MOLA and many of Brigstock's farmers and landowners, or the time, perseverance, and passion of our small but dedicated membership. As we move towards Winter, we're very much aware that we've yet to finalise details of further archaeological activities, such as fieldwalking. We remain optimistic that we will be able to take advantage of the better visibility our fields offer at this time of year before crops come through. But all this takes time to organise – and funding. Membership fees, for example, ensured we were properly insured ahead of our dig at the school, and donations have kept our website live. While we will continue to pursue small grants to help cover our costs, we're always on the lookout for new members to help us continue investigating Brigstock's past.

If you'd like to find out more, please mail us at brigstockarchaeologicalgroup@gmail.com or visit www.brigstockarchaeologicalgroup.co.uk.

FOR FRESH TASTY FISH AND CHIPS IN BRIGSTOCK

VISIT THE FISH AND CHIP VAN

EVERY TUESDAY

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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



On 11th October the **AGM meeting of Brigstock WI**, saw the election of Nikki Wills, as President. Thanks were extended by Nikki, to the outgoing President and Committee, for all their hard work in the previous year. There were a number of volunteers who were elected at the AGM to form a new committee. It should be noted this term of office as President & committee, will be for 6 months only and there will be a further election of Officers and Committee for Brigstock WI in April 2023.



Pumpkin Soup

The newly elected President and her committee's first activity was on the 25th October . It was a social event, which proved to be much enjoyed by all of the 20 members that attended. A variety of soups & rolls were enjoyed by everyone, plus a special treat, home made almond cookies kindly made and baked by our WI Secretary



Flowers of Kindness

November the 15th, will see Brigstock WI continue to actively participate in World Kindness day. We look forward to WI members joining together to make and leave, small posies of flowers throughout Brigstock to be found and/or given, to villagers to enjoy and brighten their day. If you should see a posy and you know of someone who would like it, please share and help spread a little kindness.

Advent Window



Brigstock WI are delighted to be taking part in the Village Advent window display. Details of all participants of this years display, will be in Brigstock news please put December 14th in your diary because at 6 :45pm that evening, the WI advent window will be unveiled and afterwards you will be welcomed into the hall for light refreshments.

BRIGSTOCK WI Cont'd

Duck Race

The annual WI Duck race held at the Brigstock Beer Festival, proved to be yet another success, the ducks were all sold prior to the start of the race. There was much excitement as the ducks swam down Harpers brook. However afterwards, when packing away, two ducks were missing but thankfully they made their way out of the undergrowth and are now safely stored away and resting until next years race !



Brigstock's Got talent



The WI Drama group had been anticipating and getting ready to perform at this event but unfortunately the Brigstock's Got Talent evening was cancelled, hopefully our Drama group will have an opportunity to perform again, sometime soon

At present Brigstock WI, has a full complement of WI members with a waiting list of village and non-village residents.

Membership renewals take place by April so if anyone would like to join next year, please could they submit their names to the secretarybrigstock-wi@gmail.com before April 2023

Friends of Fermyn Woods Country Park

Quiz night

Many thanks to the 100 or so quizers who supported the Quiz night in the Village Hall in early November. Along with Jenny's raffle that made £160 ,we raised over £550 to help with the funding of features like the large animal carvings in the park that help to make it an even more special place . We are also looking to fund some more sculptures, such as the new butterfly ones to replace the broken ones.

Pete Burdett

Brigstock Beer Festival 2022



Thank you to everyone who helped make Brigstock's 17th Beer Festival such a success. The festival commenced on the Friday with a comedy night with an excellent set of comedians and an entertaining compere.

On the Saturday, visitors enjoyed the entertainment whilst consuming a variety of refreshments in the September sunshine. There was a number of changes this year to the format on Saturday with the car park outside the Village Hall being devoted to food and drink stalls, meaning there was a greater variety of refreshments. To accommodate this, the stage was moved to the Meadow where there was an eclectic mix of acoustic artists and a silver brass band in the afternoon. In the evening the entertainment returned to the village hall with the excellent band the "2Tones" followed by a disco. There was also the usual great range of beer and cider.



The festival raised several thousand so the Committee will be making a sizeable donation to this year's chosen charity Cransley Hospice. The rest of the profit will be shared out amongst the village groups who submitted funding requests to support a variety of different projects and worthy causes.

A big thanks to all those who sponsored the events and a big thank you to everyone who attended and generously donated to make the festival such a special occasion. See you all next year!

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Fermyn Woods Country Park

I have just read an interesting article about birdsong and our mental health. Kings' college London have done research that suggests visiting places with birdlife can improve mental health. Now unfortunately this time of year there is not as much bird song, but there is still the robin that sings all year round. When you come to the park you will be able to hear goldfinches calling to each other along with long tailed tits, fieldfares, and red-wings.



It has been a mast year for acorns which has brought the Fallow deer into places in the park we don't normally see them. Our winter habitat work has begun with the cutting of the plateau and the hay meadow. With help from our valuable volunteers, we have done some clearing at the back of reedy pond and at the fishing pond, with other projects to start around the park as the season goes on.

The ponds are starting to slowly fill back up after the summer drought, the leaves started to turn early because of the drought but they are only just starting to fall as I write this in early November.

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



Winter opening times

Café

10:30am – 3pm weekdays, 10:30am – 4pm weekends

Hot food served until 2pm weekdays and 3pm weekends

St Andrews Church

Here we are again with Christmas looming. It has been a long and hard two years with Covid but as things seem to be getting back to normal, or at least the new normal we can look forward to celebrating together at our Christmas events and services. Tickets for our Christingle services will be available from Barbara Platt 01536 373240 or Carl Hector 01536 373410. Below you can find out what is happening at St Andrews along with information on the Christmas Day service at Lowick. There are numerous events going on in our other churches, details of which will also be available on our website www.harperbrookanglicans.org.uk

A huge thank you to everyone who turned up for our coffee morning to look at the plans for the new servery and toilet facility. Whilst there is still some way to go before all of the details and funding are finalised we will continue to fundraise and let everyone know what progress is being made. It is a complicated project due to the nature of the building but will be a valuable asset to the church and the community once completed so please do continue to support us in any way you can. We are immensely grateful for the commitment of those involved with the project and those who support us.

Saturday 26th November	10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. Winter Fair in church
Friday 9th – Saturday 10th December	Brigstock Nativity/ Cribs Festival. 9 th - 9.00am to 4.30 p.m. with refreshments 10 th - 12.00 noon to 4.30 p.m. with refreshments (Pick up cribs/nativities Sunday 11.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.)
Tuesday 13th December	2.00 p.m. Keystage 1 Brigstock School pop up nativity in Church
Thursday 22nd December	There will <u>not be</u> a 10.00 a.m. service
Saturday 24th December	3.00 p.m. Christingle - strictly ticketed event 5.00 p.m. Christingle - strictly ticketed event 10.00 p.m. First Holy Communion of Christmas
Sunday 25th December	10.00 a.m. Family Friendly communion at St Peters Lowick
Thursday 29th December	There will <u>not be</u> a 10.00 a.m. service

St Andrews Church—Cont'd

WHICH COMES FIRST THE GOOD OR THE BAD NEWS?

According to the news headlines the main supermarkets will be toning down their Christmas Adverts this year. Energy prices soaring, basic food costs rising rapidly, and bigger mortgage payments, mean they wont be expecting us to spend as much this year. And, of course, it's a fair assessment of the situation we are in. As I write this the latest concerns are around the increase in homelessness that may accompany this downturn. And, of course, there is the bullying of the Ukrainian nation, that we have to witness daily.

All of this is of course unwelcome, and prayers go out for things to get better over the coming months. The irony though is that it may just help us feel what the first Christmas was like. An engaged couple having to travel ninety miles on foot (perhaps with a donkey, who knows?), to fulfil some administrative exercise. They then had to bed down in the space where animals were kept. When you remember Mary also gave birth in these circumstances, and then had to flee with her husband and baby son as refugees to Egypt, we can 'feel' their struggles.

In the early months of next year, let's hope and pray that things improve, especially for the less wealthy among us. And as we have less to spend on the frills and trimmings of the festive season, perhaps there is the space to properly re-visit the events that began it all. Those events, of course were just a beginning. In the coming of Christ God was building a bridge between Heaven and Earth, which would endure forever.

May God bring a twinkle of extra blessing, to you and yours, this Christmas season. And may 2023 be one which lights up your spirits!

Revd Heather and Capt. Alan Lowe, and all at St Andrews

FEEDING OUR LOCAL BIRDS

At this time of year, put out food and water on a regular basis. In severe weather, feed twice daily if you can. Birds require high-energy (high-fat) foods during the cold winter weather to maintain their fat reserves to survive the frosty nights. Use only good-quality food and scraps. Always adjust the quantity given to the demand, and never allow uneaten foods to accumulate around the feeders. Good hygiene is vital in all seasons, or feeding may do more harm than good.

St Andrews Church—Cont'd

St Andrews would like to thank everybody who attended the talk by Ursula Buchan. She spoke about her grandfather who wrote the 39 Steps and his life as a diplomat.

Four weeks later villagers brought their treasures to be valued by James Burton. Some interesting finds and some people amazed at the wealth that had been hidden in their attics.

By the time you read this we will have already held our Winter Festival on Saturday 26th November. We do hope this is a financial success as we fundraise earnestly for a toilet and a servery.

Save The Dates

Race Night Sat March 4th

Brass Band with a tribute to Glenn Miller, Monday Mar 27th

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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.

ALLOTMENT NEWS

After the dry summer, we have had enough rain to moisten the soil so that weed removal and winter digging can start. Everyone has their own ideas as to how this is best carried out.

Some stick to the old method of spade or fork digging to turn the soil and leave it for the winter weather and frosts to break down the clods. Others prefer the no dig method, where compost is spread over the surface to smother any weeds and then letting the worms and other insects to break up the soil.

Cow or horse manure is added to some allotments to increase the organic content. This helps with moisture retention and lightens the ground. I have tried sowing mustard seeds in September, and now that they are about 3 foot high I am digging them in. This should also add extra organic material. I will see next season whether it has improved the soil.

Nearly all of the allotments on Benefield Road are now let and being fully used. If you are interested in getting one, do contact Chris Allen or Sally Wilks to get put on the waiting list.

Spring will soon be here, so plan your plots and get your seeds ordered.

<p>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</p>

Jordans Weeones

Firstly I would like to thank everyone that has kindly supported us over the last few years especially as the support from this village kept the Jordan's Weeones Charity running throughout the worst of the covid years when we could not do any other fundraising. None of the help we have given to families would have been possible without all of your amazing support.

We are truly grateful to each and every one of you, thank you!

Please help us continue to support families affected by childhood cancer.

Occasionally we receive a thank you letter below is one of them so that you can see how much the money raised is appreciated.

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Thank you to this amazing charity for the grant. It really has helped towards our extra living costs, travel expenses, and buying new clothes for my son when he outgrew his current clothes due to weight gain from his treatment. It really helped ease the financial pressure at such a difficult time. We were worried how we would be able to afford the extra costs and this charity helped us not have to worry about the financial side.

Thank you, Kimberley



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Jordans Weeones cont'd

The Autumn Fair was a huge success with people attending from all over the area to see the great variety of stalls that were on offer, there were 24 different tables and the bouncy castle outside.

We raised an amazing **£1130.00** so that is another seven families helped with a bit left over. Many thanks to all my helpers and cake bakers.

The Bric a Brac has ticked along this year and I have taken it to several car boot sales.

Upcoming events

Enchanted Garden and Father Christmas in his Grotto,

Please book Father Christmas through me via email j@janesteward.co.uk messenger, or on the post on Brigstock Jordans Weeones information fb page , you can also text 07775830526

Father Christmas will be available to see all children at £5 each but Brigstock Children are free of charge. Each child will receive a gift.

Friday 16th December Father Christmas 6.15 to 7/7.30pm. Please do book for Friday even although it is Advent Calendar reveal because Father Christmas would like to arrange his appointments.

Saturday 17th December and Sunday 18th December 3.30 to 6.30pm

Father Christmas 3pm - 6.30pm

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

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

Total raised to date this year **£4420.60** that means we have helped 29 families who have children with cancer.

FURTHER CHRISTMAS JOKES

1. **Q: What's a snowman's favorite cereal?** A: Snowflakes
2. **Q: Why does Santa go down the chimney?** A: Because it soots him.
3. **Q: What do you call a snowman that's past its prime?** A: Water

LYVEDEN MANOR HOUSE AND NEW BIELD

Our property is now open Friday to Monday until 1st of March, when we reopen full time. However we do have a few events for you to join in over the Christmas period. Most need booking, so see our website for more details,

An Evening of Haunting Ghost Stories

3 December 7-8pm, £10 Adult

Festive Door Hangers Workshop

30 November (10.30am and 2pm sessions), £40

Christmas Table Decorations

7 December (1.45pm sessions), £45

Eco Festive Wrapping Workshop

15 December (10.30am and 2pm sessions), £15

Spookily Festive Tudor Storytelling

3 December 5-6pm, £10 Adult

'Chase the Goose' family trail

25 November-6 February, £1



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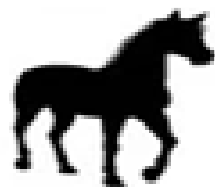
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North Northants Astronomy Club (NNAC)

We are a small, friendly astronomy club that meet the 1st Friday in the month from 8 to 10pm. We started meeting in the upstairs Large Meeting Room in February this year and we are grateful for a nice, clean airy room for our get together.

The club is a bunch of people with a passionate interest in all things in the sky both near and far, and with a quest for answers to the wonders of the Cosmos. We have many astro-photographers that delight in their techniques and art for collecting photons, and producing beautiful deep space images. We have knowledgeable members who can show how to get all those tele-



scope operational that have been gathering dust in the cupboard.



Brigstock with its unpolluted dark sky makes an ideal venue for stargazing, the terrace beside the hall makes a perfect stand for telescopes.

For our December meeting we have our usual eclectic mix, together with our Christmas astro quiz.

There is no membership fee to join and no committee, all are welcome.

Paul Smith, North Northants Astronomy Club

NNastronomy@hotmail.com <https://nnastro.club/>

BRIGSTOCK BELL RINGERS

We were honoured to ring fully muffled bells during the mourning period for Queen Elizabeth. The regular ringing team also completed a number of quarter peals (none stop ringing for around 45 minutes).



More importantly, local Brigstock residents were invited to come along and chime the bells to celebrate the life of the late queen. We were pleased to see 70 locals of all ages take part.

Ringling practices at Brigstock, Stanion and Sudborough on Wednesday 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.