

# BRIGSTOCK

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## BRIGSTOCK NEWS

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE

- 7 Village Hall AGM, 7pm
- 11 Village Garage Sale— PFA
- 11 Queen's Birthday Church Service, 5-15pm onwards
- 12 Queen's birthday celebrations—inc Cricket Club Youth Day
- 13 Jumble Sale - PFA - Primary School
- 13 Ladies Leisure Group - Bring and Share Lunch - URC
- 14 WI M Parry," History and Making of Candles" 7-30pm
- 16 Bingo - Harpers Court, 7-30pm
- 17 URC Quiz Night, Green Dragon PH
- 19 Cricket club, Calnan Challenge Cup
- 19 Tea dance— village Hall—2—4.30pm
- 24 Ballroom dance Village Hall 8—11pm

### JULY

- 2 Playgroup Summer Fete, Village Hall
- 9 Cricket Club Hog Roast , Bucking Bronco and Disco
- 12 WI - talk TBC - 7-30pm
- 16 PFA and St Andrews Village Fete— Rectory Green
- 17 Wind in the Willows— PFA— primary school 2pm
- 17 Tea dance— village Hall—2—4.30pm
- 18 Ladies Leisure group - Lunch and Boules, Country Park

### AUGUST

- 1—5 Summer Club, URC
- 9 WI - Village Quiz Walk
- 15 Ladies Leisure Group - Cream Tea, Thrapston
- 21 Tea dance— village Hall—2—4.30pm
- 26 Ballroom dance Village Hall 8—11pm
- 27 Cricket Club Birthday Bash - the Meadow

### SEPT

- 3 URC Barn dance, Village Hall
- 16/17 BRIGSTOCK BEER FESTIVAL - Village Hall
- 19 Ladies Leisure Group - Trip to Spalding

## BRIGSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

### VILLAGE HALL AGM - 7TH JUNE - 7PM

If you would like to find out what the Village Hall has been doing over the last 12 months, or would like to help over the next 12 months, come along to our AGM. We are a small committee and would always appreciate more help and support.

In the next few months, we will be changing our constitution to a CIO— Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This will bring us more in line with modern constitutions and is more acceptable to Charities Commission.

The Village Hall is still being booked up for many events and courses. Do support these as they are laid on for your enjoyment.

The hall is funded from the revenue raised from hiring the hall and also from its own fund raising events. We are constantly looking for new events and help to run these. If you are thinking of holding an event, look at what the Village Hall can do for you.

If you want to discuss any of the above, please contact the Chairman, Sally Wilkes on 01537 373428

### THURSDAY LUNCH CLUB 12.30 GREEN DRAGON



There is a senior citizens lunch every Thursday at the Green Dragon. A two course meal, and varied entertainment is on offer for £8. Do come along and have some fun.

Further details from Jim Clarke on 373717

# Brigstock Neighbourhood Plan

## Update – The Survey

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone that completed the questionnaire earlier in the Spring. In total we received 305 responses from people who live and/or work in Brigstock. The Neighbourhood Plan committee were thrilled with the level of response, and believe it bears testament to how much local people care about the future of Brigstock.

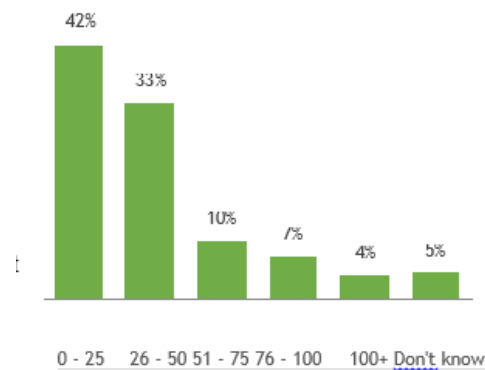
99% of respondents live within the Parish of Brigstock, and 9% work in the parish. Responses were received from a wide range of age groups. However, 39% were aged 65 years or older.

### What you told us...

We asked you to let us know what the most important issues are for the neighbourhood plan to tackle. The issue deemed important by the largest number of people (71%) was ‘controlling future development’. ‘Protecting green areas in the village’ received the second highest number of votes, with 62% of you stating this as important.

### Future Development

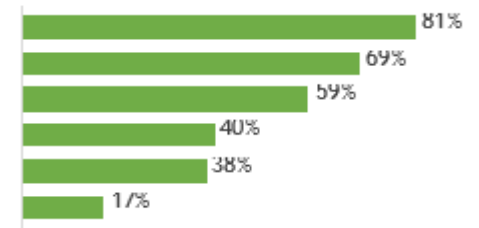
When asked how many new homes should be built in the village over the next 15 years, 75% of you suggested somewhere between zero and 50 houses would be appropriate. The average came out at 36 houses. See graph, right for the full result



If there is to be more housing in Brigstock, 81% of you believed it should be for first-time buyers. Only 17% of you thought any new housing should be for the private rental market.

### Types of ownership

- First Time Buyers
- Older people
- Private ownership
- Social rental
- Shared ownership
- Private Rental



### Local Green Spaces and the Countryside

When we asked you whether or not you agreed with the current designation of specific Local Green Spaces, on the whole you did, with most areas receiving agreement levels of 90% or more.

When we asked whether people considered that Brigstock Pocket Park between Barnards Way and the bypass is under used and could be developed for other uses, out of the choices provided the most popular ones were: a new site for the school; (37%) new social housing (36%); and a new site for the pre-school (35%). Private housing was the lowest ranking option at 12%, while 24% of people said it should **remain as a park**. Employment usage was also ranked relatively low, with only 18% of respondents agreeing the Pocket Park could be used for light industrial employment, and 14% of respondents agreeing it could be used for an office-based site of employment.

### Local Heritage

It is clear from your responses that heritage is very important. There was agreement from 91% of people that any new development should make a positive contribution to the local character and distinctiveness.

### What Next?

The Neighbourhood Plan committee may also come back with more questions and consultation as the plan starts to come together – it’s all about letting the people of Brigstock have their say. For more on the plan so far, visit the parish council website at [www.brigstockcouncil.org.uk](http://www.brigstockcouncil.org.uk)

## BRIGSTOCK BEER FESTIVAL

16th and 17th SEPTEMBER



### SPOT THE DIFFERENCE THIS YEAR!!

We are planning to make some important differences this years to the Beer Festival. So what are we doing different this year??

**Friday Night is Comedy Night.** Still comedy night and still only £10 a ticket. However this year we are getting our comedians from a new agency. So we hope to have **Mitch Benn** as the lead comedian. He is a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's satirical programme [The Now Show](#), and has hosted other radio shows. Benn has performed at several music festivals, and at the [Edinburgh Festival Fringe](#). He has also released seven studio albums. He will appear along with **Wes Zaharuk and Brian & Krystal**. (Line up may change— check website for latest details)

Tickets will be on sale in July, so get yours early as they could be in short supply.

### SATURDAY AFETRNOON—FUNDAY.

**This year we will open at 1pm**, an hour later than usual, but will still give 5 hours of drinking time before we close. Mothy—our Blues Band— will be playing during the afternoon, and we will have the Vikings, the Carnival Drums and Mr Punch and Judy to entertain us, plus others still to be booked.

### SATURDAY EVENING— FREE EVENING!!.

This year we are not charging for entry. Still adults only and we have a great Irish Band to play for us—called Magoo. They will start with a quieter set with good familiar songs, but will work up to a grand finale for the weekend. Entry may be limited if numbers exceed capacity.

**BEERS AND LAGERS**— we are trying this year to get as many beers that we have not had before. A challenge, but we think that we can get some new ones for you to savour.

So book the days in your diary and watch our website and facebook page.

[www.brigstockbeerfestival.com](http://www.brigstockbeerfestival.com)

If you want to sponsor us or help in any way, give the Chairman, Chris Allen a ring on 07471 502952. or [chrisallen043@gmail.com](mailto:chrisallen043@gmail.com)

## Ladies Leisure Group

Did you know we have a TV star in the village? Neither did we until we heard Ellie Bennett talk about her life as a TV extra- and we watched her in episodes of Midsomer Murders. She is now busy filming the new series, so keep a look out for a familiar face! It was fascinating listening to her, and we are fortunate to be able to offer a variety of activities and speakers, all organised between ourselves.

Recently we have tried our hands at origami and also enjoyed a session of prize Bingo. Our May meeting was an excellent lunch in the Olde Three Cocks and in June we are having a special bring-and-share lunch in the June Small room to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday-this will be on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a flower to make a corsage, and posh frocks are optional!

We meet on the third Monday of every month, and the next three meetings are all at different venues.

July 18<sup>th</sup>-lunch and boules at the country park

August 15<sup>th</sup>-cream teas at the Bridge Hotel, Thrapston

September 19<sup>th</sup>- we are joining with WI members to visit the Romany museum and Bay Tree garden centre at Spalding.

We welcome all ladies who have some time to spare-do join us.

## SUNNYSIDERS CLUB

Sunnysiders are looking for some more friends to join them. They are a group of young at heart senior citizens who meet weekly on a Tuesday at 2pm in Harpers Court Lounge. There is a varied programme of activities published in advance. Membership is £1.50 per week which covers activities and subsidised trips and meals. Everybody is welcome but car drivers and a few more men would be very welcome. Do not be put off if you are neither of those, you will receive a warm welcome.



## I wonder how many residents remember or know where Holy Corner was in Brigstock?

This was part of Park Walk and Church Walk, before Harpers Court flats were built. The reason it was (Nick Named) Holy Corner all the residents were big Chapel (U R C) people. The main family's living there were the Rowell family, the family business was the Fellmongers which prior to the 1960's were a very busy place of work, consisting of collecting hides and skins from slaughter houses farms and butchers shops. These were soaked in pits drawing water from the brook then treated with lime and chemicals, the fat would be scraped off the skins—these were now called the pelts - then going to the tanners in Stourbridge.

Wool would be collected from the farms during sheep shearing times in lorries. This would then be sorted before going to the Bradford wool mills and the Witney blanket company. Rabbit skins were dried by a coke brazier fire, then sent for making gloves. This area of Brigstock was one of the busiest places. Also, in the buildings adjacent to Harpers Brook, was a Blacksmith and Farriers shop, next to that was Braybrooke Bros carpenters shop. Here they made coffins and lined them.

I was born and grew up in a cottage next to these buildings. At the top of the hill on the left was Nichols Farm. This was farmed by Mr Tom Ellis, along with Mill Farm in the High St. This farm had a milking herd of about 30 cows, the one in Park Walk milked about 60 cows. All the milk was taken to Nichols farm where it was bottled and delivered by vans to Brigstock, Stanion, Sudborough and all the lodges. In the 30's and 40's, milk was delivered to Corby old village and Weldon. The cows at Mill Farm were milked 6-00am and 3-00pm every day. They would be taken after milking in the mornings as far as the old camp to a field for grazing until afternoon milking. This was my job when I started work— imagine taking a herd of cows along that road today, (imagine the abuse you would get). The cows at Nichols Farm would be milked at the same time and then all the milk would be bottled in the dairy ready for delivery, any excess milk was collected in churns by lorry and taken to Kettering Dairy. This part of Brigstock was a hive of activity especially in the mornings The house which is No 4 Park Walk was called Hillside. This was before house numbering. From the 1950s this house was the Doctors surgery, the waiting room was the front and the consulting room was opposite.

The surgery hours were Monday morning and evening, Wednesday and Friday Morning. The Doctors were Dr's Hunter, Shirkey, Ballantyne, Divine, and Carson. My Mother, living next door at No 6, would make coffee for them at 11-00am after surgery before they went back to the surgery in Corby, this surgery was in Kipling Rd, off Rowlett Rd.



T M Ellis Nichols Farm Milking Herd



Memories of Brigstock, by Carl Hector

## Greetings from Fermyn Woods Country Park

During the winter we continued our program of clearing glades in the Great Thicket with continued help from the Butterfly Conservation Trust for Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire. This is part of an on going programme to clear glades in the thicket which form ideal habitats for the elusive Black Hairstreak Butterfly. Look out for this small brown butterfly flitting around blackthorns and nectar plant in the middle of June .

You may have noticed some particularly large butterflies have appeared near the land slip (aka Muddy Mountain). The butterfly sculptures have been carved by local chainsaw artist Dick Tilley as part of a grant scheme funded by Mick George Ltd. The benches have been placed in one of our key butterfly areas, doubling up as some where to sit to admire the view and a good spot to see Grizzled Skipper, Dingy Skipper and Green Hairstreak Butterflies, all of which can be seen in the month of May. The new butterfly seating area is situated just behind the butterfly interpretation board. Here is a picture of a Green Hairstreak photographed by Roland Bogush.



The Friends of Fermyn Woods put on a very well received event in April. Owls to Behold. Tony from Owls to Behold gave a very informative talk about the life and habits of these amazing creatures. Here is a picture of one young audience member meeting a tawny owl called Spears. Thank you to the Friends of Fermyn Woods and Tony from Owls to Behold and to all of you who supported the event.

If you have any feed back or suggestions about the Country Park, feel free to call into the office, or email [Fermyn@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:Fermyn@northamptonshire.gov.uk)



Best wishes from Hilary, Senior Ranger . For more details ring 01536 373625

## POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.



Stephen Mold is the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire.

Stephen is happily married to Nikki. They have a young family and are seeing first-hand how wonderful & challenging bringing up children in the modern world can be. Stephen had a normal upbringing; climbing trees, playing football and then joining the Air Training Corps. This taught him tolerance, how to work with others through team-work, the importance of taking responsibility and the value of public service.

Over the last 30 years, Stephen worked his way up through the ranks, from his first job unloading lorries though various senior roles onto running his own business.

Stephen is passionate about making sure everyone gets their opportunity to make the most of their lives. As the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, Stephen wants to ensure victims are put at the heart of everything he does. He is focused on addressing the problem with alcohol and drug fuelled crime across Northamptonshire, as well as working to end domestic violence. In addition to this, he also wants to make sure that the towns and villages of Northamptonshire are safe for children and free from those who wish to harm them, either physically or online.

Stephen is committed to protecting the number of frontline officers and believes that there is an ever increasing opportunity to exploit new technologies, to enable more officers to be visible on the streets of Northamptonshire tackling the issues important to local residents; rather than being stuck at stations filling out paperwork.

If you would like to contact Stephen, he can be reached at [Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk) or via post at:

Police and Crime Commissioner  
Force Headquarters  
Wootton Hall  
Northampton  
NN4 0JQ

## Brigstock United Reformed Church

We had a very enjoyable Easter coffee morning in March, raising almost £400 for our funds. By the time you read this newsletter, we will have had an evening with Raunds Ukulele Band and slides of old Brigstock presented by Carl Hector. You may wonder why we are constantly holding events to raise money. Apart from our usual running costs, which we try to keep at a minimum although energy prices are very high, we are planning long-term to make more of our premises available to the community. We have a large area above the June Small room which we hope to renovate as a meeting place for the young people in the village. We already have architect's plans and basic costings, but we still need to raise a lot more.

So, we decided to have another "Summer Clearout" throughout June. This has proved very successful in the past, and we hope that you will be willing to donate any unwanted items for us to sell to Salvatex. Please see our separate notice with more details about this event.

On June 17<sup>th</sup> we are holding another one of our popular quizzes at the Green Dragon. Tickets will soon be available at £5 each, including refreshments.

We are busy planning a Holiday Club for village children of primary school age in the first week of August. By the time you read this, information will have gone out to the children via their school book bags, but please see our separate notice with more information. If you are interested in helping with this venture, please contact Helen on 373712 as soon as possible.

If you are looking for a large room to hold meetings or a family party, why not consider the June Small room behind the URC in Mill Lane? It is central, warm, comfy and only costs £5 an hour to hire, complete with fitted kitchen and facilities for the disabled. Phone Sheila on 373225 for more details.

Finally-save the date!-we are holding another Barn Dance on September 3<sup>rd</sup> after last year's was so successful. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Brigstock United Reformed

### SUMMER CLEAR OUT



Have you bought a new summer wardrobe, moved house or given your home a makeover? Then you must have some things you don't need any more!

Following our successful campaign two years ago, we are inviting you to have another **SUMMER CLEAROUT** this year, and during the month of June we shall be collecting any unwanted clothes, textiles, toys, books, bric-a-brac and small electrical items, all regardless of condition. The items donated will be sold to Salvatex of Corby who recycle goods or sell them on. For more information about what happens to your donations, please visit their website:

[www.salvatexrecyclinggroup.com](http://www.salvatexrecyclinggroup.com)

The money raised will go towards our church funds. We have been thinking about how we can make best use of our premises to serve the Church and community and will be looking into the renovation of an upstairs room.

Please bring your donations to the URC in Mill Lane on any Wednesday morning in June, between 10 am and midday, and have a free cup of coffee and cake. If you are unable to bring items to the church, we are willing to collect them from you, just contact one of the numbers below.

**01536 373225    01536 373832    01536 373712**

We regret that we are unable to accept furniture, duvets, pillows, cushions and large electrical items.

**Thank you for your support**

## BINGO

**Bingo is held in Harpers Court Lounge once a month** on a Thursday at 7.30pm. New players are welcome. Cash prizes and raffle.

Refreshments included.

The next session is June 16th

We then finish for the Summer, and start again on Thursday

## DANCES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June Ballroom, sequence and Latin dance 8-11pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August Ballroom, sequence and Latin dance 8-11pm

All are welcome, come along for a great evening of music and dancing. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tea coffee and biscuits are available during the interval.

£5.00 on the door, raffle available.

Tea Dance Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2-4.30pm

Tea Dance Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2-4.30pm

Tea Dance Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2-4.30pm

All are welcome, ballroom, sequence and Latin.

Come along for a lovely afternoon of dancing, tea, coffee and cakes.

Many thanks

Joan and Dave



## LATHAMS CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Report by Nick Garley, Head of School

This term the children have been working hard in preparing for and sitting their Standardised Assessment Tests. Children in Year 2 and Year 6 have been tested on their maths, reading comprehension and their grammar. The children did their best in tackling the papers and Year 6 enjoyed a breakfast club in the week of their tests.

During this term Year 3 children have been on a residential visit to Newton to study the geographical features of the visit. The two night stay was led by Miss Thompson. The children had a wonderful time studying the local environment and finished the stay by building model rafts which they raced down the river.

Year 4 and 5 enjoyed a one night residential stay at Stibbington. Mrs Griggs led the visit. The children have been studying the Brazilian Rainforest and whilst at Stibbington the children spent time looking at the features of a local wood comparing and contrasting it to the features found in a rainforest.

Key Stage 1 children have been looking at 'Celebrations' and they have been using it as an opportunity to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Children across the school have created a portrait of the Queen and we have 90 portraits on display in the school hall. Mrs Ettridge has organised some of the portraits to be entered into the Radio Times portrait competition.

At the moment, children are practising for the May Day country dancing. The dances took place in the village and we hope everyone had a chance to see us.



## **BRIGSTOCK LATHAMS CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

This term sees the summer events spring into life. The Pudding Club will have been eaten by the time you read this, and if it's half as successful as the Curry Night was, we'll be delighted (technically we'll be half as pleased, but that's still pretty delighted). Events you can get involved with start with the Garage Sale on 11 June, followed by a jumble sale in the school on the following Tuesday from 4pm to clear those odds and sods which didn't sell but need moving on. Donations to the school on Monday 13 June please. Anyone who can help sort out on that Monday evening, should contact Naomi Dunkley on tel:07943122582 beforehand.

To register your garage contents for the sale, or book a table in the school hall for a tabletop sale, please contact Sarah Owen on 01536 373191.

The Cricket Club barbecues continue every Friday evening and by the time you read this, we'll have also dished up a Caribbean evening, demonstrating yet again the remarkable diversity of the PFA chef cadre.

Two more events include Wind in the Willows the outdoor theatre at the school, using the amphitheatre, which is the first time we've had a professional company perform on the outdoor stage. Its at 2pm on 17 July.

The day before on 16 July is the Village Fete which is adding an event perfectly targeted at the middle-aged gentlemen in lycra terrorising our lanes and sense of decency every weekend: a slow bicycle race. That's right, last to the end of the Fete arena claims the prize! Stick that result up your Strava.

There's the duck race, sales, teddy parachuting and there will also be an unusual pet category for all you budding Hagrids out there, so start breeding those winged, horned, fire-breathing spiders now. Categories might well include 'most teeth', 'highest altitude carrying a child' and a 'pet which can spit venom the furthest distance distance prize'. We'll be running that last one past Health and Safety but can't see any major issues. See you there!

## **So - a roundup of coming events for the PFA:**

Sunday 11 June - Garage Sale - pick up a map at the school, where there will also be a tabletop sale. Organiser Sarah Owen tel 01536 373191

Tuesday 13 June - Jumble Sale at the school, from 4pm.

Organiser Naomi Dunkley. Tel:07943122582

Saturday 16 July Village Fete - bring teddies on parachutes, bicycles, unusual pets

Sunday 17 July Wind in the Willows at the School, 2pm, contact Sarah Owen on 37319



## **BRIGSTOCK VILLAGE GARAGE SALE** **SATURDAY, 11 JUNE 2016**

REFRESHMENTS AND MAPS AVAILABLE FROM  
BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S SCHOOL 10am – 2pm

If you wish to participate please complete your details below and drop this form, together with your £5 donation to:

11 Swan Avenue – Paula Addison-Pettit - 373035

8 Woodyard Close – Sarah Owen – 373191

Poachers Keep, 2 Lyveden Road – Karen Sait - 373986

Your stall will then be included on the Village Map available to buyers  
Organised by Brigstock Latham's School PFA - Charity Number 1053054

## BRIGSTOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### LOCAL HISTORY

Last month Bill Simon, Robin Phillips and I visited Hatfield House to look at their extensive records on Brigstock. We were particularly interested to see the old maps of the deer parks dating from the time when they were granted to Sir Robert Cecil by Elizabeth 1 in 1602. This was not a popular decision amongst many of the locals. Cecil wanted to maximise profits by selling off timber, grazing cattle in the Great Park and driving the deer into the Little Park which was to be let to Thomas Tresham a gentleman “most odious in the county” probably because of his “hard and extreme usage of his tenants and countrymen” and his Catholic faith. The people of Brigstock protested against these changes by rioting in April 1603, stirred up by a local gentleman called Simon Montagu and his brother-in-law Chaney. In May Chaney ordered the workmen in the Great Park to stay their sale of wood and timber saying falsely that he had the authority of the king. He also claimed that Simon Montagu should have charge of the deer. Various attempts were made to prevent the buyers of wood from paying in their money. Chaney even gathered ‘a troop of lewd women of Brigstock’ to put further pressure on the workmen. The keepers of Farming and Geddington Woods refused to receive three or four hundred deer turned out of the parks so they were allowed to stray across the neighbourhood. The locals were probably well supplied with venison at the time. The sheriff and JPs had to be summoned to intervene and the unruly people of Brigstock were eventually subdued with a combination of threats and persuasions. Cecil helped by distributing alms for the poor and securing new leases for the tenants. We discovered a letter from George Sharp, vicar of Brigstock, written to the Earl of Salisbury in February 1604 in which he says;

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY - CONT'D

*“I find all the chief of the parish, with many of the inferior sort on both sides depending, to consist of puritans, I hope something conformable, and of papists, I fear refractory and obstinate. Between both there is outwardly scarce a show of humanity, but inwardly mortal and unchristianly malice. Of the rest, many rebukeable for their dissolute courses, others to be pitied for their beggarly estates. I am grieved that where there is no agreement with contrarieties, nor any communion with different religions, he whose part is to reconcile shall find his labours uneffectual or intolerable. My duty shall not be wanting. The value of the living is £40 to be farmed, but this year scarce anything as Mr Baldock the late incumbent has sown all the land and must reap the benefit. In regard whereof, and intending to take the degree of Bachelor in Divinity this year at Cambridge, I beg to continue in the university until midsummer.”*



George Sharp remained vicar until 1615 and obviously had his work cut out tending to his wayward flock! How things have changed.

We obtained digital copies of the maps and some of the documents and hope to be able to display these at a later date.

Our new programme of talks starts again in September. We meet at 7.30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month until June. Please come and join us. Membership is £10 per year.

Sally Wilks

Chair Brigstock Historical Society

# BRIGSTOCK

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Mr Ken Motion	Councillor	01536 373598

Following the flooding in the village at the start of the year we had a meeting with the civil engineer appointed by NCC to produce a flood report. He listened to residents and had a thorough tour of the village. We hope that measures will be taken to address some of the problems. Closing the roads to traffic proved difficult as some inconsiderate motorists tried to get through the flood water without any thought to the havoc they were causing by creating waves. Many thanks to Ken Chapman who acted as flood warden, and everyone else who helped out on the day. NCC no longer provide sandbags but the PC has purchased a number of flood sacks which are more effective and can be purchased at cost from the clerk.

Following complaints about parking in the village particularly along Grafton Road, a meeting was organized with residents, our county councillor Wendy Brackenbury, and the police. Most of the problems occur because motorists park inconsiderately so we have worked with the police to produce some parking notices which will be put on cars parked in awkward places. The aim is to make people think about how they park but pursue prosecution if offenders persist.

# PARISH COUNCIL

Questions have been asked about the progress of the skateboard facility. Following a meeting with the interested group of youngsters they were tasked with talking to the Cricket Club about siting, talking to the owner of the Meadow and looking at sources of funding. The PC needs to be sure that there is long term commitment from the user group because we will have the job of maintaining and insuring the facility if it is built. We have not yet received a progress report. At the same time, through the Neighbourhood Plan, we are looking at other ways of enhancing play provision for youngsters in the village.

We have just held the Annual Parish Meeting which was attended by two members of the public. This meeting is not a council meeting and is an opportunity to celebrate local activities and debate current issues in the community. Should we make it a more informal occasion in an attempt to encourage more residents to come along and meet with parish councillors and discuss things that you yourselves have put on the agenda? Or do we take it that you are all very satisfied with what is going on in the village and leave it as it is - a short meeting before the usual parish council meeting in May?

The PC response to the Gladman application can be read on the village website. It is quite clear that residents don't want this development, ENC doesn't want it, the County Council doesn't support it, and our MP Tom Pursglove is on our side.

Thanks to all of you who took part in the village litterpick. A huge amount of litter was collected and volunteers were very grateful to the WI for the delicious refreshments.

Thank you too to those residents who keep parts of the highway grass cut. We only have 5 contracted cuts a year so your efforts are greatly appreciated.

[www.brigstockcouncil.org.uk](http://www.brigstockcouncil.org.uk)

# Bringing yoga to Brigstock

*Yoga talk is everywhere nowadays – celebrities, sportspeople, mums and dads, office workers, manual labourers and even animals are doing it. And maybe you've been thinking about doing it to!*

*It could be that you did yoga way back or you'd like to try yoga for the first time – perhaps you've never even considered it. Whichever it is, ITori is waiting to show you my brand of yoga at Brigstock Village Hall, every Monday night during term time from 7.30pm until 9.00pm.*

## Who should do yoga?

Everyone! It doesn't matter what age, sex, colour, religion, ability, shape or size you are, you can do yoga. Tori's classes are playful, light-hearted, non-competitive and non-judgemental.

## What is Hatha Yoga?

Hatha Yoga involves holding or moving slowly in and out of different postures (*asana*), specifically aiming to align the spine. This builds strength, improves flexibility, releases tension in the whole body in preparation for sitting in meditation or lying in relaxation at the end of class. At the beginning or end of a hatha class we use breathing practices (*pranayama*) to nourish the body, calm and focus the mind and improve cardiovascular health. New yoga styles have emerged from Hatha Yoga in recent times and you will find a mix of influences in my classes and workshops: flowing sequences (*vinyasa*) and practices inspired by Ashtanga, Kundalini and Jivamukti.

## Weekly yoga classes 2016

**Brigstock Village Hall, Bridge Street, Brigstock, NN14 3ET**

Mondays, 7.30pm–9.00pm Drop-in £8;

## Yoga workshops 2016

**Brigstock Village Hall, Bridge Street, Brigstock, NN14 3ET**

Sunday 10th July, 10.00am–12.30pm: Improving Back Health

How to contact Tori - Telephone 07966 465919

Email [om@toriwilliamsyoga.co.uk](mailto:om@toriwilliamsyoga.co.uk)

Visit facebook for the latest information [facebook.com/toriwilliamsyoga](https://www.facebook.com/toriwilliamsyoga)

# KNIT AND NATTER

The knit and natter group meet in the PO on Wednesdays from 10 until 12, We undertake our own projects plus sell items for charity. So far this year we have raised money for Air Ambulance and Macmillan Nurses. We periodically decorate the PO window and will be doing this for the Queens Birthday in June.

Please contact Steph 373422 or Glenda 373987

# EVENING TELEGRAPH

Should you wish to advertise an event for your organisation in the Evening Telegraph please contact Steph Beckett 373422 or [steph@beckett13.fslife.co.uk](mailto:steph@beckett13.fslife.co.uk)

Items should be sent by the Thursday of the week preceding the Thursday publication.



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## OUNDLE GILBERT & SULLIVAN PLAYERS

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### “Transports of Delight”

We will perform many popular numbers such as **Fly Me To The Moon, Big Yellow Taxi, Chatanooga Choo Choo, Ferry Cross The Mersey** and many more. Our cast of more than 40 singers, once again directed by Gill Potts and accompanied by Ben Smith, will perform at the **Stahl Theatre, West Street, Oundle** (courtesy of Oundle School) on **Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th June**, curtain up at 7.30pm.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at **Oundle in Stitches**, 5 Crown Court, Market Square, Oundle, telephone

01832-274433. Oundle in Stitches is open from Monday through to Saturday but closed all day on Wednesday. Should a personal visit to Oundle in Stitches be a problem for you, please telephone Paul Weetman on 01832 273830 or you can e-mail him at [p.weetman@btopenworld.com](mailto:p.weetman@btopenworld.com).

I do hope that you will join us for a wonderful evening of music at the Stahl Theatre.

#### TICKET DETAILS

Saturday 25th June @ £10.00 each

Sunday 26th June @ £10.00 each

## BRIGSTOCK CRICKET CLUB 2016

A warm welcome awaits you at The Meadow throughout the summer. The Adult teams are playing cricket at a high standard every Saturday, and alternative Wednesdays, and our keen Youth Section have fixtures on Sunday mornings, Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings.

If the excitement of competitive cricket is not enough then do come down to the Pavilion on a Friday night when our Coaches put the youngsters through their paces. You are welcome to buy a drink or a burger (courtesy of the PFA) with us, and even better if you volunteer to help on the night.

Three events, open to all the Village, to look forward to:

**Sunday 12 June.** Youth Fun Day along with Village Queen's Birthday celebrations. Youth matches, children's entertainment, bouncy castle, games and challenges AND a challenge cricket match between some old Brigstock folk and some even older Brigstock folk. Ambulances and A & E on stand-by.

**Saturday 9 July.** Hog Roast, Bucking Bronco and Disco/Live performances along similar lines to last years hugely successful event.

**Saturday 27 August.** Club Birthday Bash. Help some of our Members celebrate yet a other birthday.

So make a point do getting down the Meadow where our Club remains a key part of your Village Community.

Pete Burdett, Chairman. Tel. 01536 383478



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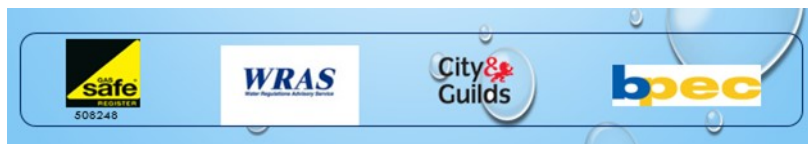
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1) This Club is a charity draw, conducted and organised voluntarily by the committee of Brigstock WI. It is called "The WI 200 Club" and anyone over the age of 18 years of age can purchase shares.

2) The objective of the Club is to raise funds for Brigstock WI Hall to ensure its survival in the village and at the same time to allow members of the 200-Club the opportunity to win worthwhile prizes.

3) The annual subscription is £12 per share. Anyone wishing to purchase shares must complete an application form & return it together with a payment of £12 per share.

4) Draws take place monthly (except August) with a Bonanza Draw at the December meeting.

(For a full copy of the rules, please contact Brigstock W.I.)



# SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 1 – Friday 5 August 2016  
10.00am – 2.00pm

Celebration Worship Sunday 7 August, 10.30am  
United Reformed Church, Mill Lane

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## GLADMAN DEVELOPMENT, OFF BENEFIELD ROAD

A developer, Gladman, submitted another application for 110 houses. This had a few minor changes to the previous, but tried to answer some of the objections raised. This planning application will be considered by East Northants shortly, and there have been about 500 letters of objection to this submitted by local residents.

There will be a Public Enquiry set for the 18th July where the original application and evidence will be considered. The Planning Inspector will make his recommendation to the Secretary of State for a final decision. The Enquiry is open to all to listen to and some residents will be able to make representation as well. Keep an eye on the Planning website as to how you can attend and watch the discussion or possibly put your case forward to the inspector

## WOODLAND SCENES

Spring is rapidly moving into summer, and nature moves along at a fast pace to keep up.

The Bluebells in the woods have put on a great display in many of the local woods along with the snowdrops and wild Primroses. In the Red Kite nest that I have been watching, the mother bird starting sitting on the 1st April, and the chick would have hatched about 3 weeks later. The mother bird has been sitting tight, and the first chick was seen until the 25th May, when it would be about 4 weeks old. I expect it will fledge about 7-8 weeks old when it has grown all its new feathers. The Red Kites seem to have spread out from this area following the closure of the tip in Corby. This was a good place for them to get their afternoon tea, but now they are having to look further afield for their food.

Fallow Deer are still present around the fields in small herds of up to 25 to 30 deer, comprising of Does and young Pricketts. They will be having fawns shortly, and will become harder to see as they hide their young away from sight.

Look out for the Purple Emperor and White Admiral Butterflies which appear in the woods in the first 3 weeks of July. People come from all over the country to see these beautiful insects. So don't miss out and follow the experts along the tracks behind the Country park to see this spectacle.

## Brigstock WI - Park Walk, Brigstock

By the time this newsletter goes to print, the long awaited sewerage and toilet installation will be complete. Therefore this lovely old building will be available for hire. All thanks to **Big Lottery** and **ENC Community Facilities Fund** to whom we will always be grateful.

Through extensive fundraising, grants and donations our hall has had additional essential repairs, such as re-pointing of the lower line brickwork, installed a French Drain to aid drainage of rainwater from the paddock, installed a new soak-away outlet pipe, installed new guttering, repairs to doorframe and replaced the skirting boards. In the next few months the external paintwork will be complete giving a lovely fresh look to this historical building.

Brigstock WI Committee wish to thank everyone (members and the wider village community) who has helped, whether it be spending a few hours manning a stall, helping with setting up, making endless cakes for various events or just generally supporting and buying tickets for events. Without this support we would not be where we are today.

### WI MEETINGS AND SOCIAL MEETINGS:

Visitors and new members welcome to join us on our members evening and "open to everyone" social evenings. For further information, please call either Liz on 01536 373672 or Glenda on 01536 373987.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** WI Meeting at WI Hall, Park Walk, Brigstock at 7.30. Speaker Mrs Marianne Parry present "The History and Making of Candles" Competition is a decorative candleholder.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Themed WI Social evening. Open to members and non-members. Meet at WI Hall, Park Walk Brigstock at 7.30.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July:** WI Meeting at WI Hall, Park Walk, Brigstock at 7.30. Due to unfortunate circumstances, our speaker presenting "Shire Horses" is not able to attend; therefore a different speaker (yet to be confirmed) will entertain us at the July meeting.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July:** Themed WI Social evening open to members and non-members. Meet at WI Hall, Park Walk, Brigstock at 7.30.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August:** No meeting in August; however members can join in the annual "Village Quiz Walk" (village yet to be confirmed)



# Brigstock Pre-school Playgroup

The children at playgroup have been having lots of fun recently from growing cress to planting sunflower seeds.

The longer sessions are still proving to be very popular and we have decided to continue with them. The longer sessions are on a Monday and Thursday (8.45am – 2.45pm). If you would like any more information please contact Sarah (Playgroup manager) as detailed below.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Easter egg trail. It was a lovely afternoon and the children certainly seemed to have fun. As we are a charity run Playgroup we are always trying to hold events to raise additional money for use within our setting. If anyone would like to get involved in our fundraising group we are always looking for any willing volunteers to join us. The meetings are informal and held in the Green Dragon Pub. Please come and join us or if you would like any more details either contact a member of staff or Emma on 07939581963.

We would also like to say a big thank-you to Waitrose in Oundle who included us in their community matters scheme. They raised a wonderful £257.00 and a couple of the children were taken and presented with a cheque.



## Playgroup, Continued:

Our next planned event will be our Summer fair on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the village hall. Please look out for more information or contact a member of staff or Emma if you are interested in having a table to sell your products or promote your business.

If you would like any information on the playgroup it can be found on our website [www.brigstockplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.brigstockplaygroup.co.uk) or please feel free to contact us on 01536373197 / 07708977714 or by email – [contact@brigstockplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:contact@brigstockplaygroup.co.uk)

Again we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who gives their time and support to us.

BusYBodies  
Baby & Toddler Group



Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control we are no longer able to use the vicarage rooms to hold our Busybodies group. We are currently trying to find a new location but are struggling as we need somewhere that also allows us to have storage for the toys. If anyone has any ideas please contact Emma on 07939581963

Many Thanks

## CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Various members of the village want to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a picnic in the meadow. This has evolved into a week-end of activities being organised by various groups so here is a run down of activities already planned when the article went to print.

11 <sup>th</sup> June	<p>10am-2pm Garage Sale run by PFA</p> <p>5.15pm Cream tea in the Church,</p> <p>6.00pm A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving on the Occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth 11</p> <p>6.45pm Service ends with the National Anthem and a Blessing</p>
12 <sup>th</sup> June	<p>11.00am assembly of dogs and horses at Anthony Steward's on Park Walk</p> <p>11.30am Procession of horses and dogs round village.</p> <p>1pm onwards Villagers get together for picnic on meadow to watch cricket matches and join in fun as below.</p> <p>1pm Cricket Club youth fun afternoon starting with youth cricket match</p> <p>3pm Dads versus youths match</p> <p>4pm procession of children dressed as royalty past cricket club house</p> <p>4.30pm Mr Crimble- children's entertainer</p> <p>6pm WI versus rest of village cricket match</p>

The Church Service is being shared with the United Reformed Church. We would like to get a full choir and we have already got an organist arranged. This is for **everyone and anyone! All ages, all faiths or none.** With a cream tea before hand in the Church

### Can we get 90 horses and dogs to walk round the village?

The horse ride will meet at Mr Stewards farmyard from 11am onwards and set off round the village from Park Walk at 11.30am.. All riders welcome but remember to be courteous to cars!!!

Dog owners are encouraged to join in as well, remembering to scoop the poop if necessary.

The cricket club times are approximate due to matches played.

The WI team may consist of partners as well but wait and see who appears.

Children ( and Adults) are encouraged to dress up as royalty and can show their costumes off in a mini parade at the Cricket Club House.

**Do you know of anyone who was born in the same year as Her Majesty? 1926.** If so please give names to Liz Searle (373672) so we can acknowledge them at the fun day in some way.

Finally celebrate the weekend by decorating your house or windows to add to the festive atmosphere.

## BRIGSTOCK COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Choir is now meeting regularly at the URC on the second Monday of the month. We are learning some new songs as well as singing popular ones. If you would like to come along and join us, just turn up at 8-15pm. If you cant read music, that's no problem either.

Check out the Brigstock Choir Facebook page for updates or contact Julia Staniforth.



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## BEST VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

By the time this is in print we will have been judged in the Best Village of the Year competition. The judges came round on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May in the morning and met with various people. We hope we did well, but will not know until the night of July 12<sup>th</sup> so fingers crossed. Many thanks to all those who have helped in any way.  
Liz Searle

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The Brigstock community are a beneficiary of BT’s investment partnership with the County Council (Superfast Northamptonshire) to extend the reach of faster broadband to over 95% of Northamptonshire business and residential premises.

As part of this rollout programme, Openreach engineers are installing new fibre broadband infrastructure in the village which is expected to be fully operational by early summer. Once the new fibre broadband infrastructure has gone live, residents and businesses who wish to benefit from faster broadband speeds, will need to order a fibre broadband service from their current broadband provider or choose a service from over 150 service providers (e.g. BT Infinity, Sky Broadband, Talk Talk and Plusnet), using the Openreach fibre infrastructure to provide faster broadband services to their customers.

Any resident/business with a telephone line will be able to upgrade to the new fibre broadband service (offering speeds of up to 80Mbps with technology developments in the pipeline to go even faster). No digging of verges, pavements and driveways is needed to connect a property to the new fibre broadband service.

Brigstock residents and businesses requiring even faster broadband speeds, will also have the option (when this is made available in the area) to order a fibre to the premises (FTTP) connection via an on-demand arrangement. Speeds of up to 330Mbps are possible via this fibre broadband technology, with further speed enhancements to come.

For further information on BT’s investment partnership with the County Council go to: <http://superfastnorthamptonshire.net/739-2/>  
For further details on the new fibre technology to be deployed in the village including case studies and participating service providers go to: <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/>”

# St Andrews Church

Those of you who read the last instalment of the Brigstock News will know that there is not currently a vicar in residence for Brigstock and the other three churches in the benefice – Lowick, Sudborough and Stanion. However it is business as usual and our Assistant Priest The Reverend Julian Bowers and other members of the retired clergy are ably managing all of the regular services, as detailed below.

Holy Communion - 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9.30 a.m.

Mid Week Holy Communion – Thursday morning at 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship - every second Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

The recruitment process is in full swing, all of the preparatory work is now complete and it is hoped the vacancy will be advertised in the next few weeks. We are all praying that the right person for the job is out there. We feel there are exciting times ahead of us for the church and community.

The first wedding of the year was on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April and what a glorious day it was. There are four more scheduled over the summer so listen out for the bells. St Andrews is such a beautiful building in which to celebrate life's events it offers everyone who enters it a welcoming embrace, comfort, hope and of course the love of God.

To celebrate the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday there is to be an ecumenical service on the 11<sup>th</sup> June at 6 p.m. The Reverend Samuel Silungwei from the United Reform Church will also be involved in delivering the service. This will be preceded by cream teas in the church. Everyone welcome, please come along and bring friends and family.

The joint church and primary school fete will be taking place on the Paddock next to the church on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> July, this is always a fun event not to be missed so please come along and spend generously. All proceeds are split between the church and the school

On a more practical note the church grounds, like the rest of the village have been plagued by the 'phantom fouler', yes I mean dog poo! Who ever is responsible for not cleaning up after your pet you know who you are. It is totally unacceptable to allow dogs to foul the grass verges and paths leading up to and outside of the church, some of this ground is consecrated. Please 'bag it and bin it.

## Volunteer Action

Helping you to stay active in your community

As you get older, or perhaps because you've always lived with a disability, it can be hard to get to those places that really matter to you. If you find yourself at home more than you'd like, you may wish you could see more people in your home.

That's where Volunteer Action (VA) can help. We provide a **car scheme** for those who cannot access public transport and can take you to very many of the places you would like to go – not just the hospital and doctor's surgery (although they are of course, offered!) but also shopping, to the hairdresser, to visit friends etc. We also run a **befriending service** of volunteers willing to come out & chat regularly. Our aim is to help improve your well-being and how you define that is largely down to you. This summer we are introducing an **enhanced referral service** to help you find the help you need.

CAR SERVICE: There is no membership fee. We do need 2 working days notice of drives but will consider medical drives at any time. All our drivers are volunteers who get paid 40p per mile (minimum charge £3). This is paid by the passenger directly to the driver in cash on the day. Drivers will wait an hour for a return journey for any purpose other than hospital appointments. For these we allow 2 hours. When travelling further afield (eg to Addenbrookes), drivers will wait even longer. Generally, distance is not a problem.

Example return fares: Brigstock to Kettering General Hospital	£8.40
Brigstock to Thrapston	£5.20
Brigstock to the local surgery	£3.00

BEFRIENDING SCHEME: This is a free service. We will match one of our volunteers to you who can come out to your house a couple of times per month for a chat. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from this please call the office to arrange an initial assessment. Our opening hours for these services are Monday to Friday 9.30 to 12.30

The phone number for all our services is 01832 275433

Or you can email us on [admin@volunteeractionundle.org.uk](mailto:admin@volunteeractionundle.org.uk)

See our website for more details