

BRIXWORTH BULLETIN

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NEW BEGINNING

As trailed in the last lamented Brixworth Bugle, this is the first issue of the Brixworth Bulletin, which for this year will be published in May, September and December. The Bulletin team is the same as the Bugle with the exception of Paddy Fox who is taking a well-deserved rest after 12 years of editorship. Perhaps Alistair Cooke's example will encourage her to return to the Bugle and continue until 95!

We hope you find our new format acceptable. Please give us time to shake down, particularly as we have a new production method.

It is important that organisations inform us of their future events / news and villagers send in letters on any subject for publication.

Harvey Fox.

ASHWAY CHANGING ROOMS SUFFER ELECTRIC SHOCK

During the April P.C. meeting, Peter Timlin of QMP reported that the electricity supplier to the changing rooms required a contribution of £35,000 (one third of the cost of the building) towards the upgrading of the sub-station and distribution to provide a high peak load requirement for the showers which will only be used spasmodically. It was decided to use gas as well as electricity and therefore the capital cost for water, sewage, gas and electricity will be reduced to £10,000, which is within the anticipated budget. However this decision will delay the request for tenders by 10 days and it is now anticipated that the programme will be as follows:

5th May Pre-tender meeting

28th May Tenders to be submitted.

7th June Official Tender Opening

Mr Timlin hoped that building work could commence at the end of June and the changing rooms would be complete by October. However this will depend on a loan being obtained before work commences. The current estimated cost is £124,300 with possible funding from the Council, NCC, DDC and the Football Foundation. The amount of the loan is likely to be in the region of £70,000-£90,000.

GARAGES MAKE WAY FOR HOUSES



A planning application has been submitted by the First London Group to build 12 residential properties on the former Texaco garage site. However it is understood that a second planning application by the developer may be made to build a further thirteen 2/3 bed mews houses on the site currently occupied by Ideal Motors. The architect for

First London made a pre- presentation on 10th May to Councillors & residents detailing the first stage and outlining the second. Access to the site will be from Northampton Rd and there will be parking spaces for 46 cars. It is proposed that only 8 houses would be built with garages. Affordable housing on this 0.5 acre site is being investigated.

FLEXIBLE ON NUMBERS: RIGID ON ACCESS



John Wilcox of John Wilcox Land made a presentation to the Brixworth Parish Council on the 27th April regarding re-development of the 1.1 acre site. Rigiflex had accepted their bid subject to planning permission. The current scheme proposed 40 units with a range of two bed houses and 1-2 bed flats. An 18 year old TPO on the beech tree on the corner of Northampton Rd/Froxhill Crescent dictates that the tree must remain and the Highways Authority currently insist that access to the site is via Froxhill Cres. It is understood that there is considerable opposition to this access, particularly as it is so close to the school access and because of the current proliferation of car parking in that area. Mr Wilcox was in consultation with

Servite Housing Association and at present between 10 and 12 of the units would be deemed as affordable housing. 49 car-parking slots would be available for the 40 units with no garaging. Some concern was felt about this situation.

It was agreed that discussions should be held involving the Highways Authority, the Developer and the Council to explore access from Northampton Rd. It was suggested that the bus-stop could be moved. Mr Wilcox said that it was important that this issue is resolved without delay, as any change will take time to draw up. No detailing work will commence until there is general agreement on the principles. The Parish Council will report back as soon as possible.

MURDERED PRESUMED DEAD



During March 2004, Brixworth Drama Group staged the play 'Murdered, Presumed Dead' by Ian Hornby at the village hall much to the delight of the local audience. This was an excellent 'whodunit', ably directed by Alec Hodgson, with many twists and turns, which gave an opportunity for members of the drama group to show their talents. Mike Culverhouse was excellent as a cheating husband, who, having been murdered, came back to haunt his estranged wife – or did he? Heather Poole was superb as the manipulative, scheming and ruthless wife (Robin, her 'real' husband assured people that this was not 'true to form' but can we be sure??) and Sue I'Anson was very realistic as the 'other woman', being 'seductive' and 'helpless' in turn. The other

members of the cast (Andy Knight as Sue's husband, Robin Armstrong as Inspector Hastings and Eileen Truby and Elaine Penn as hikers) were equally strong and added to the overall entertaining performance.

We were also privileged to discover that the author, Ian Hornby, was in the audience at the first Saturday performance, having journeyed down from Manchester especially to see the play. I am sure he wasn't disappointed!

It is understood that Brixworth Drama Group are thinking of staging a pantomime at Christmas, so watch this space and if anyone would like to be involved in any way, please contact Mike Culverhouse (881721)

Caroline Monk

BRIXWORTH CENTRE RENOVATIONS

Work is now under way with the refurbishment of the Brixworth Centre, Church Street. The improvements include repairs to the roof, electrical rewiring, a suspended ceiling, upgrading of the heating system and fire alarm, emergency lights, a new fire door, replacement guttering and repairs/replacement of the windows. The improvements, which will cost £85,352 are being funded by the SITA Environmental Trust. This Trust was established in 1997 to distribute tax credits generated by landfill sites, to community projects.

This much loved building first opened its doors as a village school in the 1870's and is currently used by many village organisations and a local play -group. Due to financial restrictions, the owners Northampton County Council were unable to carry out essential repairs to meet current legislation. For this reason, the Brixworth Centre Committee entered into a lease agreement with County Council to secure the future of the building, but without the generous support of the SITA

trust, it would have been doubtful whether the centre could have remained open for very much longer. The committee sincerely thank the Brixworth Rotarians for their help in painting the railings. Further external improvements to the building and surrounding area are being investigated. Sue Verall

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POLICE CLAMP DOWN ON THE FEW WHO SPOIL IT FOR THE REST

In accordance with the government's committed policy to toughen up on anti-social behaviour of the type that Brixworth has experienced over the last few years, Western area police recently launched a planned operation to tackle the problems resulting from the many complaints about the behaviour of groups of young people congregating, in particular, in the area of the Hunter's Way shops and the library.

As well as utilising their powers to disperse groups and impose curfews, the operation resulted in the imposition of several anti-social behaviour orders (ASBO's) - orders involving the submission of an individual's anti-social behaviour before a court and setting down the terms of an order which prevents that behaviour continuing. Where a breach of the order occurs, the Police have a power of arrest and the individual is put before the court again when the offence is considered as a criminal matter.

We have been asked to publish the following open letter to all villagers:

Dear Villager,

Over recent months, both the Police and Parish Council have received a number of complaints about the behaviour of young people in the village. The complaints range from littering, noise of under-age drinking in public places and drug taking.

The vast majority of young people in the village are good and cause no problems. They just like to hang around chatting as generations of kids have done before them. However there is a minority who cause excessive noise, minor and needless damage, smash bottles and drop litter in the street, public playing fields and gardens and generally have no respect for their environment. These include children and young people from what might be described as a 'good' home.

The reason for this letter is to ask all parents to ask themselves: 'What is my child doing at this moment?' The police will deal appropriately with any criminal offences that are identified but this is not just a Police or a Parish Council problem. It is for every member of the community to help make Brixworth a pleasant place for all to live and enjoy.

If you wish to speak to WPC Hyndman in confidence please phone 01604 700700 or e-mail babs.Hyndman@northants.police.uk

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BOOK GROUPS

Some of you may have watched a television series called 'The Book Group' which was shown a couple of years ago. Well, there are three groups in existence in Brixworth and from all accounts they have little in common with the T.V. characters.

Group A has 25 members, all female and has been meeting for 8 years. Group B has 17 members again all female, and started 3 years ago. Group C has 13 and despite the unlucky number has two males, one a psychiatrist to understand the female psyche, the other an engineer to open the wine bottles. This group has been in existence for 5 years.

Each group was asked to select 3/4 of their favourite books read by their group over the last 2/3 years and the result of these straw polls was

Group A

Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks
A Month in the Country by J.L.Carr
A Fine Balance by Robinton Mistry
An Equal Music by Vikram Seth

Group B

The Piano Tuner by Daniel Mason
House of Spirits by Isabel Allende
A Fine Balance by Robinton Mistry

Group C

Music and Silence by Rose Tremaine
Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks
Enduring Love by Ian McEwan
Bridge over San Luis Rey by T.Wilder
Whilst the above books were voted as favourites, it is often the books where opinion was divided, which provoked the most discussion and hence greater enjoyment at the meetings.

WOMEN FOR WOMEN

Dianne Leng, Fiona Wilson, Debs Hadfield, Karen Davidson, Sam Lamb and Debbie Maer



Brixworth resident Debbie Maer is joining five local intrepid women cyclists to make a 5 day/400km bike ride along the banks of the Nile starting on the 18th October 2004. The route is one of contrasts: from flat to undulating and from green vegetation to desert.

Professor Robert Winston is leading a group of 200 women who will, through sponsorship, provide funds to train women scientists and clinicians to improve women's health and the incidence of healthy pregnancies. Our six local cyclists are

training 3 days a week around Pitsford reservoir. Nearer October they will increase their training schedule particularly as on two of the days in Egypt, they will have to cycle 120km each day.

The flies around Pitsford will prepare them for the Nile, but on the day of our photograph, it was about 30 degrees C below temperatures in Egypt.

If you can help with sponsorship or a donation, please contact Debbie on 01604 889160

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir

Wherever did we get the idea that there are not enough police, nor enough money, to reduce the crime and vandalism in our villages? We have Community Beat Officers, Community Safety Officers, Youth & Schools Liaison Officers, Community Watch Support Officers and Public Relation Officers in every district in the country.

There is also enough surplus funding to mount Community Safety Road Shows attended by all these valuable Pillars of the Law, devoted to catching vandals and other criminals and protecting the public from muggers and rapists. These Road Shows give us valuable advice we would never have thought of ourselves such as lock your doors, fit burglar alarms, fit smoke detectors and so on.

In Brixworth we have even our own Police Station a paltry 2 miles away in the countryside up a lane readily accessible and visible to anyone aware of its existence and open 9 to 5. The police have so much time to spare that recently they detected a mother engaged in the criminal act of using her mobile in a stationary car. They stopped their patrol car and listened. HORROR! THE ENGINE WAS RUNNING! A £30 FINE. Notice was immediately issued. This is the type of efficiency and dedication we can expect from our modern Police Farce.

Ken Crooks



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OLYMPIC SWIMMER

Local girl, Caitlin McClatchey, 18, of Knightons Way Brixworth is the first member of Northampton Swimming Club ever to be chosen to swim in the Olympics. She will be off to Athens this summer as part of the women's 4 x 200 metre freestyle team, which is at present ranked fourth in the world on their times. The Brixworth swimmer realised her dream by smashing her personal best by 1.7 seconds to finish fourth in the British Championships at Sheffield's Ponds Forge swimming pool. She was watched by her family, including her uncle Alan McClatchey, who won a bronze in the same event at the 1976 Montreal Olympics. She is the daughter of Mr McClatchey, a professor at UCN and he and his wife, Louise, and other daughter Kirstie, will all be supporting her and the British Team's bid for gold as will, I am sure, all Brixworth residents. Louise Cramp

ZOE ALLEN

Zoe Allen died on the 5th April 2004 aged 81, married for 54 years to an American, Ed, who died 5 years ago. She lived in Northampton Rd. for over 30 years with her two daughters and son, Stephen who died 4 years ago. Zoe was a founder member of the drama group in the village and was a prominent member as an actor, a director, stage manager, in fact any task, which was required. She loved thrillers, mystery plays, drama, but hated pantomimes. She is most recently remembered for her authentic and beautifully made costumes for Winfrith, a historical play which was performed in the Church in the year 2000 to packed audiences. Zoe was a council member of the Friends of All Saints' Church. She painted, made pottery, made soft furnishing and was a wonderful homemaker. She will be sadly missed by her family, friends and lots of Brixworth residents.

DIAMOND WEDDING

On Thursday 15 April, Ken and Gwen Crooks of Saneco Lane who have lived in the village for 34 years, celebrated their diamond wedding. They were married at St Michael & All Angels Church, Alverston where there were only 30 guests due to the war and only two photographs allowed due to shortage of film.

Gwen is a member of the P.C.C., a Trustee of the Friends of All Saints' Church, a member of the Flower Guild and a member of the Mothers' Union.



Ken is a Brixworth School governor. Both have been singing in the Church choir for over 30 years. Their two sons and several of their grandchildren, as well as many friends and neighbours were delighted to share in the celebrations at their home on Saturday 17 April and admire the card sent from Her Majesty the Queen. Jane Neill

BRIXWORTH YOUTH FOUNDATION

What is the Brixworth Youth Foundation? It is an organisation that has the primary objective of providing much needed facilities for our younger citizens. It is envisaged that the Foundation will be a registered charity with a member base of parents and other suitable adult volunteers. The Foundation will be responsible for forming a Brixworth Youth Club. It is also envisaged that a joint committee of suitable adults and senior elements of our youth will manage the Club. *Where do you fit in with the above objectives? To ensure the success of the above, volunteers are urgently needed to:-*
a. Act as charity trustees for the Foundation.
b. Help run/supervise the club.
If you feel you can help in any capacity, please contact either Liz or Frank Wiig.

BLOKE IN THE KITCHEN

This column, which may become a regular feature in the Bulletin, is written by Paul Thompson, a local resident.

The main idea of these recipes is to keep them simple and tasty, designed for men who want to impress in the kitchen, whether it be for the wife, lover, friends or just for fun.

I can honestly say that I have had countless hours of fun watching friends and family enjoy these simple dishes which I have put together, and hopefully, you will enjoy them as well.

Try them for yourself and let me know how you get on.

This first dish is a favourite of mine.

SMOKED HADDOCK WITH BACON AND GREEN BEANS

Serves 4 people as a main course

Ingredients:

- 2 small packs of green beans—not frozen
- 1 large smoked haddock—fresh
- 1 clove of garlic—finely chopped
- 4 rashers of unsmoked bacon
- 1 lemon
- Pine nuts
- Sea salt
- Black pepper
- Extra virgin olive oil

Spread the green beans evenly in the bottom of a 12" x 8" oven-proof baking dish adding a good drizzle of olive oil and place the smoked haddock on top of the beans adding the bacon cut into strips, garlic and pine nuts. Cut the lemon in half and place in the dish cut side up and finally season with sea salt and black pepper.

Cover the dish with tin foil and place in a pre heated oven at 150 degrees C for 20 minutes, uncover and cook for a further 10 minutes.

Serve with new potatoes or warm crusty bread and use the remaining juices from the fish as a dressing if required.

Do not overcook and remember oven times and temperatures are only a guide.

Paul Thompson

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FRANK WIIG



Frank Wiig has lived in Brixworth for 17 years with his wife Elizabeth. He is a Company Director and is currently serving as a District Councillor for this Brixworth Ward. Since his election in May 2000 he has served as Resources Portfolio Holder, Deputy Leader of the Council and as a member of the Planning Committee. He is currently serving as the Vice Chairman of Daventry District Council.

During the past four years He, together with his fellow Councillors, past and present, helped to deliver the long awaited Spratton Road improvements, obtained £14,000 funding towards the changing room facilities on the Ashway Playing Fields and successfully campaigned against loss of state funding for beds in private nursing homes. He is also concerned about crime and antisocial behaviour and has actively campaigned against the inadequate Police resources within the District, especially within the Brixworth Ward.

He is concerned about the state of the roads, speeding through our villages, healthcare and education. He believes that parents should have a real choice in where their children go to school.

Frank says, " I have had the honour of serving as your elected representative for the past four years and, understanding the challenges and threats that exist to this attractive area would, if re-elected, continue to provide the strong representative voice needed to protect your interests over the coming years".

FRANCES PEACOCK



Frances Peacock has lived in Brixworth for nine years and is married with two children – Alex and Daniel – both of whom attend Brixworth Primary School." I work in an international context for various international organisations, and this sometimes takes me to countries such as Serbia and Kosovo.

I am a Parish Councillor, and I have enjoyed being in a position where I can work for my local community. I would now welcome the opportunity to represent the people of Brixworth at District level, and if elected I will concern myself with the issues that directly affect them. As a Councillor, I believe it is important to make yourself available to the residents and listen to their views, and if elected I shall endeavour to do this. I also intend to improve facilities and amenities in Brixworth, as these are beneficial to individual people in their everyday lives, as well as the Community as a whole. Many people are also concerned about the environment in which they live, so a safe, clean and healthy environment is therefore of prime importance".

MAUGHAN JOHNSON



"Maughan Johnson was born in Walgrave and has lived in the area for the last twenty-eight years. He believes that district elections have become over politicised. Subsequently issues directly relating to Daventry are too often prioritised and concerns of villages are overlooked. Maughan would hope to be a vocal representative providing a mouthpiece for local issues."

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2004



FRANCIS PEACOCK

Francis Peacock has lived in Brixworth for nine years and he is married with two children – Alex and Daniel – both of whom attend Brixworth Primary School. She works in an international context for various international organisations, and this sometimes takes her to countries such as Serbia and Kosovo.

"Since being co-opted onto the Parish Council in March 2003, I have enjoyed the challenge and having the opportunity to work for my local community. I would like to continue working for the people of Brixworth, and if elected I will make every effort to address the issues which directly affect them. My intention is to continue to improve facilities and amenities in Brixworth, as these are beneficial to individual people in their everyday lives, as well as the Community as a whole. Many people are also concerned about the environment in which they live, so a safe, clean and healthy environment is therefore of prime importance."

STEVE MABBUTT

"Having been born in the village and lived here for over 20 years I have seen tremendous changes. Housing and industry have dominated the village expansion but unfortunately change always brings with it a certain number of problems. As a member of the Parish Council since October 2003, I have been involved with most areas covered by its remit. If I am successful in my new application, I would like to see facilities created for the youth of the village but these must reflect their requirements as opposed to what adults believe they require. In addition I am keen to ensure affordable housing for local people but without all our green spaces filled with inappropriate buildings, also other facilities need to be planned to improve shopping and leisure requirements for local residents. Brixworth is a lovely village with lots to offer and we must ensure we do not lose or spoil what we have"

IAN BARRATT

"I believe passionately in consulting local people on issues that directly affect them. I run the on-line Brixworth Community Panel for this purpose. I am also a member of the Daventry People's Panel, the village Rural Safety Initiative Group and often attend Parish Council meetings – all to keep others informed and to feed back their views."

FRANK WIIG

"Serving as a Parish Councillor for the last four years has been an honour and I look forward to having the opportunity to serve for a further four years.

As we all know, Brixworth has grown rapidly over the last few years, and this inevitably has caused problems as the infrastructure has not grown to the same extent.

We have many youths in Brixworth but very few facilities for them. Last year, the youth club was taken away from them and it is my aim as a Parish Councillor to provide the youth of Brixworth with a new youth club facility and activities to involve them in village life.

I have also been very closely involved with the policing of the village and will continue to strive for effective levels of policing in order that we can all enjoy the benefits of rural life.

Finally, we have many senior citizens in the village and I am more than happy to continue to represent them whenever needed."

ELIZABETH WIIG

Elizabeth Wiig has lived in Brixworth for 22 years and has been a Parish Councillor for the last four years and a District Councillor for the last year.

Her role as Parish Councillor has included membership of the Environment & Highways, Planning, Finance and Amenities committees as well as being the police liaison officer. With the help of the police, she has formed a Rural Safety Initiative Group, where amongst other things, members look at ways of reducing potential crime in the area.

"I have enjoyed my time on the Parish Council and would certainly like to continue as I am concerned with the well being of Brixworth and its residents and if my input can make a difference to improve our way of life, then I would like to be given the chance."

RICHARD MONK

Richard Monk has lived in Brixworth with his wife, Caroline and two children for seven years. He has been a Parish Councillor for the last four years and is currently a member of the Finance, Library and Highways and Amenities Committees.

Richard and his family are involved in many village activities including the drama group, the Church and the school. He is also a voluntary committee member of the East Midlands Housing Association for the Northamptonshire area.

He is a chartered engineer and works as a KPMG consultant providing advice to the public sector, including local government and housing associations on how to improve their performance.

"I hope to be able to continue to use my commitment to Brixworth together with my knowledge and experience of public services to improve the quality of life for all the people of the village"

BOB CHATTAWAY

Bob Chattaway returned to live in Brixworth, where he grew up, in 1982. He worked in local government for 31 years before taking early retirement and now works part time for the Office for National Statistics. Bob is married to Terry and has two grown up children and a younger daughter, Amy, who attends Moulton school. He chairs the Parish Council's Recreation and Playing Fields Committee and is chairman of BRAUD.

"I would welcome the opportunity to give something back to the village I have enjoyed living in for most of my life. We need to ensure that we get more facilities for youngsters but remain a village surrounded by attractive countryside"

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KATH REDLEY

"Having been a successful candidate at the 2000 elections, I resigned in 2003 for personal reasons. Those reasons are now resolved, therefore I would like to serve the community again as a Parish Councillor.

Working in the Community Centre I find that I am able to help and inform members of the public about a varied spectrum of community issues. The DACT buses have always been a particular interest to me.

Affordable housing has been a longstanding issue in Brixworth and I feel that any further proposals for development in Brixworth should be looked at most carefully, giving consideration to the needs of the whole community and the resources that are currently inadequate to support further expansions. Forward thinking and progress do not always deserve negative response. I believe totally in public consultation about the environment we all share.

I also sit on the Village Hall Committee and have been asked to join the Brixworth Centre committee. Being a member of B.C.F. also helps me to gain a broad view of life in Brixworth".

From the Council elected in 2000, only 4 are seeking re-election. As a consequence there are only 8 candidates for the 14 Parish Council seats. It is disappointing that out of a population of 5000 and some large attendances at P.C. meetings, so few residents are prepared to give some of their time to oversee the administration of village issues.

We shall miss the Brixworth Bugle and thank Paddy and her team for all their work over the last 12 years. She certainly let Draughton go out with a blaze of glory.

The AGM of the St Catherine's PCC was held on 1st April and Robert Russell was elected Churchwarden for the 25th year. Although he no longer lives in the village, Robert does sterling work looking after the church and churchyard. The Church fete will be on 11th July.

There will be a Spring Fayre to raise money towards the renovation of the club-room on Sunday 23rd May, 2-4.30pm. There will be an Art Exhibition and sale of paintings, a tabletop sale and cream teas. If you have a painting to exhibit, please ring Gabrielle on 686671 and for tables on 686277. The church will be open and there will be a Children's Garden and a Plate Competition.

The gardening group will visit Lamport Hall gardens on 6th June, Lyveden New Bield on 7th July and Welland Valley vineyard 9th August. Speakers required for winter months Ann Block

HANGING HOUGHTON & LAMPOR

Elections for the Parish Council will be on the 10th June. As some of the councillors are retiring, new blood is needed. Being a parish councillor is not onerous, it requires attendance at about 6 meetings a year and an interest in local affairs. If you wish to stand for election, an information pack can be obtained from Anne Larkan, tel: 880453.

I am very sorry to report the death of Mrs Elsie Ward who had lived in the village with her family for some years and had put in a lot of work with the Brixworth W.I.

Judith Davidson

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Country Eye

Amy and the Tree
By Brian Webster

When she was small, Amy would stand in the garden, her hand in mine, and we would listen to the big lime tree. Always it had something fascinating to say to us. If we put our ears close to its lightly-fissured bark, we could hear the sap, the life force coursing through its tissues, like the gentle sounds of a slow-flowing stream.

Stirred by the slightest breeze, every leaf, every twig would whisper, silvery sounds that told each other of secrets that we could not know. Sometimes, tortured by gale force winds, it howled as if begging for relief as it bent before the unrelenting force; at other times it seemed to hurl defiance at the winds. The day following, when all was quiet again, the lawn would be strewn with twigs, whole small branches at times, and with the battle-scarred leaves that had given up the fight. But the most magical times were in the Spring, when the tree came into leaf and we tasted the mildness of the new leaves as they emerged from the orange buds. Leave them just a few days and they were too tough to chew, readying themselves for the buffeting they might face. Hordes of hungry caterpillars could reduce a leaf to a skeleton in a minute.

The small flowers, when they appear in super abundance, yield one of the great nectar feasts of spring. Then there is a continuing hum of insects as they gorge themselves. Later the sticky honeydew, produced by aphids, provides us with another 'Humming Chorus'

I spoke about this to Amy's mother the other day. The good news to me, and I hope to you, is that Amy, now nine, still listens to the trees.

VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT AT VILLAGE HALL



WINNERS BADMINTON CLUB

What a heartening sight it was on Wednesday 21 April, to see the village hall crammed full of village people taking part in the annual quiz. Groups with names such as 'Amateur Dramatics', 'Four Square' and 'Histrionics' (winner of the best name prize), battled their

wits against 'Norfolk 'n veins (!), Dibbers & Diggers and BBC 1 & 2. After a closely fought contest, one of the Badminton club teams won. Well done to them and to all concerned with the excellent organisation of such a well-supported village event.

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A CARING PERSON RETIRES

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT



The Parish Council gave approval, subject to minor alterations, to the draft Village Design Statement at their meeting on the 30th March 2004. It has been written by a steering group of villagers with support from the Parish Council after consultation with the village. Special thanks are given to Dr Paula Jones, Audrey Charlton, Keith Parrott and Gabriel Leeming.

The statement contains 8 landscape guidelines, 3 settlement guidelines, 20 building guidelines 5 street guidelines and 69 photographs. It includes the following sections :-

- Village content,
- Population, services, tourism,
- Visual character of surrounding countryside,
- Buildings seen in the landscape, settlement pattern character,
- Buildings and spaces in the village,
- Height, scale and density of building
- Hedges, walls and fences
- Highways and traffic
- Footways and cycle paths
- Street furniture, utilities and services

It is very well produced and we commend it as a valuable historical document. DDC approved the draft document on 28th April and residents may submit comments by 5th June. It is on view in the Information Centre.

Joyce Gross has recently retired from the Daventry Area community carers department. She started working as a community carer 30 years ago and has provided care at home for a great many people over this period. Many of those people have since sadly passed away or gone into residential care when they were no longer able to remain safely at home. Joyce has walked to work many times in all weathers from Holcot to Brixworth to provide essential care and then walked home again. She has worked in homes with no gas or electricity and where paraffin was the only source of energy. She has experienced incidents over the years, which have been sad or funny. On one occasion, she actually fell through somebody's floorboards as "they didn't repair them in those days, just put a

carpet over the holes"!

Joyce was a familiar figure in Brixworth and surrounding villages often stopping for a chat with locals during her morning rounds. She will be missed as a Carer to all she attended and will be missed by her colleagues, particularly for her commitment and kindness.

Joyce has a large family and is looking forward to spending more time with them and having a rest.

Nicola Lovesey Team Leader

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CONDITIONAL SURRENDER AFTER 4 YEAR STAND-OFF

Dallas Burston Group's planning applications:-

DA/2003/0751 relating to the use of the group's tennis court

DA/2003/0815 relating to change of use of Haywards Barn to a clubhouse

DA/2003/1358 relating to change of use of the field between Haywards Barn and the A508 to a cricket field

were approved by Daventry District Council subject to conditions.

Dr Burston began talks with the Cricket Club and the Parish Council in 2000 regarding change of use of this area and whilst the Parish Council has been in favour of this proposal, the Council has consistently sought security of tenure for the Brixworth Cricket club.

The Dallas Burston Group offered in a recent letter to D.D.C., a rolling 5 year lease which will commence when the ground is fit for cricket matches.

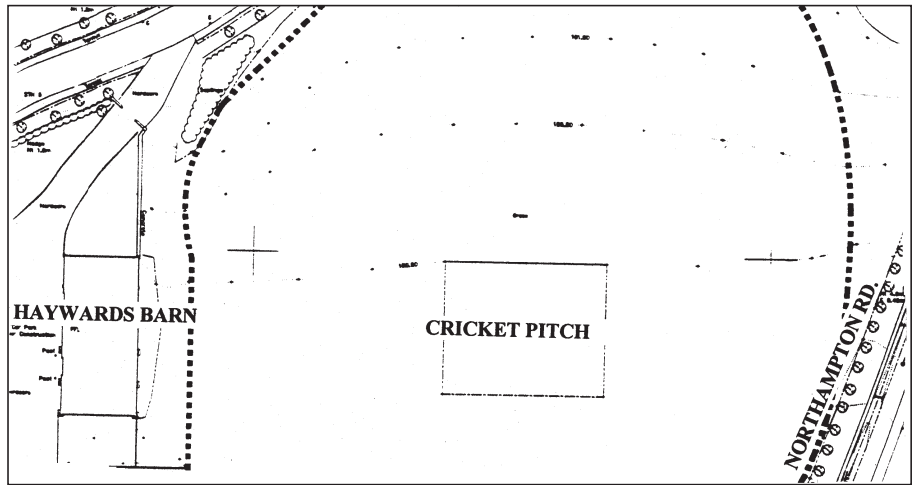
Brixworth PC requested two other conditions:- The facilities be available to Brixworth residents on reasonable terms and that if the lease was not renewed, the facilities could not be used for any other purpose without planning permission. D.D.C. officials are checking the legality of all conditions.

As reported in the last issue of the Bugle, Chris Timms anticipated that the field would be available for cricket matches in 2006 and perhaps the long running battle between the Football Club and the Cricket Club re overlap of playing seasons at the St. David's ground will be alleviated.

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PLANNING STATUS REPORT

TRY, TRY AND TRY AGAIN

DA/2004/0520

Mr and Mrs Tim Robinson seek planning permission to erect a substantial country manor house on the SLA site to the south of Brixworth. The house and its associated landscape have been designed by particular reference to paragraph 3.21 of PPG7.

Paragraph 3.21 sets out that an isolated new house in the countryside may also exceptionally be justified if it is clearly of the highest quality, is truly outstanding in terms of its architectural and landscape design and would significantly enhance its immediate setting and wider surroundings. Proposals for such development would need to demonstrate that proper account has been taken of the defining characteristics of the local area, including local or regional building traditions and materials. This means that each generation would have the opportunity to add to the tradition of the country house which has done so much to enhance the English countryside.

The house is surrounded by 10 acres of formal gardens and the proposal includes land which was to have been a golf course in a previous failed application. Paragraph 3.21 of PPG7 is likely to be repealed next year and this may be the reason that this application follows hard on the heels of the refusal for the golf course.

REF NO. & DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	P.C. RECOMMENDATION & D.D.C. DECISION
DA/2003/0751 & DA/2003/0815 Haywards Barn, N'ton Rd. Tennis courts/remove conditions & conversion of barn to changing rooms.	PC 9/7 Objection — seeking more info. And has further enquires. DDC Approved subject to conditions.
DA/2003/1358 Haywards Barn, N'ton Rd. Cricket Field	PC 3/12 Objection unless tenure guaranteed. DDC Approved subject to conditions.
DA/2003/1496 53, Froxhill. Extension/conservatory	PC 7/1 No objection.
DA/2004/0016 37, Stonehill Way. Ext.	PC 28/1 No objection.
DA/2004/0086 5, Shelleycotes Extension.	
DA/2004/0114 Cherry Bank, Hall Park Extension.	PC 18/2 No objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2004/0139 Clearview Farm, Station Rd. Change of land use.	PC 18/2 No objection. DDC Refused.
DA/2004/0142 7, Whaddon Field. Ext.	PC 18/2 Size concern. DDC Approved.
DA/2004/0144 12, Shelleycotes Extension.	PC 18/2 Objection — proximity to adjoining property. DDC Approved.
DA/2004/0214 4, Brackenborough. Conservatory.	PC 10/3 No objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2004/0226 16, Shelleycotes Extension.	PC 10/3 No objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2004/0231 10, Hunt Close Extension	PC 10/3 No objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2004/0227 86, Froxhill Garage conversion.	PC 10/3 Objection — Consequential parking problems. DDC Approved.
DA/2004/0205 Hamsons Garage Mobile home for security night watchman.	PC 10/3 No objection subject to temporary nature and stringent conditions.
DA/2004/0016 37 Stonehill Way Ext.	PC 10/3 No objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2004/0317 The Grange, Kennel Terrace. Swimming pool.	PC 31/3 Objection — intrusive. DDC Refused.
DA/2004/0279 19 Kennel Terrace. New bungalow.	PC 31/3 Objection — cramped & access problems
DA/2004/0318 1, N'ton Rd. Extension	PC 31/3 No objection.
DA/2004/0330 The Red Lion Extension	PC 31/3 No objection
DA/2004/0337 Rosemary Cottage, Froghall Double garage.	PC 31/3 No objection.
DA/2004/0354 Adjoining 1, New Street. Two 2-bed flats.	PC 31/3 Objection. Visually intrusive in area of important views.
DA/2004/0329 88a, N'ton Rd. Sign	PC 31/3 No objection.
DA/2004/0328 88a, N'ton Rd. Use change	
DA/2004/1173 The Lodge, Brixworth Hall Park. New dwelling	PC objected. DDC Refused. Now gone to appeal.
DA/2004/0397 1 Pebble Cottage Cross Hill. Rear extension.	PC 27/4 No objection.
DA/2004/0444 29 Windmill Glade. Single storey side extension.	PC 27/4 No objection.
DA/2004/0435 27 Stonehill Way Two storey side extension.	PC 27/4 Objection. Loss of garage and subsequent road congestion.
DA/2004/0411 Lampport Swan Int. alterations, new terrace and car park ext.	Lampport PC Approved 4/5
DA/2004/0399 Manor Farm Old Rd. Lampport. Change of use to livery stables.	Lampport PC Approved 4/5
DA/2004/0390 Manor Farm. Conversion of buildings to offices.	Lampport PC Approved 4/5
DA/2004/0394 Oak Cottage Harboro' Rd. Lampport. Demolition of annexe. New single storey extension.	Lampport PD Approved 4/5
DA/2004/0421 1 The Croft, Hanging Houghton. Detached one & half storey ext.	Lampport PC Approved 4.5

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BRIXWORTH JUNIORS U 14'S F.C.

From left to right: Steven Rose, Matthew Farmer, Luke Tulworthy, Matthew Ireland, Sam McCallum, Ashley Hammond, Joe Westbrook, Adam Schulver, James Mabbutt, Jamie Black, Tom Chapman, Simon Perrin, Matthew Moulds.



BRIXWORTH JUNIOR F.C.

Congratulations must go to the U14A boys' team on winning the league, the 5-a-side tournament within the league and becoming Champions of the Milton Keynes League. Congratulations to the U19 Boys on reaching their cup final.

Next season sees more teams back into the John Henry League. This means that the Ashway playing field will be used more extensively, relieving demands on St David's playing field.

Thanks to all players, managers, coaches and parents who commit many hours a week to ensure that the boys and girls play and enjoy their football.

BRIXWORTH BADMINTON CLUB

The club has enjoyed a good season with the seven teams winning almost half of their league matches. Matches and club nights are held at Guilsborough School during term time on Wednesdays and Fridays from 7.30-9.30pm, although the committee is looking at extending the playing time available by taking an additional venue to satisfy the demand from its 48 members.

There is a strong social side to the club and recent activities have included cycling round Pitsford water and winning the Village Quiz. Anyone interested in joining, especially ladies, please contact Anne Snape (Sec.) on 01604 781713 or Philip Imison (Chairman) on 01536 723182

RUGBY CLUB

This has been another successful season for Brixworth Rugby Club. It is never easy to keep a small local club alive in a rugby mad county such as ours, there being so many local clubs and the corresponding demand for players. Brixworth have proved that traditional values and atmosphere are what keeps people turning out for us. Brixworth recorded home and away wins over Heathens Yaks and the Eastern District Warriors, and their first win over a team picked from the workforce and friends of Ilmor Engineering. Our only loss was to a full strength first team at Long Buckby, played under lights. Special mention this season goes to Club President John Gillett, who played in every game, and Club Vice-Captain Paul Roland. The leading try scorer was local resident Neil Collier. Next season Brixworth will continue to play on one or two Sundays each month. We welcome new players of any level of experience. If you are interested please contact one of the numbers below. We look forward greatly to the day we can play our home games within the village at The Ashway playing field.

President-01604 881045

Capt.-Steve O'Callaghan 1604 843034

Sec. - Matthew Pateman 07967376150

ANGLING CLUB

The club has recently treated the lake at the Brickyard for weed and a small working party has carried out improvements to the pegs. The warmer weather has brought increased fish activity and recent catches include a carp weighing over 20lbs and tench weighing up to 5 lbs.

The Wednesday evening series of six matches has just begun on the 5th May. The draw takes place at 6pm and fishing is from 6.30pm until 9pm (9.30pm light permitting.) Members can enter these matches on the night, or contact Andy Wright (810779) if further information is required.

Season tickets, priced at £30 for adults and £15 for O.A.P.s and children over 14, are available from Nick Barlow (881601) and Adrian Rose (881873)

ALL SAINTS FOOTBALL CLUB

The 2003/4 season has finally come to an end with mixed results

The first team has finished mid-table under the management of Chris Eldred. The reserves battled all season with a mixture of experienced and new young players. They worked hard and managed to avoid relegation, led by Chris Gathcrole their manager. Unfortunately Brixworth loses Chris Eldred as manager at the end of the season. The club are very grateful for all his hard work.

The young players' behaviour has been exemplary both on and off the field and although results have not always been good, the atmosphere and camaraderie in the clubhouse after games have been excellent. It is hoped this commitment will continue next season.

The AGM is being held in the Central Sports Pavilion on Wednesday 23rd June and we hope all members or anyone interested in taking a role in the club will attend. Many thanks to the committee and players for their hard work all season.

GIRLS FC

Brixworth's three football teams for girls have all had excellent seasons. The U13 team has been outstanding and still remain unbeaten. They have a busy time ahead with the final of the Ken Burton cup and a league playoff. Next season the U13 is moving to the Central Warwickshire League where a high standard of football is played.

The U11 girls have had an excellent debut season, finishing 6th in the league and are showing great potential for next year.

The U15 girls have had a good season ending up 6th in the league. They will remain in the Weetabix League and move up to U16 level. Any girls keen on playing need to contact Steve Pestell on 0788584 7474