

Brixworth Bulletin

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Photograph by Jane Neill

VILLAGE GIRL STRIKES GOLD

Parish Council Chairman, Ian Barratt is pictured here presenting 50 golden roses on behalf of the village to Caitlin McClatchey, winner of two gold medals at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne Australia. Caitlin, who lives in Knighton's Way, Brixworth, won her gold in the 200 metres and 400 metres swimming races. She was a former pupil of Northampton High School and currently is reading politics at Loughborough University.

Her next big event will be in Budapest at the European Championships to be held in July. We wish her well and hope for even greater success in the Olympic Games to be held in China in 2008

VILLAGE HALL UNDER THREAT



Photograph by Jane Neill

In March 1924, a Committee was elected at a Public Meeting of the Village for the purpose of raising funds to erect a village hall.

The Committee became a Trust in 1925 and built the hall on land obtained from the Wood's estate. Additional land to the rear of the hall which became the car park was conveyed from Watney Mann to the Brixworth Parish Council in 1974.

£180,000 was spent in 1999 on refurbishing the Village Hall. A new stage was constructed, the kitchen refitted leading into a bar and reception area, new cloakrooms, storerooms and loos.

The Charity Commission granted charity status to the hall in 1965. The Parish Council is Custodian Trustee but the

Management Committee is the Managing Trustee of the charity. There should be six elected members and fourteen representative members on the Management Committee. A meeting of the committee is quorate if one third of the current members is present.

Les Tyrer has been Chairman for the last six years, but due to new business commitments, he is standing down. The Treasurer had announced his intention to stand down last year. However, he and the Chairman have offered to continue for a further six months in the hope that some villagers will come forward to join the one remaining committee member, Dennis Coles.

Barbara Westhead of the Charity Commission has advised the Bulletin that existing management committee members cannot resign if their resignations would result in the committee being left inquorate. The committee members would be required to stay in office until such time as new/replacement members have been appointed or appropriate action has been taken to alter the quorum conditions.

Should the members dwindle to such an extent that the business of running the Village Hall could not continue, the Charity Commission advises that under these circumstances, the hall may have to be sold. This situation would be a tremendous loss to the village and the Hall's current users.

MERCEDES HP ADVANCE ICT AT BRIXWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



The forming of close links between Brixworth Primary and Mercedes High Performance Engines has led to improved resources and facilities for Information Technology at the school.

After weeks of planning and preparation Mercedes HPE, through their Site Maintenance manager, Debbie Carless, using their contractors, refurbished three learning areas in the school. In addition to the refurbishment, the company also provided twelve computers including the latest computer technology. To enable the computers to be linked to the school's network, cabling was installed as part of the scheme. The quality of the refurbishment is outstanding with all the walls and doors in the areas being painted; false ceilings replacing rather dark and gloomy wood panelling; and wiring hidden behind false walls. New carpets were laid and lighting installed which brightened every area. These improvements went beyond what was initially planned with a large cloakroom also being painted and decorated. Finally, benches were handmade and installed, and bookcases were also provided. Overall there has been a real 'wow' factor for the pupils.

The whole project has significantly enhanced the quality and provision in ICT in the school. Mercedes HP Engines' engagement in this scheme will, I hope, be extended into further projects in the future. Brixworth Primary School will seek to foster close links with Mercedes HP Engines and with other local businesses to the benefit of the pupils and the whole community.

The children are our future. Everyone connected to the school aims to provide education to the highest standards for our children, it is in all our interests that we succeed - together we can!

David Boucher

BRIXWORTH STORES END OF AN ERA

I (Jan), Milan and Harsha would like to thank all our previous customers and the Community of Brixworth for the touching messages and flowers after hearing the news of handing over the business after 21 years of trading. It was a real pleasure for George and me to choose Brixworth as our home after moving from Kenya in 1983 with our two children, Milan and Harsha.

We acquired Brixworth Stores in 1985 and made every effort to develop it and serve the community in the best possible way to create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. We tried to achieve this over the passing years.

It was not until the sudden death of my husband, George in 2004, that we realised how fortunate we were to live in Brixworth. The response from customers and the Community was beyond belief. Everybody shared our loss and grief like a family and supported us with kind sympathy messages and flowers.

Monies collected from donations and our own contributions will be passed onto various organisations (All Saints' Church, Brixworth Cricket Club and Brixworth CEVC Primary School) and an orphanage in Kenya.

Brixworth Stores was and always will be like our baby and it was with a heavy heart that I had to make a decision to hand over our business, but we will live in the village and will make every effort to support any cause towards its progress. Once again, thank you all for everything.

Jan, Harsha and Milan

JOHN RUCH 1932-2006



It is with much regret that we report the sudden death of a highly respected Brixworth resident, Mr. John Ruch of Hall Park. John retired in 1992 after 18 years as General Manager and Chief Executive of Kettering Health Authority. We celebrate his years of service to the local community, chiefly as a parish councillor, during which time he served as Chairman of Planning and Finance as well as his long and dedicated commitment to the wider community as a magistrate for over 20 years and as volunteer advisor with the Citizens Advice Bureau. A quietly spoken man, his unusually high standards of integrity and rare charm will be missed by his many friends. John's enthusiasms were many including a deep love of opera, mountain walking, skiing and gardening.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Ann, daughters Sarah and Gillian and his grandchildren.

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A Plan for Brixworth

Brixworth Parish Council is creating a plan for the Parish. Tell us what you think is important in Brixworth. This will help the Parish Council make decisions about how to spend council taxpayers' money.

A questionnaire is inside this issue of the Bulletin. Please complete and return this by Saturday 1 July to: the Library, The Fox in the Pound Bookshop or K. Troop & Son, the greengrocers.

A prize of Sunday lunch for 2 at The Old Post House will be drawn from the questionnaires returned by 1 July.

Richard Monk

ASHWAY CHANGING ROOMS

In Bulletin 2 (September 2004), a history of the saga of the changing rooms was published. At that time the Parish Council was considering vandal resistant modular changing rooms so that facilities would be provided for the 2005/2006 football season. Since then, the Council decided to re-site the changing rooms from the entrance off the Iron Pikes roundabout to an entrance adjacent to the Ashway and reposition the playing pitches and car park. Legal difficulties with David Wilson Homes delayed progress, but it is believed that these have been resolved. In May 2004, it appeared that the construction of the changing rooms would be completed within months. Now it would appear that it will be fortunate if they will be completed in 2006. It is hoped that when the Chair for the Recreation Committee is chosen on the 17th May, progress will be made apace.

ORGANISATIONS LIST UPDATE

The Organisation List has been updated from our last issue a year ago and is contained in this issue as an insert of the Bulletin. There have been many changes since the last issue, and we trust the current list is accurate. Please let us know of any inaccuracies, which we will correct in the next issue. Similarly we would be grateful if organisations would let the Bulletin know of changes when they occur in the future.

Brixworth Museum Update

Considerable progress has been made with a proposed Museum in Brixworth since the front page article in the March edition of the Bulletin.

A Project Team has been formed by Brixworth History Society and The Friends of All Saints to consider Northamptonshire County Council's offer for the two organisations to lease the Uplands Centre in Church Street. The elected committees of both groups have indicated their support for setting up and running a Museum in the building and the Project Team's seven representatives have agreed to become Trustees of the property.

To date the Project Team has had three meetings and visited the site on two occasions. One of these meetings was with the Museum Development Officer for the East Midlands Museums, Libraries and Archives Council who was able to provide the Team with valuable advice and support. His future contributions will provide the strategic guidance needed by all those involved in the project.

Current tasks being undertaken by the team include arranging visits to existing Museums in the county, identifying possible funding providers, preparation of a focused market research programme and the production of a sustainable business plan so vital if the Museum is to become a reality.

The Project Team is encouraged by the interest being shown in the Museum and hope the readers of the Brixworth Bulletin feel they would like to help make it a success. Former pupils of Brixworth Infant School who were taught in the building are one group of local people who the Project Team would like to hear from. Their school time memories will form an important part of the proposed recreation of a 20th Century schoolroom in part of the building. If you are one of these former pupils please get in touch with us either through our websites:

www.brixworthhistory.org and:
www.brixworthfriends.org.uk or the Bulletin offices.

John Dawkins
Museum Project Team Secretary

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HARRY & PEGGY MALLARD

Harry Mallard. 1914-2006

A personal appreciation



I first met Harry soon after I left school at the age of fifteen to start work for my father at Park Farm. We were threshing a crop of peas and Harry's contracting team was helping us. "Are y'all right boy?" he greeted me, and so it was till the end of his life, 44 years on I was still "Boy". This was the epitome of Harry Mallard, as I knew him, totally constant, totally reliable.

Harry was born to the farming family of Walter and Ann Louise Mallard at Rookery Farm (demolished in the 1950s) in 1914, grew up on the farm and attended Brixworth primary school where he met his future wife Peggy Lever, daughter of neighbouring farmers, Frank and Lavinia Lever. After attending Moulton Institute of Agriculture, Harry was soon back, on the farm and married his schooldays' sweetheart, Peggy at All Saints' Church on November 3rd 1938. Not long after this they moved into Home Farm to start a new life and family. The business at Home Farm was very typical of farms of the day with a mixture of livestock, cows, sheep, poultry and some arable crops as well. Pressure to produce food for a country suffering the ravages of the Second World War probably encouraged Harry to take on contracting work for other farms in the district which helped the family, now with two children, Jim and Sue, to maintain a livelihood. Throughout the following years life carried on much the same, Peggy always there, supporting and encouraging, the loving wife and mother, Harry, unflappable, never hurried, always time for a chat.

Grandchildren were born into the family, David, Ted, Claire and Zoe, and later great grandchildren, Holt and Drake, all of whom gave Harry and Peggy enormous pleasure and pride.

Over the last few years I got to know Harry much better, having been involved with farming his land as he got older and farming methods changed. I learned of his wonderful wry sense of humour and his love of a practical joke, sometimes at the expense of successive vicars of this parish during his many years as a totally dedicated Tower Captain of the bell ringers! Harry was an astute observer of life and, to me, always good council, often making comments about a given situation that proved, once again, utterly reliable.

In later years Harry gained great pleasure in his collection of old clocks which amused him greatly dismantling and returning them to active duty and which, I am sure, must have driven Peg mad when they all started to chime the hours! He also would love to spend time sitting and chatting with friends in his home-constructed conservatory surrounded by his grape vine growing above him. Harry could often be seen on his old David Brown tractor in the summer gently going down the fields to the north of Home Farm, a large Alsatian or a couple of sheep dogs in close company, to shepherd his sheep and generally enjoy the pleasures of his farm. Harry and Peggy found huge pleasure in renewing their wedding vows in Brixworth church and went on to celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary with many family and friends around them, finally achieving an extraordinary 67 years of marriage.

Towards the end of his life Harry was still thinking of the future in his clear, inimitable way, finding a headstone he liked the look of at Hollowell Steam Fair and arranging for it to be stored for the inevitable day and even organising for the old surviving hand pushed bier, that had seen many years service with village undertaker, Walt Bray, to be kept for his last ride across the churchyard, which he had spent his life living and working beside and watching over from his kitchen window.

Harry died peacefully, as he had wished, in his own home, on March 12th. He was laid to rest on a bright and cold spring day into the soil he had gifted to the church, and had farmed all his life. Tragically he was to be joined by his beloved wife and dearest friend, Peggy, only nine days later, reunited so soon after over 70 years of love and friendship.

With the parting of Harry and Peggy I believe we have seen the end of an era, of times when life was simpler and less hurried, when there was more time for things of the spirit and less need for material things, when farming was a part of life and not the spiritless exercise it is today; life was slower but maybe more fulfilling.

I will miss them greatly.

Richard Turney

VIETNAM

A place of suffering and hope!

In late February, six of us from Brixworth Christian Fellowship set out for South East Asia to encourage Christians in that part of the world, who are suffering for their faith, living in countries where governments who treat religion with suspicion and only official churches are allowed. Vietnam, a truly beautiful country, was at the centre of our visit. It is a land where underground churches are growing, despite the suffering and imprisonment of many who simply will not compromise, give up or denounce Jesus as Lord.

For example, a young girl of nineteen was stopped by the authorities and searched. They found copies of a Vietnamese Bible in a parcel on the back of her bike. These were confiscated along with her permit to work, (losing her opportunity of any income), her mobile phone and other belongings. When threatened with imprisonment, she told them that they could do as they wished – she would not be intimidated! Her faith in God was so evident.

Another we met was a pastor in charge of three churches in the countryside. His only means of transport was a bike, and he travelled 100 miles between churches! Such dedication was borne through suffering as the authorities beat him to the brink of death because he was a Christian and spoke his faith in Jesus Christ!

Another church leader had fled the country for two years, having to leave his wife and family due to the probability of long term imprisonment – for nothing more than being the leader of a church. On his return he faced a year of house arrest. We learned very quickly that these Christians are living on the edge with God and their faith, tested daily, is strong and vibrant.

We sought to help those we met through prayer, fellowship and encouragement and it was a thrill to see how much our visit meant to them. Coming from the West, we learned a great deal about ourselves as well as about the Vietnamese. For ourselves, we were challenged by these experiences as our way of life here differs so much – yet in a society which is increasingly changing, and where religious freedom is no longer a certainty in the future, perhaps the challenges we came back with, both personal and corporate, may stand us in good stead!

Phil Walter

CPL AROMAS - OPEN DOOR POLICY



Following several complaints from local residents, The Parish Council recently set up a meeting between residents and representatives of CPL Aromas, located on Brixworth's industrial site. The DDC Environmental Officer Mr Willis was also invited but did not attend. The meeting was held to examine the ongoing complaints of many residents who are affected by the pungent smells emanating from CPL Aromas. As well as the 'sweet and sickly' smells, so strong sometimes, particularly during the summer, residents are forced indoors, and in some instances, suffer streaming eyes and sore throats.

CPL Aromas was represented by Alan Osbiston, Group Executive, Nick Pickthall, Managing Director and George Ewen, Operations Director. The meeting was attended by 9 residents and 3 Parish Council representatives.

Resident Roger Brown outlined the problems intermittently but persistently experienced over the last ten years. He particularly pinpointed the poor response from factory employees to complaints and the difficulties in getting the Environmental Officer to come out from Daventry in time to assess the problems and the effect on residents' quality of life.

CPL representatives acknowledged the issues but claimed to be unaware of the scale of the problem saying that they had received no complaints from the Environmental Dept. CPL had received a visit from local district councillors in May 2004, who had pronounced themselves satisfied with the conditions at the factory. Mr Ewen had, at that time, offered an open door policy for any resident to visit the factory. The Parish Council representatives were unaware of that offer.

CPL has a UV extraction system in place over the mixing area, from where most of the smells emanate but freely admits that

this is only 80% effective. Doors are only opened to allow the fragrance drums to be brought in on fork lift trucks from the adjacent store. CPL uses 1500 different materials (There were 3000 until 1997 when the food flavour section was moved to Kettering).

After a detailed and frank discussion, it was agreed that the following actions would be taken

- Residents can ring CPL Aromas on 01604 882100 and ask for Customer Services Dept and obtain a incident number which can also be recorded by The Brixworth Bulletin. Residents can 'phone the Bulletin with the incident number. 01604 880337.
- An electronic 'nose' device is to be placed in a variety of locations (a resident's garden as a start) to determine the constituent parts of the odours.
- Two new sealed automatic compounding machines are to be commissioned in the near future which should reduce the actual smell within the factory.
- Residents may visit the factory by appointment.
- A further review meeting will be arranged depending on the success of the above in 3 months time.

A Bulletin reporter visited the Factory two days later and toured the facilities.

The first automatic compounding machine is in the process of being commissioned. CPL plans to build an extension to their storehouse, which will enable all their materials to be kept in one building. At the moment this plan is still at the budgeting stage but the planned completion date is August 2007. This should improve emissions if door discipline is maintained.

During the entire visit the two large roller shutter doors were wide open as was the

inside roller shutter door. Only one door had plastic vertical strips which were badly damaged. It was explained that the doors were open for drum movement. At no time did the Bulletin reporter see any movement of drums. However as it was a lovely warm sunny day this, it would appear, is the root of the problem of odours escaping into the atmosphere. A strict 'close door' discipline would, in the opinion of the Bulletin reporter, help to improve this unsatisfactory situation.

Harvey Fox

This photograph was taken by Jane Neill on the following day to the reporter's visit and again she found the roller shutter doors open.

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DRAMA GROUP

Following the success of the pantomime earlier this year, Brixworth Drama Group is planning a variety of different productions for your enjoyment.

A Pressing Engagement/Last Tango in Little Grimley

Two one act plays 'A Pressing Engagement' by David Tristram, a farce about a marital mix up and 'Last Tango in Little Grimley' by David Tristram which is a comedy about an amateur dramatic society, feature as our next production at Brixworth Village Hall on Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th June at 8.00pm. Tickets £5.00 with concessions at £4.00 are available from Lovell's Hardware and Heather Pool on 881166.

The Hollow Crown by John Barton

On Friday September 22nd and Saturday 23rd – tickets £5.00 with concessions £4.00.

Pantomime

Look out for more details of another of our popular pantomimes in January 2007.

The Drama Group is a non-profit making organisation. When we do have a few pounds to spare, we make donations to a charity of a good cause. We have had some marvellous help in the past from Mark Sharman and the 8th Northampton Scouts who painted the scenery for our pantomimes. Therefore we have decided to make a donation of £500 to them for camping and leisure equipment.

The group is looking for a lock-up garage or other storage facilities for sets and costumes. If anyone has any suitable space or suggestions, please let us know by contacting James Skeggs on 882492 or Eileen Truby on 880692.

INFORMATION ZONE

The Information Zone at the library is now open every Monday from 3.30-5.30pm and every Thursday from 3.30-7.00pm. During term time this will be for the use of the Homework Centre, so come along if you need to get your homework done or if you would like some help with it. The Information Zone will also now be open during the school holidays as a Computer Club and it is also hoped that there may soon be a Warhammer Club starting up, providing there are enough people interested. Let the friendly librarians know if you think that you would be interested.

BRIXWORTH OLD SCHOOL REUNION

There will be a get-together on **SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2006** at Brixworth Village Hall for all ex pupils and their partners at the old school in Church Street. Tickets are £7.00 each which includes admission, buffet and a raffle. Tickets and further information can be obtained by telephoning Joan (nee Eldred) on 01604 460391 or Eileen (nee Whapples) on 01604 648453. Admission by ticket only.

BRIXWORTH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. in the Brixworth Village Hall

Meetings from June to December 2006

June 13th Talk – 'Wartime Memories on the railway'

July 11th Talk on Kelmarsh Hall

August - Holiday

September 12th Talk on Northamptonshire Borders

October 10th Annual General Meeting

November 14th Talk on the History of Pantomimes

December 12th Christmas Party.

Visitors and new members welcome.

For further information please call our President on 01604 883615 or Secretary on 01604 880317.

ART EXHIBITION

LOCAL ARTISTS

Saturday and Sunday

3rd & 4th June 2006

11.00 – 17.00

Heritage Centre

Church St. Brixworth

Come along and enjoy the pictures by local artists. Why not buy a new picture for your home?

There will be a demonstration of miniature painting on both days in the Heritage Centre

EXTRACT FROM NORTHAMPTON MERCURY MAY 7th 1764

Supplied by Gordon Stoker
'On Saturday last, Russell Rowledge was executed, here, pursuant to his sentence at our last Assizes, for robbing Thomas Gosh on the road leading from Brixworth to Scaldwell of his watch and money. He persisted in his ignorance of the fact for which he suffered to his last moments.'

BRIXWORTH LIBRARY NEW OPENING HOURS

Starting May 2006

Monday	2.00pm. - 5.30pm.
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BRIXWORTH SCHOOL FETE

Brixworth Primary CEVC School are holding their fete on 24th June from 12.00noon until 2.00pm. This is their main fundraising event of the year.

Accolade for the Olive Branch

The Olive Branch Coffee Shop in Brixworth's Library & Community Centre has recently received the Northamptonshire Police 'Unsung Heroes' Award for 2006, nominated by a grateful customer – one of many.

Opening in 1999, The Olive Branch has, for so many of us, become the busy and buzzy heart of the village. Predominantly run by volunteers, the café serves a variety of delicious eatables including home made cakes, scones and biscuits.

As well as serving full English breakfasts every morning it provides senior citizen luncheons every Wednesday (always oversubscribed!).

The Olive Branch also aims to include non-foodie activities such as playing host to the knitting circle every Monday afternoon, making blankets for third world projects, bobble hats for the seamen's mission and items for the annual Christmas shoe box appeal. It also organises day trips out in the local DACT mini bus.

For anyone feeling a bit lonely or new to the village, be assured of a warm welcome at the Olive Branch – knitting skills not-essential!

Opening hours are Mon-Sat. 9.30am-4pm.

Jim, Sue and the family of the late Harry and Peggy Mallard would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy on our very sad loss. Also we thank those who sent flowers or donations in Harry's and Peggy's memory. We send our special thanks to everyone who attended the funerals.



BRIXWORTH LIONS



Brixworth Lions have been extremely busy since our last article in December.

To start with in December, we took the Santa Sleigh round Brixworth and surrounding villages raising over £2000 for good causes. Many thanks to all who gave either time or money. It was fun but tiring work.

In March, we undertook a litter picking exercise along Northampton Road from Merry Tom Lane down to the roundabout on the A508. At the same time another group worked hard to clear up the footpath leading from Knightons Way to the A508 and actually managed to get rid of the rusty

motorbike frame that had been there for years!

Then in April we had two sessions weeding and digging the raised flowerbed down at the Brixworth Centre, Church Street - see picture.

Coming up this summer we plan to take our coconut shy to several country and school fairs and we are looking to hold a barn dance at the Village Hall in September - so look out for the advert.

If anyone is interested in what we do, or would like help or assist, please contact either Peter on 882289 or Shirley on 882877.

Brixworth Parish Council Grants Policy

The Parish Council has introduced a Grants Application form to assist Community Groups, in the Parish, applying for a Community Grant, which will also assist the Council in deciding the amount to award.

The procedure is as follows:-

1. Parish Council to consider grant applications twice a year in July and January. Closing dates for applications will be at the end of June and December.
2. A notice is to be displayed on the Notice Board and in The Bulletin to remind organisations that an application form is required together with the date of the deadline.
3. The Parish Council is to consider the applications at a special Council meeting held in January and July.
4. Members of the public may attend, however they will not be able to speak (or make a presentation) except if asked by the Chairman for clarification on a certain point.

The next closing date for grant applications is **30 June 2006**. Application forms are available from **the Clerk**

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DDC ELECTION RESULTS

Those of you who received the Conservative Political Update in April will know that the publication congratulated Nick Bunting and Frances Peacock for being elected unopposed. It is a pity for democracy that there was not an election in May for the Brixworth and the Spratton wards. Daniel Cribben was also elected unopposed as a Conservative for Moulton.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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sider
This,
Then,
simply
A reminder
Of how,
Though
Things change,

As things will, the important
For you will never change
And so we will be here forever
Always at the centre of things
Among the gravestones and the grass,
The cenotaph and grazing sheep
there will always be this returning,
this coming home, each time, while
time itself remains unchanged
unflinching, through all of this
among these yellow stones, as they
watch the seasons come and go,
themselves unaltered. Have faith,
my friend, if in nothing else,
then in this, that this spire, and
the faith that made it, will endure.

Fergus Parnaby

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Is this third time lucky for seats to be filled on the Brixworth Parish Council? There are two vacancies to be filled by election which will be held on the 22nd June 2006 (if there more than three candidates). A further Parish Councillor can be co-opted by the present Councillors, if anyone puts their name forward. Currently there are 11 councillors with three vacancies.



by Brian Webster.

'Ah, could I see a spinney nigh,
A puddock riding in the sky
Above the oaks with easy sail
On stilly wings and forked tail.'

Our great naturalist-poet, John Clare, wrote of the puddock, local name for the red kite, at a time when this bird of prey was still 'tolerably common' in Northamptonshire. But before long it had been driven into extinction through the efforts of gamekeepers, who said it attacked their pheasant poults and other young gamebirds, and of farmers who accused it of preying on new-born lambs in the fields. Chicken rearers also were angered by its raids on hens and chicks.

I remember reading that one of the last red kites in the county was recorded, probably by a member of the Isham family, at Hanging Houghton, about 1835.

This enigmatic falcon with a five-and-a-half-foot wingspan disappeared from our county for nearly two centuries until English Nature, the RSPB, the local Wildlife Trust and other agencies took the decision to try and reintroduce it. Several centres within England and Scotland were selected, the Northamptonshire one being at Southwick near Oundle.

I have to come clean and say that at the time I thought the scheme to be somewhat of a foolhardy nature, destined to failure. But I was wrong, and delighted to be so. The red kite has prospered, and increased to the extent that perhaps a hundred young will be reared in the wild in our county in the present 2006

breeding season.

So I set out recently towards Oundle with the hope of seeing this unforgettable bird. A brief sighting at Blatherwycke, no more than a few seconds duration, was all I had to show for my efforts. I have to say that on previous occasions, traveling to teach WEA classes at Nassington, I had clear views of seven birds between Corby and Apethorpe.

On another occasion I had seen a red kite harried by the local crow population next to the Co-op supermarket in Kettering, which alerted me to the fact that the expanding population was, however slowly, heading in our direction.

Imagine my surprise and delight when, heading homewards, I had long views of one over the woods at Pipewell. It flew just above treetop level, in languid flight with scarcely a wing-beat, demonstrating its supreme command of the air, until it disappeared in the distance. Initially it was close enough for me to see its grey head and neck, contrasting with the tawny-orange body, the deeply forked tail, and long slender wings sweeping effortlessly through the air. It's sheer power was awesome.

Last time I wrote of birds that were disappearing from our countryside. So it is good to write for a change about a species that, with the help of humankind, is returning to our Northamptonshire countryside. Pipewell is only about 8 miles, as the red kite flies, from Brixworth. I predict that less than ten years from now this magnificent bird will be seen over our village on a regular basis. No-one will welcome it more than me.

The Parish Council is planning to hold a Barn Dance at Manor Farm on the 30th June 2006. We are repeating this event again this year after the success of last year and by popular demand. We have booked the same band – Hobson's Choice - and will be providing food and running a bar as usual.

Ticket prices will be as low as possible as the aim of the event is to have a 'get together' rather than make a large profit.

I know that the date sounds a long way off, but please make a note in your diary so that you do not miss this popular family event.

The traffic speeding problem still exists in the village of Lamport, so the 'speed watch campaign' is being resumed with effect from the end of May. It is also planned to hold a full traffic survey on all the roads in the area, with the results going to Northampton County Council for their consideration.

The Parochial Church Council has recently held a cookery demonstration at Lady Farr's house to raise funds for the church. It proved to be a great success, thanks go to the organiser Margaret Thomas and to Lady Farr for the use of her home and kitchen.

The villages are currently 18 months into a 5 year plan to improve the churchyard. This is being done by the PCC, Parish Council and local volunteers. The intention is to create an area managed with sympathy for wildlife, while maintaining a pleasant environment in keeping with its purpose.
Mike Philpott.

Cllrs F. & L. WiiG

In the last issue of the Bulletin, reasons were given for the resignations of Frank and Liz WiiG from the Parish Council based on an interview by The Chronicle and Echo. The allegations made against them are currently being investigated by the Standards Board of London. David Parry has been appointed Investigating Officer and he hopes to complete his investigations by the end of June 2006 and then report to the Standards Board.

BRIXWORTH YOUTH CLUB

Following the resignations of Frank WiiG and Liz WiiG, Karen Simpson and Les Streeter have been appointed as Directors of the Foundation. John McFadyen takes over from Gail Smith with Jane Dewey as Vice Chair. Geoff Dawson becomes Treasurer and also Secretary of the Youth Foundation.

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DRAUGHTON NEWS

YVONNE – A STORY OF A STEAM TRAM



At the age of 82, Draughton resident, Ben Tew, still enjoys working with his steam tram and this is his story.

‘Before electric trams were in use, tram bodies were pulled by steam engines and ran on public roads. One such locomotive operated on the Wolverton to Stoney Stratford route. As a small boy with my parents, we used the steam tram to get to Wolverton Station from where we caught a train to Millbrook to visit my grandparents that

lived at Amptill. The service was withdrawn in 1926, so my recollections are a bit hazy

Like anything else on the fringes of memory, I have always been fascinated by any mention of steam trams in books etc. but more so as I got a few years older.

So after half a lifetime had passed, I attended a film show by the British Overseas Steam Trust whose mission in life was travelling the world looking for anything unusual. In this show was a

shot of, not one but five derelict tram engines in a Belgian scrap yard.

I didn’t hang about but trotted off to Brussels accompanied by two members of the Trust and because of a mental aberration I bought what I thought was the best bet and liked its name, Yvonne.

What followed was 5 years of de-rusting, welding and painting. I had the boiler overhauled by a firm in Derbyshire and had new parts made where the originals were too far gone for use.

Once this work was completed and the engine re-commissioned, I have derived much satisfaction, appearing with Yvonne, over most of East Midlands preserved railways.

In 2005, I was invited to take part in the 200 year celebrations of steam railways at York National Railway Museum. They gave me a brass plate to affix to the engine. This was something I couldn’t have dreamed of when I travelled on the Wolverton steam tram as a small boy.’

If you want to know more about Yvonne, she is based at Wansford Station on the Nene Valley Railway. Ben is there most weekends in the summer.

Ben is still very active in the village. He collects and delivers the Brixworth Bulletin for Draughton. He is one of the Trustees of the Club Room and will, no doubt, be selling his lovely turned wooden bowls at the Spring Fayre to help raise money for the renovations.

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6.00 p.m. Evensong



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Tuesdays 9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Fridays 7.45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
For other days, see weekly sheet in Church

Dear People of Brixworth

Have you ever thought of joining the Friends of All Saints' Church Brixworth? This organization, founded well over 20 years ago, has done much to improve and enhance Brixworth's ancient parish church recently. Membership is only £6.00 per annum for a single person or £9.00 for a couple, unless one chooses life-membership which is rather more of course. An annual report of the work of the Friends' Council is sent to each member and an invitation to events on Friends' Day including a free buffet lunch before the A.G.M. in the Brixworth Centre. A number of events are held each year such as the annual lecture in the autumn and a few social events, providing an opportunity to meet other 'friends'. For more information you can go to our website or contact myself (880286) or the Secretary, Mrs. Jane Neill(880618).

This year in between the Annual Service in the church and the buffet lunch, I'll be giving a brief introduction to the history and architecture of Brixworth Church for newcomers to the village in particular, or indeed for anyone who would like to come along to the church at 12.30pm. on Friends' Day (Saturday. June 3rd).

That first weekend of June sees our chief fundraising events of the year, which include a display of flowers in the church, an art exhibition of local talent in the Heritage Centre nearby and a fete and garden party in the churchyard on the Sunday afternoon accompanied by a brass band. I haven't entertained many illusions about people coming to church for service in great throngs (though one must always be optimistic), but I had hoped more village residents would be interested in joining the Friends to help us in that way. Please do think about it and if you can, join us for at least part of the programme on Friends' Day – or at any rate for the Fete and other events on the Sunday.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely
Anthony J. Watkins

CALENDAR FOR SUMMER 2006

June 3rd Saturday Friends' Day	9.00am. HOLY EUCHARIST 12.00noon SHORT SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
June 4th WHITSUNDAY. Festival of Pentecost	7.45am. HOLY EUCHARIST 10.00am. FESTIVAL EUCHARIST
June 5th Monday St. BONIFACE, Bishop & Martyr	12.00 noon HOLY EUCHARIST
June 11th SUNDAY OF THE HOLY TRINITY	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
June 18th SUNDAY: CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
June 25th SUNDAY: NATIVITY OF St. JOHN BAPTIST	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
July 2nd SUNDAY: St. PETER & St. PAUL. APOSTLES	Services at 7.45am., 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
July 9th SUNDAY: TRINITY IV	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
July 16th SUNDAY: TRINITY V	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
July 23rd SUNDAY: TRINITY VI	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
July 30th SUNDAY: TRINITY VII	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
August 6th SUNDAY: TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST	Services at 7.45am., 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
August 13th SUNDAY: ASSUMPTION OF B.V. MARY	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
August 20th SUNDAY: TRINITY X	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
August 27th SUNDAY: TRINITY XI	Services at 10.00am. & 6.00pm.
June 17th Saturday at 7.30pm, NORTHAMPTON PHILHARMONIC CHOIR CONCERT (See posters in Church and elsewhere for details.)	

ADVANCE NOTICE

December 9th Saturday at 7.30pm. FRIENDS' PRE-CHRISTMAS EVENING at ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
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FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

SUNDAY 23rd April

HOLY BURIAL

Tuesday 14th March
Wednesday 22nd March
Friday 31st March
Friday 21st April
Saturday 29th April
Tuesday 2nd May

Jack Charles SHAW, 11 Whaddon Field.

Ada Elizabeth DODWELL, 6 Bridge St. Brigstock
Harry MALLARD, Home Farm, Church St.
Peggy May MALLARD, Home Farm, Church St.
Doris (Dolly) Irene BRAY, 6 High St., Yelvertoft.
Robert Owen BOAS, 3 Grass Slade.
John Ernest RUCH, 'Cedar', Brixworth Hall Park.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HRH THE PRINCESS ROYAL VISITS
NORTHAMPTON SAILABILITY

Dear Editor

I would like to respond to all the bad publicity regarding the Co-op. I moved to Brixworth in 1982, when the present Co-op building was a Spar shop. In the last 23 years, the village has undergone massive expansion; it must be at least twice the size now as it was then.

As far as amenities go, not much has changed in all those years. We now have a very nice Library and the Olive Branch is lovely, but the shops are just the same. The Co-op has just had a long awaited and deserved re-fit, nothing to do with divine intervention, but it can't change its size.

This village needs a much larger Co-op, but they keep getting turned down when they try to move to larger premises. The old factory unit on the Holcot Road has been empty for ages and is a real eye sore. WHY can't they move there? Obviously there could be a problem with delivery lorries unloading, but the garage opposite seems to manage OK when they have transporters.

As a plus the Post Office could then be an integral part of the shop and wouldn't be as vulnerable as it is now. There would be plenty of parking and there would no longer be a problem with other shop owners when deliveries arrive.

In defence of the staff, they have to work really hard. The shop has to be manned from 6.00am until about 10.30pm. That's a lot of hours, especially if you are short staffed. A lot of the time, the Supervisors have a quick sandwich and then work through their lunch breaks, just to keep the store ticking over. If the staff is not as cheerful or polite as you would expect, ask yourself why. They deserve to be treated and spoken to with respect, the same as the rest of us.

It really is time to stop slagging off the Co-op. It's always there and open if we need something.

It's time to deal with the REAL problem.

There are gangs of kids roaming around at all hours (both sexes). I would guess some are as young as 11/12. They congregate outside the shops, abusing passers by and terrifying the old folk. The phone box repeatedly gets smashed and broken, the bins emptied, fences are kicked down, shop windows are smashed, it just goes on.

We all know who these kids are. How about the Bulletin naming and shaming them? I really think it would make a difference.

Perhaps we should concentrate our efforts on making Brixworth a nicer place to live in, instead of a village from which people are moving away.

Julie Munday The Post Office

Dear Editor

When we were looking for a house in this area, eighteen months ago, one of the things which attracted us to Brixworth was the diversity of facilities easily available to residents – shops, a library, a medical surgery and a dental surgery, to list just some of them. This contrasted sharply with the situation in other villages where there were, often, no shops at all.

Amongst the Brixworth shops we were pleased to find there was a Co-op, and, over the period we have been here, we have probably bought more from the Co-op than from anywhere else. Certainly, there have been irritating moments, as when milk or bread has run out, but, generally, we have obtained what we wanted. We have found the staff mostly helpful and friendly. Recently, some defects have been rectified.

My wife and I have been surprised by the tone of some of the letters from your correspondents, who sometimes seem to have got the situation out of proportion, not realising perhaps, how lucky they are, both with the Co-op and equally with other Brixworth retailers.

Yours sincerely
Richard Ellingworth

Dear Bulletin

Concern was expressed in the last Bulletin about the possible costs of any by-election to fill Parish Council vacancies.

I am pleased to say that to date no cost has been incurred in filling several Councillor vacancies and the process continues to fill the remaining places. In fact, your Parish Council has reduced its share of your Council Tax bill this year against an average increase of 10% in the District. Not many Councils can beat that! Should an election be necessary your Parish Council has earmarked funds to finance this, so there would be no effect on this year's Council Tax bill, though we would have to replace these reserves at some time. In reality, I think we will fill the remaining vacancies at no cost to the community and I would encourage anyone interested in this voluntary work at the Parish Council notice board to see how to apply. If you care about your community, why not find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor?

Yours sincerely
Ian Barratt
Chairman Brixworth Parish Council

The Editor apologises to Julie Munday for omitting her letter from the last issue of the Bulletin. The letter was typed, but inexcusably not included.



On Tuesday 14th March HRH visited Northampton Sailability at Northampton Sailing Club. Her visit was 50 years after her Grandmother HM The Queen Mother opened Pitsford Reservoir and Northampton Sailing Club. Princess Anne is President of the Royal Yachting Association.

Rain that was forecast started as HRH arrived by car from Northampton. 96 members and guests were there to meet and talk to her. Sailing activities carried on during her visit so that she could see the club in action.

After circulating in the lounge and galley, she went outside (under her umbrella) to look at boats and sailing in action and chatted with many of our members and helpers. Princess Anne named a boat bought with funds generously



provided by a local charity (The Phillips Trust) before departing by helicopter. Her visit gives great encouragement and recognition to our club.

We received excellent press and television cover. The photographs (courtesy of Andrew Carpenter, Harborough Mail) shows HRH naming the boat and being served a cup of tea by Christina Keeber who as well as helping at Sailability can usually be found helping Age Concern on Wednesdays at Boniface House.

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PLANNING STATUS REPORT

REF NO. & DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	P.C RECOMMENDATION & D.D.C. DECISION
DA/2005/0719 Haywards Barn, Northampton Road. Extension to club house	PC 26/7 No Objection. DDC Refused. Subject to appeal. Appeal dismissed.
DA/2005/1288 23 Eastfield Road Front and rear extensions and replacement garage	PC 9/1 Objection. Does not comply with planning policy.
DA/2005/1357 5 Shelleycotes Rd. Two storey extension to side of dwelling and detached double garage to front of building.	PC 9/1 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/1380 27 Burrows Vale. Conservatory to rear of dwelling	PC 9/1 No Objections. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/1395 27 Froxhill Cres. Conservatory to rear of building.	PC 9/1 No Objections. DDC Approved.
DA/2005/1335 Mercedes High Performance Engines Morgan Drive. Provision of new development machine shop and logistic building, new car park and racetrack parking areas and a new section of private site road.	PC 19/12 No Objections. DDC Approved.
DA/2006/0048 34 Stonehill Way. First floor extension to side of building	PC 30/1 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2006/0071 The Old Vicarage, Church St. Listed building consent for internal alterations, creation of new bathroom and en-suite bathrooms.	PC 30/1 No Objection. DDC Approved.
DA/2006/0279 The Lodge, Harborough Rd. Listed building consent for amendments to stable block conversion and alternative garage design to serve house and conversion.	PC 25/4 No Objection
DA/2006/0315 The Lodge, Harborough Rd. Amended scheme for a garage block to serve the house and stable block conversion.	PC 25/4 No Objection.
DA/2006/0305 The Gables, Holecot Rd. Demolish existing outbuildings and new proposed kitchen and garaging with playroom over.	PC 25/4 No Objection.
DA/2006/0152 20 The Ashway. Two storey extension at rear of dwelling.	PC 25/4 No Objection
DA/2006/0169 Hutchinson 3G UK Ltd. Brixworth Water Tower, Broad St. Installation of three 1.7 metre telecommunications antennas and supporting poles, one 300mm and one 600mm diameter dish antennas, radio equipment housing.	DDC Refused.

HAYWARD'S BARN

Appeal Refused

Following DDC's rejection of The Dallas Burston Group's application for planning permission for a substantial extension to Hayward's Barn (fronting the old A508), The Appeals Inspectorate has supported DDC's decision. In his report the Inspector writes: *'The proposed extensions would have a major impact on the appearance of the building and on its surroundings. The addition of another floor would significantly increase the height and bulk of the building' ... 'the eye would be drawn to the building and its incongruous scale would be even more apparent. He considered the appearance of the proposed building, which included pilasters and the raising of the pediment to be 'totally alien' and 'not compatible with its rural location. It would adversely affect the character and quality of the local landscape, a Special Landscape area. I have no hesitation in supporting the Council's rejection of this extended proposal'.*

RIGIFLEX DEVELOPMENT

All planning requirements have been approved by Daventry District Council for Haddon Developments Ltd.'s proposed build of 34 residential houses.

Peter Garley, Managing Director of Rigiflex told the Bulletin that the Directors of Rigiflex were examining four possible locations, but no decision had been taken yet.

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The season has come to a successful end for Brixworth All Saints' Football Club. In the final game away to Spratton, Brixworth had to win in order to gain promotion. The team fought hard and a last minute goal from the captain, Gareth Hughes led them to victory and a place in the Premier League, under the joint management of Chris Gathercole and Carl Ward.

The reserve team, led by manager Malcolm Linnell have had a successful season in other

ways. Finishing mid-table with a strong youth side and experienced players means things are looking very good for the future.

Congratulations to all the players and the committee for the hard work throughout the season.

A special thanks to John, who after 40 years, has spent his last season as Chairman of BASFC. We wish him well and still look forward to his presence next year.

Emma Frost

BJFC U-9's

For the 2005/6 season, the Brixworth Juniors Football Club U-9's formed two teams, the 'Lions' and the 'Tigers'. Both played three 'mini-seasons' in which they met each of the 7 other teams in their respective John Henry league. The Lions' best position was 4th (in League A in the first mini-season) and the Tigers, a respectable 5th (in League D in the second mini-season).

The highlight of the season was the Lions' cup run. They have progressed through the competition without conceding a single goal but unfortunately lost to Gregory Celtic Green by two goals to one in the final at Sixfields on Saturday 13th May, in which Greg Purcell scored.

The manager and coaching staff would like to thank the players and the parents for their continued commitment and support during the season. We would like to thank the Brixworth Lions charity organisation for their generous contribution of £130 which was used to purchase footballs, first aid kits and drink bottles, etc.

We are hoping to have enough players for next season to form a single U-9's team and two U-10's teams. We are therefore looking to sign up more players before the end of this season. Boys and girls who will be 9 or under on August 31st 2006 are welcome to join us for training which will continue every Sunday morning (09.30-11.00) at the Ashway playing fields until the end of June. If you are interested, then please phone Tony Burwood, U-9's Manager on 889009 for further details.

Mike Bridges BJFC Coach

BRIXWORTH GIRLS U-11 FOOTBALL CLUB

The girls commenced training together only in February 2005, so this is their first season playing league football.

The team is made up of girls from Brixworth and West Haddon villages and they have really gelled together creating an excellent team spirit and friendships.

Parent support throughout the season has been exceptional – fund raising/match day set up & support, etc.

Commitment to training has been superb, the girls turning up in all weathers wanting to play football. They play in the John Henry League and have swept all before them. They have played 20 games, won 19 and drawn 1, scoring 130 goals with only 5 against, and finished up worthy league winners.

The team made it through to the final of the League cup, but lost 4-1 on penalties, the score being 2-2 at full-time.

The team is managed and coached by Phil Bradley and Neil Vincent and sponsored by Rigiflex Ltd, Brixworth Foods Ltd and KF Troop & Son. Their generous support is very much appreciated.

The team players are – Lucy Mister, Eleanor Bandey, Amy Barlow, Livvy Reed, Hannah Ingles, Katie Elmore, Olivia Troop, Immy Ewbank, Molly Vincent and Amy Bradley. Their football has been of the highest order.

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BRIXWORTH FLAMES U-16 F.C.



At the end of this season, after 4½ years, Brixworth Flames U-16's hung up their boots for the last time. The 4 season success story has seen the Flames grow from a small group of lads chasing the ball into a highly organised and motivated team. The Flames have played in some fantastic matches over the years and have finished respectfully placed mid table every year.

The Flames recently toured Santa Ponsa, Majorca and playing under floodlights in fantastic stadiums, they played three games

against strong opposition, where they gained valuable experience of foreign football. Their kit was sponsored by Henderson Fabrications and Burge Hughes Walsh Partnership.

Thanks go to their manager Martin Kilsby, coaching assistant Alan Mould and tour organiser Dereck Franklin as well as Gary Newton (referee) and Paul Smith (linesman) for all their dedication, loyalty and hard work over the years.

BRIXWORTH GYMNASTS

Local boys, Jack Rose and Matthew Bees travelled to Newcastle at the end of April to compete in the NDP Setwork Championships which is a National Gymnastic Competition for boys from all over Great Britain trying to win not only medals but also places in the National squads.

Matthew competed in the under 10 age group where he had an excellent competition and was ranked 23rd with his highest ever competition score of 62.05

Jack was the star of the weekend and performed way beyond his and his coaches expectations in the under 11 age group. After an almost flawless competition, he achieved a fantastic score of 63.25 which placed him 15th and a guaranteed place in the Great Britain squad for his age.

LONDON MARATHON 2006

Alison Cooper, who advertises on a regular basis in the Bulletin (ACTIVE) completed the latest London Marathon in 3 hours and 19 minutes, which was an excellent time for someone who had a baby eight months before the date of the marathon.

Steven Sercombe, who also lives in Brixworth, ran the marathon in 3 hours and 47 minutes.

Congratulations to both of them.

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BRIXWORTH U-16 A FOOTBALL CLUB



**Back row: Jamie Black, Joe Westbrook, Matthew Farmer, Sam McCallum, Tom Chapman, Simon Perrin, Luke Tolworthy
Front row: Alex Dale, Ashley Hammond, Mathew Moulds, Adam Shuwer, James Mabbutt, Jamie, Bernham, Matthew Ireland**

May 2006 is the end of an era. Most of the current U-16's A squad have played for us since they were six.

In the ten years, we have enjoyed 217 games, 634 goals, 1 league championship, 1 five-a-side winner's trophy, the Beccles Shield Norfolk Tour Cup, 1 league runners up trophy and 6 semi finals. Four players,

Matthew Farmer, Sam McCallum, Ashley Hammond and Jamie Black have all made over 200 appearances. Matthew Moulds, Adam Shuwer, Tom Chapman, Simon Perrin, Steven Rose and Joe Westbrook have made over 100 appearances.

In an age of unruly kids, our squad has never caused one moment's trouble and

they have been a joy to manage and coach even on extensive tours.

I would like to thank Dave Coleman, Kevin Greasley, Pete Webb, Andy Dean Foster, Carol Black and others too numerous to mention. *Andy Farmer*

BRIXWORTH JUNIORS U-15's

We have just finished a very tough season since moving straight from the C league last year to the A league. The team has battled well against strong opposition and deserved to just avoid the drop on the last weekend of the season. The highlight would be the cup run earlier in the season. The under 15's also managed to take points off all but the top four teams in the league and will be well placed to do the same again in the final junior year of under 16. Any new players wishing to join who already play regular football for their school team or another John Henry league team, should contact Neil Anderson on 01604 882131

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Sports Roadshow

The Sports Development Roadshow will visit St. David's Recreation Ground on 16th August 2006 at 10.00. Sporting fun for kids from toddlers to 'teens and its free.

BRIXWORTH JUNIOR F.C.

The end of another long season and this is the time of year when we have to say goodbye to two of our U-16's teams.

Many thanks to all the lads for their commitment to BJFC and wish them every success in the future and hope to see some of them playing for the Brixworth senior teams.

Thank you to Andy Farmer (U-16's A) and Debbie and Martin Kilsby (U16's Flames) for their hard work and commitment to their respective teams and to BJFC and we wish them a healthy and happy future. They will always be welcome back at the club if they wish to do so.

Also thank you to all the other managers/coaches and the committee members for their hard work during the season

Finally, thank you to **Atkins** for their continued sponsorship and to **Raybell and Sons**, the help is a great comfort to the teams and club. *D. Coleman Chairman*

BRIXWORTH RED LION F.C.

As our second campaign draws to a close, it has once again been a success. In the League we have finished runners up and will be playing in the Premier Division next season. A playing record of 14 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats saw promotion secured by mid March. We have also reached the final of the Ken Parker cup which will take place at Sixfields on Sunday 21st May. Our opponents will be premier division champions, Loft Style St Andrews.

Player manager, Adam Knight, is our leading scorer with 21 goals in all competitions, with Craig Spraggons only one goal behind with just the final left to play.

The end of season presentation and disco will be held at the Red Lion on Bank Holiday Sunday 28th May.

All connected with the club would like to thank the Red Lion for their continued support, Toseland & Jones Plumbing for our away kit and everyone who has turned out during the season to watch us play

Ian Bandy - 882215