

# The NEWSLETTER

BRIZE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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# CHRISTMAS MARKET

## Gifts

Sunday

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December

RECREATION GROUND

12-4pm

FREE

ENTRY

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

HANDMADE CRAFTS

FESTIVE FOOD & DRINKS

BRIZE NORTON



## Your Brize Norton Newsletter is **Changing...** ...and we need your help!

In February 2023, a new edition of this newsletter will be published and it will be:

- Bigger (including the text), brighter and nice and glossy
- Full of amazing stories from villagers, friends of villagers and people like you!
- Yes, we are including a SMALL amount of advertising\*, so the hope is that the magazine can become self-financing. Any money left over will go into a community fund pot. The Parish Council will subsidise any shortfall.
- We are including all the usual topics, with a few additions. A cookery section, a climate section, a mental health and wellbeing section and much, much more.
- ...and still, it will be delivered FREE, through your door (if you're lucky enough to be in Brize Norton)

We need your help with a  
**name**  
for your new magazine !

**Email your ideas to:**

- [jayne@chapelhilldesign.co.uk](mailto:jayne@chapelhilldesign.co.uk)

**or drop them into the letterbox at:**

- The Chapel, Chapel Hill, Brize Norton

**by 31st December 2022**

## We love a good idea!

If you'd like to drop through any recipes, stories, good ideas, become a frequent contributor or \*if you want to be one of the special companies, lucky enough to advertise in our new magazine, call Jayne on 07810 255000 for details.

For smaller businesses, we are also doing a 'Village Directory in the back, so again, if you'd like to be in that.. give us a call!

# A note from the Chairman...



Since our last edition a lot has been happening around the village. August began with defibrillator training, with around 12 volunteers taking part and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Dick Tracey for giving us his time.

Mid-August brought around news of changes to the bus service through the village and saw us lose our Sunday service altogether, (although we are getting a service back at the end of October, albeit less frequent) plus the loss of the night service to the village. The Parish Council has written to both Stagecoach Bus Company and the OCC Highway department asking for meetings to discuss what can be done to re-instate a service that best meets our village's requirements, and this is ongoing. We managed to get a meeting with the Cabinet Minister for Transport, and he came out to Brize, and we were able to show him the problems experienced with an unsuitable pathway to the bus stops on the roundabout and how exposed they are without adequate shelter and lighting.



**August Bank Holiday** weekend saw the Horticultural Show take place and there will be more on this later from Tony Shillingford.



September was planned for the Village Bash. However, due to the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Committee decided that as it was planned to take place during the official period of mourning that it would not be appropriate to hold it.

A book of condolence was placed in St Britius Church for the period of



mourning and around 30 people attended the vigil around the war memorial on the Sunday evening, ahead of the State Funeral.

Applications to Gentian Developments for community grant funding were received and their representative, **Gentian** Community Grants together with a committee made up of two members of the Parish Council and two parishioners, awarded four grants. Congratulations to the successful applicants! More on this later.

The Parish Council has also welcomed another member. Darren Truman was co-opted onto the Council at its **October meeting**, and you will have the chance to learn more about him later. Welcome Darren!

As you will have seen, we have announced some exciting news about the future of our newsletter. With ever rising costs, and the Parish Council having to think more creatively about how it can continue to fund producing four editions of this newsletter each year, we have come up with some new ideas and want to make it more about our readers.



# Chairman's note continued...



As the leaves on the trees change from green through to their burning reds and vibrant oranges before dropping and the days get shorter, I hope you are able to get out, kick some leaves, collect conkers and enjoy the colours of autumn.

I'll end by wishing you all a *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year* on behalf of the Councillors of Brize Norton.

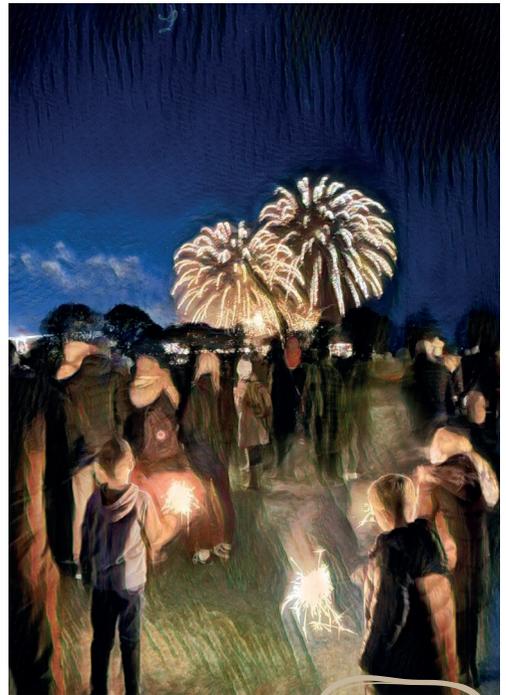
*Wendy* Wendy Way (Chairman)

Are you *passionate* about your community?

Do you want to *help* make a *lasting* change?

Do you have *innovative ideas*?

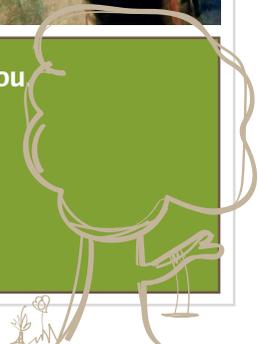
Do you have *concerns* and want to do something about it?



If your answer to any of these questions is **YES**, then we need you

We need people from all backgrounds and experiences so come and join our pro-active team and become a Councillor.

For further information, contact Wendy Way via email [w.way@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:w.way@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk)



# ... Around the village

## Brize Meadow

By the time you receive this Newsletter, there will be over 300 houses occupied on Brize Meadow so on behalf of Brize Norton Parish Council, welcome to all our new Parishioners.



As we will have seen, the building of the 'extra care home' is now up to roof level and heading towards a completion date of April next year. The Co-op and adjacent shops on the opposite side of the road are really taking shape now. The Co-op hopes to open next March and there is interest by potential occupants for the three shops. We have been informed that construction is due to



take place for the Greggs 'drive-through' in November with completion next July.

Bloor Homes are approaching the time when they would like to enter a 'one year maintenance period' for the northern area of the Mary Ellis Country Park. To achieve this, the area will need to be completed and approved by West Oxfordshire District Council.

Subject to a satisfactory maintenance period, ownership of this area will be transferred to Brize Norton Parish Council.

As you will have noticed, Bloor Homes landscape contractors have cut the majority of this area and where 'mown footpaths' are being formed, they have received a shorter

cut. The contractors have also treated the areas which are designated as community grassland and will be clearing the stream along Burford Road later this year.

It is unfortunate that about 40 trees did not survive the hot summer so these will now be replaced.



Another noticeable addition in the country park is the new footway, which has been

formed on the higher-level ground, to link the north east corner of Brize Meadow to Burford Road. This will provide all year-round connectivity between the different areas of our village.

We will continue to keep residents informed of any updates on Brize Meadow as they become available to us.

*Les* Les Goble (Councillor)

 A warm welcome for Age UK for the 2022 International Day of Older Persons!

The Humble Bumble Café marked the 2022 International Day of Older Persons, by kindly hosting representatives of Age UK Oxfordshire Community Information Network and Dementia Oxfordshire, who provided a Pop-Up of useful information in the Café on 5th October.



The Humble Bumble also invited Age UK Oxfordshire back again on 26th October, the day of the Humble Bumble Memory Walk! We will organise some wonderful pictures of this for the next issue!

*Thank you, Humble Bumble.*

For further information about the Age UK Oxfordshire Community Information Network (CIN) Call **01235 849434** or email [network@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:network@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk)

For more about Dementia Oxfordshire: please call **01865 410210** or email [info@dementiaoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:info@dementiaoxfordshire.org.uk)

*Jennifer* Jennifer Dixon-Clegg



## BRIZE'S BONFIRE NIGHT

(See back page for more details)

- Brize Norton Recreation Ground
- Thursday 3rd November 2022
- 5.30pm: S&SC bar will be open, home-made soup and hot dogs are being served by St Britius Church and HBC will be serving hot drinks
- 6.00pm: Bonfire to be lit - the fire will be at the far end of the allotments alongside the recreation ground (no access to fire from allotments)
- 6.30pm (approx): Fireworks courtesy of the RAF
- No fireworks allowed on the rec. Sparklers are at your own risk and only to be used under adult supervision.

## Raising money for Brize Norton Pre-school!

Recently we organised an auction of my late Great Granddads, rare and precious memorabilia of the late HM Queen Elizabeth at The Chequers.



It was really well attended and all the money raised on the day went to Brize Norton Pre-school.

We also opened for the HM Queen Elizabeth's funeral, showed it live on our big screen for the village and put on free tea and fresh scones with jam and cream. It was lovely for everyone to come together for this very solemn occasion.



Have you ever wanted to know more about our Police Community Support Officer's (PCSO)?

 **THAMES VALLEY POLICE**

I am Richard Conner the PCSO for your area and here to assist your parish and community in anyway I can. I am based out of Carterton Police Station however my area beat is Carterton and Brize Norton Parish.



My job is to assist in tackling some of the quality of life issues in local neighbourhood areas; I deal with incidents and anti-social behaviour, general nuisance issues and

many other concerns. This in turn contributes to the Constabulary's aims of raising visibility and reassuring the public.

Role Purpose/ Responsibilities and Examples of duties that Police Community Support Officer's can undertake:

- To be a visible uniformed representative of law and order.
- To provide public reassurance and to assist with the prevention of crime and disorder within the community.
- To conduct high visibility uniformed patrol to prevent public disorder and nuisance, to respond to calls and requests for assistance from the public, to deal with anti-social behaviour thus minimising the risk to public safety.
- Enforcement of certain local bylaws and summary offences via fixed penalty tickets.
- The issue of fixed penalty notices in respect of:-



- Cycling of the footpath
- Anti-social behaviour

- To undertake crime investigation to include taking crime reports, short statements, from victims of crime.
- To work with relevant bodies and local authorities to build and maintain community relationships and partnerships. .
- To gather intelligence from the local community
- Deal with lost and found property
- Initial scene preservation

- Taking basic crime reports where no further investigation is required e.g. Theft, Criminal Damage
- Deal with issues related to public nuisance;
- Litter
- Confiscation of alcohol and tobacco from juveniles

I'm in constant contact with the primary schools and regularly visit the children, delivering talks on many subjects including internet safety, road safety etc.



I am part of the West Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Team and I work alongside two other PCSO's, two sergeants and an inspector, supported by the youth and school officer, and 5 PC's from the problem solving team.

As Carterton is my largest town on my beat, I spend the majority of patrols here and have been doing this for many years now and hope to do so for years to come.

If you have any issues you think I might be able to help you with, please stop me and have a chat, contact me on 101 and ask for C8155 Richard Conner or email [Richard.Conner@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:Richard.Conner@thamesvalley.police.uk)

*Richard* PCSO Richard Conner

### Community Activity Grants

We would like to make Parishoners aware of information available on new grants, which are available to support not-for-profit community groups to deliver activities and

services which meet the needs of residents most affected by the cost of living crisis.

For more information, go to: <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/communities-and-leisure/community-grants-and-funding/>

A lot of support is also available both nationally and locally that you might be able to access to help during these challenging times.

There are also schemes we provide at West Oxfordshire District Council such as the Council Tax Support scheme and support for people on housing benefit who can't make their rent.



For more information, go to: <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/costoflivingsupport>

## Our weather has been a little different this year...

...and you may have had your food bin disappear down the road, or a lid broken when your wheelie bin landed on it's side!



So where do you go to get another or help with replacement lids?

WODC provides this service: <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/request-bins-and-recycling-containers/>

Or call: **01993 861000**

- Fill out your name and contact details
- Fill out what you need and the team will deliver as soon as they can



They have caught up now from the storm a few months ago, but this may still take a couple of weeks.

## RAF Brize Norton re-issue major accident emergency instructions

You may have seen these come through your door a little while ago. If not, they are available on the BNPC website at:

<https://brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk/noticeboard>



### Emergency Instructions Guidance

In a major emergency involving RAF Brize Norton, if you are not involved in the incident, but are close by or believe you may be in danger, follow Government advice and:



GO IN to a safe building.

STAY IN until you are advised to do otherwise.

TUNE IN to local TV, radio or social media pages for more information.

- Go immediately into a house or building.
- Close all external doors, turn off ventilation systems.
- Close all windows and curtains.
- Close all internal doors and go to a room facing away from RAF Brize Norton.

**STAY** Remain indoors until you receive instructions from the police.

**TUNE** your radio to the local radio stations (BBC Radio Oxford 95.2 FM & JACK 106.4 FM) or tune into BFBS Brize Norton on local DAB.

**Resist the urge** to use your mobile or landline telephones, **unless it is an emergency**, as doing so may cause congestion of the telephone networks.

**PLEASE CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE EMERGENCY SERVICES.**

This leaflet is produced in accordance with the MOD Major Accident Control Regulations to advise you what to do in the unlikely event of a major incident occurring at RAF Brize Norton.

Please read this carefully and follow the instructions given if a warning is implemented.

Householders are advised to ensure that all occupants understand the instructions. Responsible persons in business or community premises should also be familiar with the actions required to enable them to instruct occupants in the event of a major accident.

This leaflet should be kept in an accessible place and passed on to subsequent occupiers. It should be prominently displayed in business or community premises. Additional copies may be obtained from the **RAF BZN Media Communications Office**.

In the unlikely event of a major incident, emergency instructions may also be available via social media pages:  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/royalairforcebrizenorton](https://www.facebook.com/royalairforcebrizenorton) - Twitter: @RAFBrizeNorton - Local Council: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

# ... St Britius Church



In October, we enjoyed an afternoon tea at the Humble Bumble café in celebration of harvest.

At our Harvest festival we made a collection of produce which, together with contributions from the school who also held their harvest celebration in the church, has been taken to support the local Besom project.

Our Remembrance Sunday service on **Sunday 13 November starts** at 10am followed by the laying of wreaths and silence at the War Memorial from 10.50am. The collection taken at the service will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

We aim to have a fundraising stall at the village Christmas market on **4 December**. We have a second hand book stall with many items 'good enough to gift' if you are looking for some presents.



On **Saturday 17 December** we are holding a children's Christmas craft activity afternoon, 2.45pm in the church. Christingles and decorative lanterns will

be made and there will be games and refreshments. This will be followed by a short Christingle service at 4.45pm. All children are welcome to come along and join in the activity. Please speak with Gary Long 07799 968408 for more information

Weather permitting, in the run up to Christmas, we invite you to join us on **Monday 19 December** (6pm to 7.30pm)

to sing carols in the village - if you would like to come along please contact Carolyn for timings and route (844102).



We look forward to Advent and our Christmas services and welcome you to:

- **Candlelit Carol Service on Sunday 18 December** at 6.00pm: There will be a series of readings, carols and the children's Nativity Tableau. We invite all children attending to come dressed as shepherds, angels, wise men and people of Bethlehem (we also have some costumes). Please contact Carolyn (844102) for more details.
- **Longest Night Service on Wednesday 21 December** from 7pm to 8pm: This is a reflective service recognizing that Christmas isn't always merry and bright. A space to sit with God in the darkness and wait for the coming light.
- **Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass** at 11.30pm
- **Christmas Day:** No service at St Britius, but everyone is welcome to celebrate at a family communion service at St John the Evangelist, Carterton at 10am.

For details of other church services refer to the notices on the church door or log onto the website [www.bncommunity.org](http://www.bncommunity.org)

You are invited to the church each Tuesday lunchtime 12noon to 1pm for fellowship and chat over a bring your own and share lunch. Please contact Ben Campion (07795 192812) for more information.

**We wish you all a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.**



# ...Brize Norton Schooling



It's been a busy start to the new academic year. We've welcomed 20 families to our pre-school community this September, and everyone has settled well.

We've been busy harvesting all our fruit and vegetables grown on our allotment and the children have enjoyed cooking apple crumble and butternut squash soup for snacks. With autumn now upon us we've been out on nature walks, collecting conkers, acorns, leaves and doing bark and leaf rubbing. We've even been blackberry picking to make blackberry buns.



Last week we made our own bird feeders to take home and spot birds in our gardens. The children thrive whilst learning in the great outdoors. It helps to promote their health and well-being whilst immersing them in nature and making the most of our rural location.

Before we know it, we'll be getting ready for Christmas with the children taking part in our Nativity play and traditional Christmas activities including 'Letters to Santa' and a visit to the Post Office to post them. We'll also have a travelling pantomime visit us, which this year will be 'Robin Hood'.

**Did you know our village preschool is a registered charity?**

We work hard to ensure our children have every opportunity possible. Fundraising events and activities enable this.

With Christmas just around the corner if you do your shopping on Amazon you can help to raise funds for our preschool **smile amazon**.co.uk simply by using [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) and selecting our pre-school as your chosen charity. A small percentage is given back to our preschool so if lots of people help with this it really will make a difference. Any support our community can offer us is very much appreciated.

**Our pre-school is full for this year through to July 2023 and all places have now been allocated for next year starting September 2023, making pre-school full for the next two years.** You can register your child on our waiting list as early as you like and we strongly recommend you do this to secure a place.

We are holding an open afternoon on **Friday 20th January 2023** for anyone wishing to come for a visit. Please email us at **brizenortonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk** or text/call on 07769 617696 to reserve a place. For more info: [www.brizenortonpreschool.co.uk](http://www.brizenortonpreschool.co.uk)

*Jackie* Jackie Hampson (Manager)

# Brize Norton Primary School

We have had a super start back to term this year and welcomed many new faces to the Brize team, including my own.



I have been made to feel incredibly welcome as the new head of our wonderful village primary school and for that I am incredibly thankful. I am excited to be working with the team to help Brize Norton Primary and all the people within it SHINE.

This term we have introduced many new initiatives as we have begun to evaluate our curriculum provision. The children took part in their first RE Focus Day which saw the children focusing on a BIG Question – the children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and we saw their enquiring minds begin to thrive. We have also introduced a new PSHE scheme which is taught weekly. We are taking a mindful approach to supporting children’s personal, emotional, social and health education as well as their wellbeing, teaching our young people emotional literacy skills which equips them for happier and healthier lives as well as giving them agency to make their way through the world.



Forest School is well and truly underway once again with our youngest members taking part in their weekly sessions with Mrs Rae. Cooking on fire, using saws and working with natural materials are all part of the children’s weekly experiences. As someone who feels truly passionate about the outdoors and the benefits of children



learning outside, I am keen to develop our wider curriculum further to include more opportunities for children to experience their learning outside.

We concluded this term with a wonderful Harvest Festival which was held in St Britius Church in the Village. Our children sang their hearts out and shared their learning about Harvest – it was a truly uplifting experience. It has been over 2 years since the children have been in the church to celebrate as a school and it was wonderful to share this celebration with them in the church with the support of Gary Long who led the service and Phil and Mary from the church who supported behind the scenes. The children brought in donations of tinned and dried food which was gratefully received by Witney Besom. A charity which supports people in financial crisis.



Finally as this term concludes, we are sad to be saying farewell to Mrs Lyn Bostock, who has been with the school for over 20 years, as she takes her retirement.

During her time at Brize Norton, she has touched the hearts of hundreds of children as well as all the adults she has worked alongside. I have only worked with her for a short period of time, but in that time, seen the positive impact she has had on the school. Luckily for us, she will be remaining with us in a voluntary capacity, which only confirms her dedication to our children and for which we are incredibly grateful. A HUGE thank you Lyn from all the children past and present – you are amazing.

*Robyn* Robyn Jones (Headteacher)





As we move in to Autumn, our focus is on fundraising activities.

The Big Bash is always our main fundraising event, but of course, with the unavoidable cancellation this year, we needed to get our thinking caps and we have come up with some fun events.

Of course, our main aim of the School Association is to raise much needed funds so that all the children at the school can benefit. However we also want to have fun, and get the community involved.

So please put these dates in your diary:



- **11th Nov:** Quiz night at the school
- **26th Nov:** Christmas wreath making at the school
- **4th Dec:** Christmas Market: we will have 2 stalls there

More details to follow shortly, but we expect tickets for the November events to sell out quickly so you can register your interest on our Facebook page [@brizenortonSA](https://www.facebook.com/brizenortonSA)

We want to give a shout out to



**The Bampton Community shop** who invited us to apply for a Grant to be used for any specific project for the school. This was very

timely as there was a plan to refurbish the library and buy a lot more books, which would be used by all children across all years.



We were delighted to be awarded **£1,000** which is amazing! This community shop has given £185,000 in grants since November 2016 – this money has gone to local clubs, charities and societies. We want to say a massive thank you to Nick Thorpe and his team of volunteers.

Last week, we also encouraged parents to have a clear out of their wardrobes and



bring us bags of unwanted clothes – The Rags to Riches incentive has been a regular fundraising event- very simple but effective. We have received **£98** for the collection and we will definitely be organising another collection for the New Year.

We have **lots of second hand uniform**, so if you need any then please let us know- all in good condition and we don't want it to go to waste.

Finally, we do really need your help! **Many hands make light work and we are struggling to get more volunteers to help us with the events and activities we want to organise.**



If you are able to help that would be brilliant; parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbours – you will all be very welcome!

Contact Emma at [bsna\\_fundraising@outlook.com](mailto:bsna_fundraising@outlook.com)

*Everyone* at The BNSA



**BRIZE NORTON**

**SCHOOL**

**NEEDS YOU!**

## **The governing board have vacancies for community governors.**

The function of the board is to act strategically for the school and its future, hold leaders to account, and provide financial probity.

You would be required to attend between 6 and 10 meetings per year, and you will be provided with excellent free training to support your role.

This is a fantastic opportunity to strengthen existing skills, support your local community, and invest in the future of the pupils at the School.

If you would like more information,  
please email **Helen Roberts**  
[hroberts@brize-norton.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:hroberts@brize-norton.oxon.sch.uk) or  
telephone 07703 451545



# ••• Humble Bumble Café

This year marks the 3 year anniversary of Humble Bumble Café!

Although we didn't have a huge party, we did finally get to enjoy the August bank holiday and our anniversary, with a Covid restriction free summer for 2 years!

That age old saying of how time flies feel very poignant-and what a roller-coaster of highs and lows it has been. As we navigated starting a business, surviving a pandemic, and getting to know so many of our wonderful community -having time to reflect and be grateful feels more important than ever.

As we watch the atrocities in Ukraine many of our local community have opened their doors to our Ukrainian friends, we welcomed Ivanna to our team. Funny, cheeky and incredibly hard working humbles us all. You may have noticed lots of new faces more recently-many of our youngsters have fled the nest to university and new jobs, we have loved watching them grow in confidence and wish them so much success and happiness.

For me the café was always about creating a space for all, somewhere to meet a friend, sit and read a book, do a sudoku, share your stories both happy and sad in a safe welcoming space. Alongside a delicious cake and coffee of course. How little did I realise the importance of this to so many of you, and to me and my little team too.

The Humble Bumble is now part of our community, some of you may never step

foot inside, may not agree with how the building has been re-purposed and for this there is always an element of sadness for me. But, for those who do we thank you.

We have been able to provide work to our local community, connectivity to so many during a time of change and uncertainty. We have raised money and awareness for many local and national charities and supported and help grow our fabulous village events. For this I am very proud.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the support of the BNSSC, the parish council, the amazing team that have worked for me over the last 3 years and you our fantastic customers and friends, both human and canine, my friends and family but without doubt my husband-Ben, who's life motto 'To be happy and be useful' he lives by every day.

Who knows what the future holds for us, as we continue to evolve and respond to our community. But a heartfelt thankyou goes out to each and everyone of you that have been with us along the journey, supported us, encouraged us, cried with us and motivated us to keep going when times were tough.

Here are some of my favourite bits!

Much love

*Bev* and the Humble Bumble Team





**Happy 3 year Anniversary to Everyone at the Humble Bumble!**



# ••• Brize Norton Sports & Social Club

The cricket season has come and gone, and now the football season starts.

The ever-changing seasons brings sport to our recreation ground with a hope that all can join in and play a part to ensure it will continue well into the future. You will find articles in this newsletter giving details of how to get involved with both cricket and football.

Our annual 'Not so serious Rounders Tournament' held in September was



not that well attended but those who did turn up had a great time.

**Why not put a date in the diary for next year!**

Other dates for your diary are **3rd November** for the Bonfire Night starting at 5.45pm.

Plus on **Saturday 26th November** BNS&SC are inviting you to a Curry Night at the Elder Bank Hall – see opposite page details.

**The event is ticket only and are only £20 per person!**

There will be entertainment (of sorts) during the evening and of course a bar full of local ales, wine and the cooling lagers!

Tickets are available from Humble Bumble Café at the Pavilion or contact the committee (details opposite) for tickets and reservations.

We then move swiftly on to the Christmas Market on **4th December!**

The plans for the new pavilion move slowly on, the light at the end of the tunnel is now visible. Hopefully the next 12 months will see great strides forward.



Don't forget to contact us for Curry Night tickets, thank you!

- [tingush53@outlook.com](mailto:tingush53@outlook.com)
- [raymond.simpson1@gmail.com](mailto:raymond.simpson1@gmail.com)
- [riseleydaren@gmail.com](mailto:riseleydaren@gmail.com)
- [richard.warburton@icloud.com](mailto:richard.warburton@icloud.com)
- [simon.cook99@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.cook99@btinternet.com)
- [stevec@ehmltd.co.uk](mailto:stevec@ehmltd.co.uk)
- [d.constable@hotmail.com](mailto:d.constable@hotmail.com)



Look forward to seeing you at the curry night!

*Tim* Tim Gush - BNS&SC

**£20**  
per person

**ENTRY  
BY  
TICKET  
ONLY**

BRIZE NORTON  
SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB  
INVITE YOU TO A

**A BILASH**

# Curry Night

**SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2022**

ELDER BANK HALL, BRIZE NORTON

**7.00pm for 7.30**

A choice of 3 curry dishes - 1 being vegetarian  
rice and nan bread

Licensed  
**BAR**

## **Tickets**

Available at the  
Humble Bumble Cafe,  
The Pavilion BN. ors  
Committee members

A light hearted

**Quiz  
Raffle  
Games**

# ... Brize Norton Football Club

On the 24th September we played host to the Witney & District Ground Hop!

The 'Groundhoppers' arrange to watch various games on the same day.



The Witney & District put on 3 games with us hosting an 11:00 KO. The Hoppers 'collect' visiting grounds and clubs as long as official matches can come from as far as Norwich, Yorkshire and Kent to name a few.

We produced an official match programme and sold Raffle tickets and Pin Badges and the Humble Bumble Cafe and Sports Social Club 'fed and watered' them.

The 'Official' attendance was **168** for the match which is huge for us and was the most out of the days 3 matches. Sadly the result wasn't what we wanted but it was a great day and showed our Club and Village in a very positive way with many nice and complementary comments.

A **Big Thank you** to all the Volunteers who helped out on the day and to Bev and the Humble Bumble Cafe and Tim and the Sports & Social Club. A-Plan Insurance and Aldi were very supportive and of course all the players.



Brize are just over a month into the new season and currently sit in 4th place in Division 2, with same

points total as the leaders.

Brize started with a 3-2 away win over Faringdon Town A coming from behind. This was followed with a 4-1 win over Eynsham SSC after again going a goal down.

On the 24th September we hosted Cassington Rangers as part of the Witney & District Ground Hop. Sadly a 1-0 defeat to dubious penalty and one not given in the dying minutes ended the early good run.

Sadly the following week we lost 5-0 to Kingham in the Oxfordshire Junior Shield at home.

Back to the league and we got back to winning ways with a 3-1 win away to Hailey A.

**Division 2. 4th place.**

**Pld 4 W3 D0 L1 F10 A5 Pts9 GD+5**

**Scorers:**

**Dylan Briggs 4, Adam Davis 2, George Sheldon, Matthew Webster, Alfie Gardiner, Jason Hirshfield.**

With the nights drawing in Training has now moved to the Carterton ATP on Tuesday nights from 8-9pm.

The Club has turned a corner after some tough seasons and are always looking for new players. If interested please come along to training or contact Manager Adam Harris or myself.

Finally, a Big Thank You to Jake Farrugia for all his help as player, manager and Committee Member. Jake has secured a job abroad (sadly for us) so has to step down from his position on the Committee. Good Luck Jake.

You can follow the Club via:

Website: [pitchero.com/clubs/brizenortonfc](http://pitchero.com/clubs/brizenortonfc)

Facebook Group: [Brize Norton FC](https://www.facebook.com/BrizeNortonFC)

Twitter: [@brizenortonfc](https://twitter.com/brizenortonfc)

Instagram: [brizenortonfc](https://www.instagram.com/brizenortonfc)

*Simon* Simon Cook



We are still on the lookout  
for more players.



Training is at the Carterton ATP  
**Tuesday nights at 8-9pm**

Players old & new are welcome or anyone who  
just wants to keep or get fit

## ...Minster Lovell Cricket Club



From early May until early September,  
competitive cricket matches are  
played on the Brize Norton Recreation  
Ground.



Minster Lovell's  
Senior Cricket  
Teams currently  
play in the  
Cherwell League

in Oxfordshire and although Minster  
Lovell Cricket Club's home ground is Wash  
Meadow in Minster Lovell, Brize Norton  
Recreation Ground is the home venue for  
the Minster Lovell Third Team.

This pitch is also used for some Second  
Team matches, Youth Cricket and County  
matches and with thanks for the efforts of  
our Groundsman, it has the reputation of  
being a great wicket to play on.

In addition to the three Senior Teams,  
Minster Lovell Cricket Club offers cricket  
coaching and matches for all abilities from  
the age of 6 years upwards and we also very  
proud of our Lions Disability Cricket Team.

Pre-season training commences with Winter  
Nets from late January and is indoors

at Carterton Community  
College, before going outside  
after Easter down at Wash Meadow in  
Minster Lovell.

**For more information  
about our Club or the  
coaching and training  
sessions, please  
do not hesitate to  
contact us:**



- For anyone 15 years or under, contact:  
Chris Jones ([chrisarahj@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chrisarahj@yahoo.co.uk))
- For anyone over 15 years, contact:  
James Merriman  
([mezza778@gmail.com](mailto:mezza778@gmail.com))
- For Lions disability cricket, contact  
Dave Mayers ([david.mayers@sky.com](mailto:david.mayers@sky.com))

Our website is:

<https://mlcc.play-cricket.com/home>

We already have Brize Norton residents  
playing for Minster Lovell CC and look  
forward to welcoming any new members  
from the Parish.

*Chris* Chris Jones





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**Brize  
 Meadow  
 Lodge  
 Care  
 Home**  
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**An open letter to the Brize Norton community from Maria Taylor, Commissioning Director at Ideal Carehomes, operators of Brize Meadow Lodge care home, due to open in Spring 2023.**

On behalf of everyone at Ideal Carehomes, I would like to share some exciting updates with you all regarding our new care home, Brize Meadow Lodge.

As you will know, our care home is currently under construction, and we are due to open



our doors early next year. We are committed to improving our environmental impact and are proud that Brize Meadow Lodge will be an EPC "A" rated care home.

Using the very latest energy saving technology, Brize Meadow Lodge will be able to operate as a Carbon Free Green home running without the use of gas.

80% of the roof at Brize Meadow Lodge will be covered in solar panels to generate electricity to help power the home and on-site battery stores retain any spare energy for use another time.

The home will also benefit from extensive ground source heat pump technology. This incredible use of the earth's natural heat will provide hot water heating and

will enable our residents to benefit from underfloor heating and comfort air cooling technology and also positively impact the environment by reducing carbon emissions and greenhouse gases.

It won't be long before we begin recruiting for all positions at the home at the end of December including care management, care assistants and kitchen, domestic and admin staff. Our new team will complete a thorough induction period before the home opens in the Spring, providing first-rate residential and dementia care.

This is a great time to join the Ideal Carehomes family, and to start a career in social care if you are new to the care sector.

We pride ourselves on making Ideal Carehomes a great place to work, regularly organising 'Wellness Wednesday' activities to promote mindfulness and self-care. Our teams and residents have taken part in virtual yoga, salsa and even a gentle aerobic session!

We are looking forward to opening our doors and meeting the Brize Norton community next year. In the meantime, if you have any questions about Brize Meadow Lodge, or our work at Ideal Carehomes, please get in touch on 0113 465 4000. I'd be happy to answer any queries that you might have about our incredible new care home.

Thank you,  
  
 Maria Taylor

**Tel: 0113 465 4000**  
**Website: [www.idealcarehomes.co.uk](http://www.idealcarehomes.co.uk)**





## Gentian Community Grants for the Parish of Brize Norton

A number of interesting projects submitted applications for funding from the Gentian community grant programme.

After careful consideration by a panel made up of representatives from Gentian, Brize Norton Parish Council and local residents, grants have been awarded as follows:



**Brize Norton**  
Primary School



- **Brize Norton Primary school** for furniture for a new school library.
- **Brize Norton Pre-school** for a new outdoor shed and resources for their mud kitchen and allotment area.
- **APCAM** (Assisting Parents with Children Affected by Mental Health) for an after school drop in service for young people suffering with their mental health.

Gentian also made a donation to the Village Bash committee for gazebos to be used at the Village Bash, school events, fundraising and other community events.

Gentian is the property developer of the new retail centre on Monahan Way forming part of the Brize Meadow development. The retail centre consists of a new Mid Counties Co-op convenience store and a Greggs drive-thru. Gentian is committed to supporting the local community in the vicinity of its offices and developments. ([www.gentian.co.uk](http://www.gentian.co.uk))

# ... Planting, Propagating & Pruning



## 47<sup>th</sup> Brize Norton Annual Horticultural Show

Thank You to all those that entered and visited this years show.



For various reasons, but mainly due to the exceptionally dry growing season, we had fewer entries and visitors than we would normally have. Despite this and the fact that we were all a bit rusty after a couple of years of cancellations due to the Covid epidemic, I think we can claim a modest success.

David Chapman was noticeable by his absence from the show this year and I would like mention him for his success over past years and thank him for being a regular exhibitor.

### This years results

- **The Jim Bolton cup** awarded to the winner of the vegetable class was won by Roger Wise.



- **The Bekstone Rose Bowl** awarded to the winner of the flower class was won by Anne Green.

- **The Aubrey Smith Plate** awarded to the winner of the cookery and preserves class was won by Anne Green.



- **The Christina Barnard Cup** awarded to the winner of the flower arranging and handicraft class was won by Anne Green



### The future of the show

This depends on the interest of our exhibitors, the attendance of our audience and the small group of people that run the show. Going forward we need more people in each group, starting with the organisers.

If you are interested in getting involved for next year and future years please email me on [tonyshillingford@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonyshillingford@yahoo.co.uk).



We need more people on the team with ideas and a few hours to spare for planning and running future shows.

Tony Tony Shillingford





# Working on your garden?

**Oct-Dec Gardening Tips  
from Lisa-Marie & her Mum**



## October

- ❁ Those summer annuals will be looking tired, especially after the hot summer. In their place, plant your primrose, pansies, violas and get those spring bulbs in ready for plenty of colour in the spring.
- ❁ Time to bring tender plants into greenhouses or sheltered places to prevent frost damage. If you've plants that like a little warm, like palms, or exotic fruit trees wrap them up in garden fleece.

- ❁ If you've large pots, try planting grasses, heuchera, wall flowers or hellebores and annuals for plenty of colour and prolonged flowering.



- ❁ It's not too late to take cuttings from salvias, fuchsias and penstemons for new plants for next year.

- ❁ Before Jack Frost arrives and it gets cold, use mulch or bark around the roots of roses, salvias and clematis. This will protect the roots from hard frost, keeps moisture in and weeds at bay.



## November

- ❁ If you've large clumps of established hostas, ferns and primroses, you can dig these up and divide them. This will yield new plants to spread over your beds.
- ❁ Cutting back roses, will encourage new, fresh growth in spring and keep them tidy.



- ❁ You can still plant tulips – it's not too late. Add little horticultural grit mixed into your soil to provide extra drainage.
- ❁ If you notice cheeky squirrels digging out your bulbs, place a little chicken wire over the top of your pots.
- ❁ Our feathered friends need help in winter, so if you can, help feed and keep them healthy by cleaning feeders and fill them with tasty treats. Remember to give them fresh water and to crack any ice!
- ❁ Sew sweet peas in a greenhouse or on windowsills ready for spring.



## December

- ❁ You can add feet to your pots, as this helps with drainage and frost protection.
- ❁ Rake up any fallen leaves on your lawn, as it will prevent grass damage from lack of sunlight.
- ❁ Leave fallen leaves around hedges as hedgehogs will use them for hibernating.
- ❁ By now those garden tools will be well used, so give them a bit of TLC by cleaning, sharpening and oiling.
- ❁ Times are tough, so why not be creative and make you own festive table centrepiece or wreath using holly, conifers, branches, berries and pinecones or anything else you can find – gifts made with love!



*Lisa* Lisa and her Mum  
(Chris)



# ... Spreading our roots



It's tree-planting season! And, whether your garden is large, small or non-existent, there have never been more reasons to plant trees, or more opportunities.

Firstly, **you can plant a tree for free!** The **Garden Tree giveaway** is a new initiative, and once you sign up, your trees will be delivered to an address within easy reach, complete with tree guard and planting instructions.

If you represent a school or a community group, there is even more on offer: contact **the Woodland Trust**, for example, for a pack of bare-root trees. And if you want help with where to plant, contact Oxfordshire Treescapes, who can provide maps of your parish, showing where tree planting would be most useful.

The second special reason to plant a tree this year is to honour our late Queen. **The Queen's Green Canopy** was set up to mark Her late Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Last winter, over a million trees were planted and, following her death, the scheme has been extended to March 2023 in order to give more people the opportunity to contribute to this living legacy, reaching far into the future.

Many, if not most young people suffer from some degree of climate and nature anxiety. Not surprisingly, they worry about what kind of world we are leaving them. Planting a tree, or organising a group to plant a number of trees, is one way they can know that they

are helping in the effort to capture carbon, slow down its release and provide a home for nature. A tree can also be a gathering place, engendering that sense of belonging that we all need.

If you want to grow food, don't think that means you can't grow trees too! A tree in the right place can provide much-needed protection from harsh north-easterly winds, and there are plenty of vegetables and herbs that like growing in constant dappled shade. And of course, you can plant your food in tree form. See link to **heritage fruit trees below**. If you like this idea, take a look at the most radical version of this, a forest garden. See the mind-boggling Martin Crawford video below.

When you plant a tree, you are giving a beautiful gift to your garden or village, but you are giving far more to the soil and to nature. **70% of the carbon** that is captured by trees is stored, not in the branches and canopy that provide us with shade and enjoyment, but in the roots below the ground, and the astonishing fungal networks that spread out from those roots and connect to neighbouring trees.

*Rosie* Rosie Pearson,  
WODC for Brize Norton and Shilton Ward

- [queensgreencanopy.org](https://queensgreencanopy.org)
- [internationaltreefoundation.org/garden-tree-giveaway](https://internationaltreefoundation.org/garden-tree-giveaway)
- [lucy.staveley@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.staveley@gmail.com)
- **Martin Crawford's forest garden:** [www.youtube.com/?v=GFbcn06h8w4](https://www.youtube.com/?v=GFbcn06h8w4)
- [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk)
- **Oxfordshire treescapes:** [www.oxtrees.uk](https://www.oxtrees.uk)
- [www.heritageappletrees.com](https://www.heritageappletrees.com)

# ... State of Wildlife

## Brize garden bird watching anyone?

As someone with an interest in wildlife for many years, I know of many local sites to watch birds, and yet most of my bird watching is done in my small Brize Norton back garden.

Throughout the year I eat my meals outside (suitably attired, I hasten to add).

Consequently my garden birds have become very used to my presence and pretty much ignore me until I make a sudden noise or movement.

As I am often eating outside I think it only fair that my feathered friends can also dine well too and to that end I give them a smorgasbord of various seeds, fat balls and sometimes insects to feast on.

Giving them a wide variety of foods also means I will hopefully get a wider range of bird species to observe and this has proven to be the case.

Since moving to the village two years ago I have just reached a total of sixty species seen either in my garden or flying over it.

Around three quarters of these species were actually seen in my garden with most of them visiting the feeders.

Some like the Green woodpecker only visits the ant hills in my lawn (I knew there was a reason I kept them) and the Song thrush only visits when there are ivy berries to eat in late autumn, whilst the Pied wagtail searches on my path and roof.

I have a Greater spotted woodpecker that visits my fat balls and peanut feeders, but at this time of year it wedges hazel



nuts into crevices in the electricity pole and opens them with its strong beak.

The feeders themselves are often covered with smaller birds at this time of year who will sometimes be temporarily driven off by hordes of Starlings who will in turn be deposed by a group of Jackdaws. The smaller birds are however quite patient and will wait until the aggressive, larger birds move on before they resume feeding.



As I write there are 13 Goldfinches on the sunflower hearts and niger seed with seven Long Tailed tits on the fat balls and block. A Robin darts in occasionally to take a sunflower seed and House sparrows are squabbling over the millet.

In the winter months other birds will appear, such as migratory flocks of Redwings which have arrived from northern Europe to spend the season here. For these birds and other migratory members of the Thrush family I will place windfall apples out for them to feast on.

I have a small pond that is used by many species for drinking and bathing purposes, surprisingly they will even bathe on cold winter days after I have broken the ice for them.

In the summer a number of birds will 'ant bathe' this involves laying on an anthill wings spread out for the ants to run over them. Apparently this removes parasites such as fleas and ticks.

So remember there is plenty to see even in the smallest garden.

*Ady* Adrian State

# ...BRAVOS Awards...



In June the Parish Council was asked by RAF Brize Norton if we would like to nominate a local business or local branch which has best supported the RAF Brize Norton community and its personnel in a new category, 'Best Business Award', at this year's RAF Brize Norton Recognition Awards for Outstanding Service (BRAVOS) event to be held in October.

It was agreed that we should nominate The Humble Bumble Café and we set about submitting our form and writing a short citation that captured the essence of what they have done in the three years since the café opened.

Bev has set a clear agenda to support charitable causes whenever possible; Dementia, MacMillan, APCAM, Poppy Appeal, Veterans Mental Health as well as supporting local groups such as the church, toddler groups, crafters, kids holiday clubs, walking footballers, cycle clubs... indeed, anything that happens in the village has usually got HBC involved somewhere!

Their relationship with RAF Brize Norton was also an integral part of the ethos of the café... soon after HBC opened, the Station approached the HBC team to see if they could reopen the Community Hubs Café... The solution was to create a café in a horse trailer, which proved so successful that the HBC Horse Trailer – set-up with all Station certifications in mind – is now able to support a wide range of RAF Brize Norton

events – Summer & Winter Balls, Squadron Open Days, Brizefest, Fireworks night, Tactical Medical Wing Events (with many TMW personnel coming for lunch every day!) and many charitable events, the HBC Horse Trailer is a welcome and frequent visitor to camp.

From small beginnings the café now employs some 16 local people of all ages -several of whom are military dependants - and is an integral part of a thriving village and military community. All excellent reasons why the Humble Bumble Café should have our nomination.



In September we were informed that the HBC had been

shortlisted as Finalists, along with Grapes and Tomatoes and Bourton Road Butchers.

It was an honour and privilege to attend the ceremony along with five members from the café and we had a wonderful evening, with the Grapes and Tomatoes being awarded the winners.

There were also 3 Special Recognition awards for Get2B, Corporal Hayley Court and Ms Amber Hughes, who were all awarded for their outstanding work within the Community and RAF Brize Norton.

Congratulations to everyone nominated for awards. To those who attended and all the worthy winners. It was a very humbling experience, and the setting was magnificent.

Well done to the team at RAF Brize Norton for producing such a magnificent evening.

*David* David Golding (Councillor)

# ...What's on!



## Brize Norton Over 60's Club

**Brize Norton  
Over 60's  
Club**

We are a small club for local people. We meet twice a month on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays** of each month. We meet from 2pm to 4pm at 4 Squires Close, Brize Norton.

We have recently enjoyed a sing-a-long with Cliff on the keyboard and a very interesting talk by Adrian about owls

Our future programme is as follows:

- **Tues 1st Nov:** Tea, cake and chat
- **Tues 15th Nov:** Christmas stories a talk by Gary
- **Tues 6th Dec:** Tea, cake and chat
- **Tues 20th Sept:** Christmas meal at The Chequers

Do you have an interesting job or hobby and be prepared to come along and tell us

about it? We would like to hear from you, or if you would like to join us ring Joy for more information, **ring Joy on 842373**. Details of our programme are on the village notice boards.



**Brize Norton  
Dance Club**



We meet in the Elderbank Hall every **Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm**. New members would be most welcome. We dance sequence, ballroom and latin to music on CD's. We have an interval when we enjoy tea and biscuits. For more information please ring Joy on 01993 842373.

For more information, ring Joy on 842373 or look on the village notice boards.

*Joy* Joy Douglas

## Widows Money Fuel Allotment Charity



This village charity (charity number 204046) formed in 1970 was the amalgamation of two previous charitable funds – the 'Fuel Allotment' fund set up prior to 1885 and the

'Widows Money' fund.

From the proceeds of rent of the 'Poors Plot' field, small monetary gifts are made at Christmas to Brize Norton residents who are

pensioners or widows.

If you haven't received a gift before and think you now qualify please contact me before **Monday 5th December 2022** to be included on this year's list.

*Carolyn* Carolyn Peach,  
Secretary of the Trustees of the Widows  
Money Fuel Allotment char'

[cpeach.uk@btinternet.com](mailto:cpeach.uk@btinternet.com), 01993 844102





## Brownies

Brownies meet at the Elder Bank Hall Monday evenings, 6.00 until 7.30pm.

If you have a daughter who is interested in joining us then please contact the Guiding website ([www.girlguiding.org.uk/brownies](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/brownies)) and go on join me to register an interest, girls can put their names on the waiting list

at any age and can join from seven years old..

We are a very friendly group who have lots of fun, doing activities and playing games while working towards badges. While fun is our biggest aim you will find the girls learn new skills, try new things and learn a lot about team work and leadership skills along the way.

My contact details are Barbie Thorne at [barbara.thorne534@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.thorne534@btinternet.com).

*Barbie* **Barbie Thorne**



## LOVE IN A BOX

In October and November , St Britius will be promoting and supporting the shoebox appeal that is organised by T4U.

The founder of the charity, Dave Cooke, aims to fulfil the dreams of children whose greatest wish is to receive a Christmas gift. For many this wish will be granted by the generosity of a total stranger who will probably be completely unaware of the impact it will have and the glimmer of hope it will bring, to a child who has nothing.



Shoebox gifts are made to vulnerable children or families from poorer communities

in Eastern Europe through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages; the aim is that each box is given in relationship with the local community as part of a long-term commitment to these children.

Donations of complete shoeboxes or of items that could be made up into boxes are welcome with collection points in the village.



There is a collection box in the church for donated items to make up the T4U shoebox gifts.

Please drop off items by Sunday 6 November Contact Carolyn 01993 844102 for further information.

Give love in a box this Christmas.

*Carolyn* **Carolyn Peach**



West Ox Arts are delighted to announce that the Autumn and Christmas Arts and Crafts Show - A Christmas Cracker! - starts next month.

We welcome you to our Bampton Gallery to visit 'A CHRISTMAS CRACKER!' which runs from **Saturday 15 October** for ten weeks!

We have had an amazing show of interest with over 26, 2D and 25, 3D artists submitting their fantastic work.

Come prepared for a visual and tactile feast, from glass to jewellery, watercolour to oils, textile wall art to photography, knitted wonders to felting, sculpted creations to wire and wood craftsmanship.

The perfect opportunity to discover your local community of artists and artisans.

With such a wealth of choice there will be plenty of inspiration for your Christmas

shopping.

**Open from 15 October until 23 December,**

- Tuesday-Saturday 11.30am-4.30pm
- Sunday 2-4pm
- Closed Mondays

We look forward to welcoming you to our winter wonderland of unique Arts & Crafts very soon!

Please follow West Ox Arts on Facebook and Instagram and please share our posts with your Family and friends!

**Address, contact and opening times:**

**West Ox Arts**

Market Square, Bampton  
Oxfordshire, OX18 2JH

- Tues – Sat • 11.30am-4.30pm;  
Sunday • 2.00-4.00pm;  
Closed Monday

Contact: [gallery@westoxarts.com](mailto:gallery@westoxarts.com)

Tel: 01993 850137

- Free entry
- Disabled



**Could you help us  
deliver the next  
newsletter?**

Contact Jayne by emailing:  
[jayne@chapelhilldesign.co.uk](mailto:jayne@chapelhilldesign.co.uk)

**Thank you!**





# ... Dates for your Diary

## Elder Bank Hall Activities

- **Pre-school (Term-time only)**  
Monday-Thursday 9.00-3.00pm      Jackie Hampson      **07769 617 696**  
Friday 9.00 am-12 midday
- **Brownies**  
Mondays 6.00-7.30pm      Barbara Thorne      **01993 842013**
- **Yoga in Pregnancy**  
Mondays 8.00-9.00pm      Jenny Philpott      **07877 725598**
- **Woodturning (WOWA)**  
1st Tuesday in the month      David Spittles      **01993 776036**  
8.00-10.00pm
- **Karate**  
Wednesday 6.00-7.30pm      Pete Cowling      **07794 363837**  
Friday 6.00-7.00pm
- **20:20:20 Fitness Class**  
Wednesday 7:45-8:45pm      Steph Hill      **07970 831061**
- **Dancing**  
Thursday 7.30-9.30pm      Joy Douglas      **01993 842373**
- **Judo club**  
Saturdays 9.30am-11.30am      Jonathan Gerrans      **01865 884 339**

**Elder Bank Hall is available for private hire!**

Contact: Diane Davies - Telephone 843430

## Brize Norton Village - Event dates

- **Kilkenny Lane Country Park - Volunteering**  
Last Wednesday of every month • 10am
- **Village Bonfire & RAF Fireworks**  
Thursday 3rd November • 6pm
- **Quiz Night at Brize Norton Primary**  
Friday 11th November • 7.00pm
- **BNS&SC Curry Night**  
Saturday 26th November • 7.00pm
- **Christmas Market**  
Sunday 4th December • 12 - 4.00pm



## Welcome to our Community Infrastructure page

Here you can find out more about what we mean by community infrastructure and how the Council goes about securing benefits for local communities when dealing with new developments.

By clicking on the different tiles below, you can:

- See some different examples of what we mean by community infrastructure
- Tell us what you think is needed in your local area
- Play around with our allocation game and tell us what sort of things you would choose to prioritise
- Find out more about developer contributions and how the Council secures them for the benefit of local communities
- View some examples of different projects already delivered in your area and other schemes which are on the horizon

Add your email address to the box below to receive updates on this project

Keep me updated

Your email will be used to contact you about project updates. You can unsubscribe at any point. Please read our [privacy policy](#).



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[Library and Glossary](#)

On Monday, 17 October, a new web-based resource about **'community infrastructure'** went live on West Oxfordshire District Council's new digital engagement platform – Commonplace.

Using the link <https://communityinfrastructure.commonplace.is/> you can:

- Find out what we mean by 'community infrastructure' such as new schools, open spaces, libraries etc.
- See examples of West Oxfordshire projects which have already been delivered or are planned in the future.
- Put forward your views about what improvements are most needed in your local area.
- Find out how and when developers are asked to contribute when bringing forward new developments.

As part of this, a 4-week consultation is taking place on the Council's 'Developer Contributions' Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) from 17 October – 14 November 2022 with a simple online questionnaire making it quick and easy for you to respond.

**If you want to help shape the future of Brize Norton please put forward your views and take part.**

# ...Meet your new Councillor!



**Introducing Darren,  
New Parish  
Councillor  
for Brize Norton**

I have lived in the village of Brize Norton since 2007 and now live in Brize Meadow. I have always enjoyed being part of the community and having worked in the village for many years I've gotten to know many people in the area and enjoy the community spirit that comes with living in a smaller village.

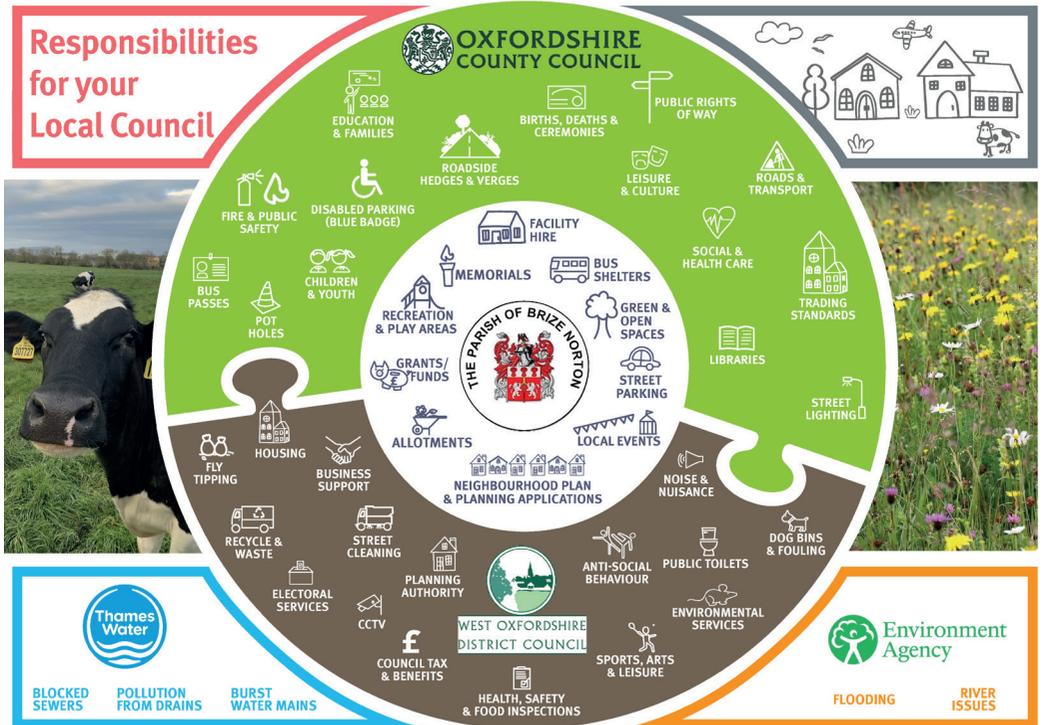
For work, I am a hydraulics engineer within a local company that manufactures an array of hydraulic components for use on just about

anything that moves, with previous jobs in sales and hospitality I have always enjoyed speaking to all kinds of different people.

In my free time I love spending time with my family, either walking the village, finding new places to explore or socialising in the local pub garden. I enjoy running when I can and like to get on the trails through local fields, villages and woodlands.

I'm looking forward to helping the village in whatever way I can as a Parish Councillor, if you see me around the village please feel free to say hello!

*Darren* **Darren Truman**



# ... Do you know your local Council?



**Wendy Way**  
• Chairman

I moved to Brize Norton in the late 1980s and joined the Parish Council in 2016 after taking the decision to move to part-time working.

My hobbies are gardening and the allotment, and I enjoy supporting my partner who races an Aston Martin DB4 which takes us to various motor racing circuits around the UK and Europe. You will also see me out walking our Cockerpoo, Maude.



**David Golding**  
• Vice-Chair

In 2012 my family and I moved to Brize Norton whilst working for AirTanker. I spent 22 years in the Army travelling all over the world.

I am a qualified electrician and all round handy man, I enjoy DIY, long walks and spending the time with my Family.

I can quite often be found around the sports field and Humble Bumble with the family at the weekends.



**Chris Woodward**  
• Councillor

I have spent over 12 years on Local Councils, including both Witney Town Council and Brize Norton. With many years of experience under my belt, I am hopeful it will be of benefit to the village.

I moved to the village in 2016 and live with my beautiful wife Jayne, our daughter Mackenzie, and our golden lab, Meg.



**Les Goble**  
• Councillor

I moved to Brize Norton from Worthing, West Sussex in 1997. I'm semi-retired and joined the Parish Council in 2018.

My interests are motorsport; I currently race an Aston Martin DB4 with its owner and I have previously owned and raced a Lotus Cortina, bought specifically to race at the Goodwood Revival Meeting in 1998, which I did a total of eight times, twice with Sir Sterling Moss.



**Jo Webb**  
• Clerk

I moved to the village in 2000 and live with my husband and three sons. We enjoy village life and the community spirit within Brize Norton.

This is my second stint as Parish Clerk, I liked it so much I came back to do it all again! Please feel free to say hello if you see me walking my large, rather bouncy dog.



**Adrian State**  
• Councillor

On retirement in 2020 I moved from Witney to Brize Norton. Much of my life has been spent working in the electronics and software fields and this has led to extensive travel throughout the world.

I have a BSc in Environmental Biology which reflects my lifelong interest in the natural world. I am also a very keen birdwatcher and can often be found walking the local lanes and footpaths with my trusty binoculars.

# ••• Helpful information



• **Post Office** at the Sports Pavilion  
9.30am – 12.30pm Tuesday & Thursday



• **Police (Witney)**  
10.00am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday  
(closed weekends) • **Call 101**



• **NHS helpline**  
(24/7 urgent medical conditions) • **Call 111**



• **Council Information**

**The Green Party District Councillor for Brize Norton and Shilton Ward**

Councillor Rosie Pearson

Contact details: [rosie.pearson@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:rosie.pearson@westoxon.gov.uk)

**Conservative County Councillor for Burford and Carterton North East Division**

Councillor Nicholas Field-Johnson

Phone: (01993) 878309

**Member of Parliament for Witney**

Robert Courts MP

Email: [robert@robertcourts.co.uk](mailto:robert@robertcourts.co.uk)



• **Fix my Street**

Have you seen a pot hole, sign needs fixing, road works that need to be done? Website: [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)



• **Planning proposals for Brize Norton and Surrounding area**  
[www.westoxon.gov.uk](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk) - planning proposals

## Road works in Brize Norton

If you are looking for updates on road works being done in the village or surrounding area, keep an eye on our facebook page:

**@brizenortonvillage**

Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders, complete with diversionary route (where necessary) will be published when received into the Clerk's office.



# ...Contact Us

Looking to contact the school, church, council or club?  
Further information details are below.



- **Brize Norton Parish Council**

[clerk@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk)

- **St Britius Church** 846996

- **Brize Norton Primary School**

Reception/Office 842488

[www.brizeprimary.org](http://www.brizeprimary.org)

School Governors - Alistair Doran 07788 214 663

[adoran@brize-norton.sch.co.uk](mailto:adoran@brize-norton.sch.co.uk)

BNPS SA - Emma Baughan

[bnsa\\_fundraising@outlook.com](mailto:bnsa_fundraising@outlook.com)

- **Brize Norton Pre-School**

Jackie Hampson 07769 617 696 [brizenortonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:brizenortonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk)

- **Brize Norton Football Club**

Simon Cook 841096 / 07825 002 298

Adam Harris 07415 331645 [adam.harris@aplan.co.uk](mailto:adam.harris@aplan.co.uk)

- **BN S&SC/Cricket Club**

Tim Gush 846730

- **Elder Bank Hall**

Diane Davies 843430

- **Over 60's**

Joy Douglas 842373

- **Open Gardens**

Dawn Humphris [dawnhumphris@btinternet.com](mailto:dawnhumphris@btinternet.com)

& Brian Trott [brian.trott3@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.trott3@btinternet.com)

# ...Article for the newsletter?

If you would like to add something in the next newsletter...

The Parish Council publish this newsletter which is distributed around Brize Norton village every quarter.

Therefore, revised entry the deadlines are:

- **12 January 2023**
- **12 April 2023**
- **12 July 2023**



# BRIZE'S BONFIRE NIGHT

3rd November

Bonfire lit at 6.00pm

*Fireworks courtesy of the RAF at 6.30pm*



The Recreation Ground, Brize Norton

Soup, hotdogs, tea and coffee  
plus the bar will be open!

OPEN at 5.30pm

No fireworks allowed – sparklers at your own risk and under adult supervision only