

# The NEWSLETTER

BRIZE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

August 2022 - October 2022



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## BRIZE NORTON'S 2022



# Kings AND Queens



# Village Bash

1.00 - 5.00pm RECREATION GROUND

Scarecrows! The School Association Stalls!  
Bar, Cafe, BBQ, Ice-creams, Displays, Games, Stalls and Grand Raffle

**All welcome - fun for everyone!**

Keep an eye on social media outlets • Sorry no dogs allowed on the recreational ground



# 47TH BRIZE NORTON ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL SHOW



Sunday 28th August 2022

ELDERBANK HALL

## Theme: 2022 Football World Cup

Are you green fingered?

Creative or crafty?

Got a secret recipe for chutney?

Categories for vegetables, flowers, baking and handicrafts.

And two classes just children.

Join the fun and have a go!

*Brize Norton Horticultural Show*



## A note from the Chairman...



We all know how beneficial spending time in the great outdoors is and this issue is full of articles and news about outdoor activities, starting with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The weekend started on the Thursday evening with a hog roast, a sing-along and the lighting of our beacon. The weather



was beautiful with a fantastic sunset. Unfortunately, the weather was not so kind for the rest of the weekend, but some were brave enough to set up their picnics on Sunday and finished the afternoon with some old-fashioned games and the weekend ended with a packed church for a Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving Service. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time to organising the weekend's activities and decorated St Britius with flowers, themed handicrafts and memorabilia and the wonderful display of village photos. A special thanks to Steve Weeks who donated the profits of

the hog roast to the Village Bash fund, a total of £112.00.



The following weekend saw the first NGS Open Gardens Day to be held since the pandemic. Again, the weather was kind to us and there were

plenty of visitors seen walking through the village. More on this, together with some photos later.

But there is so much more about the great outdoors in this issue. We are featuring articles on owls, Helen Roberts' view of the countryside on horseback' feature, the Mary Ellis Country Park and Kilkenny Country Park, the Village Horticultural Show and the Village Bash. Plenty to keep us entertained!



The Parish Council held its Annual Meeting on the 17th May with representatives from the County and District Councils, RAF Brize Norton, the school, and Thames Valley Police attending as well as our new Neighbourhood Watch representative. It was lovely to see Rosie Pearson come along having only been elected as our District Councillor the week before! Rosie has already visited Brize Norton on several occasions to enable her to get to know what is going on in the parish and lend her support to us. You will get the opportunity to learn more about Rosie later.

The meeting also gave us the opportunity to do a 'soft launch' of a £10k Community Grant Fund offered by Gentian Developments, the developer of the new retail centre at Brize Meadow.



# Chairman's note continued...

Applications can be made from 1 July through to 30 September and further details are available later in this issue.

The Parish Council is still working closely with Bloor Homes on various projects including the Mary Ellis Country Park, the village green and the commercial area.

We are still talking with the RAF and WODC regarding the Radar Tower and with OCC regarding the '20's Plenty' campaign, more of which you will hear about later. The three buildouts now have the correct size signage and are just awaiting lighting.

I am delighted to welcome back Chris Woodward to the Council, and he was co-



opted in at our last meeting. For those new to our village, Chris will introduce himself to you later!

We still have one vacancy on the Council and would dearly love to have representation from someone from Brize Meadow. If you are interested or would like to know more about what being a Councillor involves, please don't hesitate to either contact Jo, our Clerk or one of us.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition and that you have a wonderful summer, enjoying the great outdoors.

*Wendy* **Wendy Way (Chairman)**



**Are you *passionate* about your community?**

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

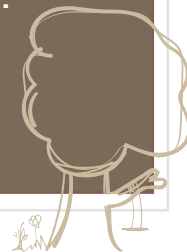
**Do you have *innovative ideas*?**

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

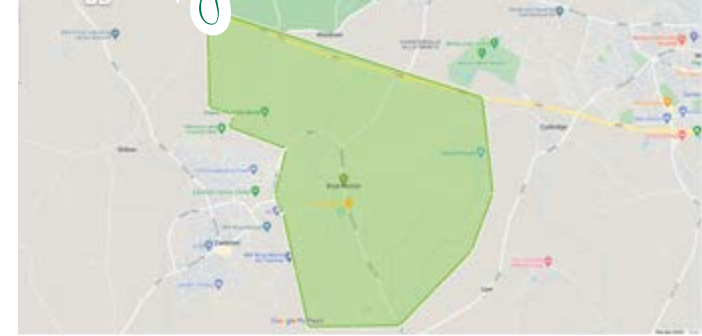
If your answer to any of these questions is **YES**, then we need you.

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



Here is a short guide on how to join Brize Norton Parish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (BZN NHW).

## 1st Stage

- To join us, first you need to register as an individual member via [www.ourwatch.org.uk/join](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/join)
- You will need to select the 'Thames Valley' area
- During registration, scroll down the page and complete the fields, agree the privacy policy and then click to say you are not a robot.
- You will receive an email with a code to enter on the registration page.
- Complete your registration by filling in the remaining fields.

## 2nd Stage

- Now that you've registered as an individual member of 'Ourwatch', you can now select to join the scheme.
- In the 'member area' click on 'SCHEME ADMIN' to join a scheme.
- Here you will see a box labelled 'schemes near you', either type in your postcode or select Brize Norton Parish Neighbourhood Watch to join our scheme.

- Once you've selected to join the BZN NHW I, as the co-ordinator, will get an email notifying me of new members wishing to join the scheme.

## Why join the BZN NHW?

To increase the value of our neighbourliness, inclusivity, community and resilience and be pro-active to help reduce crime and the fear of crime by providing crime prevention advice and acting upon it. The goal is for the scheme to work in partnership with policing, councils and community groups to achieve our goals.

The vision for the BZN NHW scheme is to have numerous Area/Street coordinators working in collaboration with myself as Area Coordinator, ultimately working as a team to develop and manage this project long-term.

The Parish Council and I look forward to residents joining the scheme and Street Coordinators stepping forward, a role which requires no effort, other than being able to speak to your neighbours!

Thank you.

*Jim* **James Stewart**  
(Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator)



Let's bring our community together... and WOW, did we!

Four days of celebrations took place throughout the village and with so many taking part, it was a very eventful weekend!

Kicking off the celebrations on Thursday evening, we had a colourful beacon lighting (with thanks to Tony Shillingford)!

It was lovely to see everyone supporting 'Saxophony,' as well as the 'Thrown-Together' Choir, which performed hits through the decades on the Thursday night.



A big Thank you to Peggy and Fred Bellinger for lighting the beacon, to Steve Weeks at The Masons for providing a very succulent hog roast, to Tim Gush and the Sports & Social Club for the bar and to the Humble Bumble for the Horse Box with delicious hot drinks.



The celebrations didn't end there; with events going on throughout the weekend including many street parties, we finally had our big Picnic in the Park, and the Flower Festival on Sunday.

Although, we thought it was going to be a day of rain, it certainly didn't dampen the spirits of our community, who turned



up with their gazebos, tents and picnic blankets!

There was a lovely display of children's artwork from Brize Norton Primary School and Brize Norton Pre-School in Elder Bank Hall, as well as historical newspapers from the Queen's reign, provided by the late Nanny Joan Steele.



It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying dancing, kite-flying, skittles, cricket and rounders, a few olden day games and some very entertaining races.



People happily competed in egg & spoon races, sack races, wheel-barrow and running races; it was lovely to see so many beautiful smiles.

Thank you to the Humble Bumble for providing the winners (and competitors) with sweet treats!

It was great to see everyone at the Flower Festival and Songs of Praise at St Britius; more of which they'll tell you about later!

If you'd like to see pictures taken during the weekend, go to: [https://bit.ly/brize\\_jubilee\\_photos](https://bit.ly/brize_jubilee_photos)

Jayne Jayne Woodward (Editor)

# BRIZE NORTON OPEN GARDENS

• 12th June •



The weather was kind to us on June 12th for our NGS Open Gardens the 1st Opening since 2019!



We had a variety of gardens on show including a large family garden, with a 14th Century Dovecot, pond, ducks and chickens, a beautiful garden and orangery with life-size figures

of Alice in Wonderland enjoying a tea party, gardens with a beautiful stream running through and bridges that run over, as well as established gardens with a variety of plants,



herbaceous borders, a plethora of colourful hanging baskets and fruit trees and finally a beautiful display of flowers in St Britius Church made by the local ladies and Brian!

The Church also had a 'pop-up cafe' in Elder Bank Hall which provided visitors with a little rest and recuperation mid-way through the trail as well as delicious tea



and cakes at Grange Farm, which also included much-needed outdoor



seating in the garden and under the shade of their beautiful trees.

It was lovely to see so many visitors in our village! It was a very busy weekend for other local village events

as well, so we think there may have been well over 150 people walking round.



We had some great questions asked and it's always lovely to chat with other enthusiastic gardeners.



All the 11 Gardens looked wonderful this year!

Well done everyone!

If you didn't get the time this year, maybe we will see you visiting our open gardens next year?

Or...If you would like to become part of the gardens open for the day, please let myself or Brian know, you would be very welcome!

All photos from the event, are available online at:

[https://bit.ly/brize\\_opengardens\\_photos](https://bit.ly/brize_opengardens_photos)

Kind Regards

Dawn & Brian

Dawn Humphris & Brian Trott

On behalf of the NGS Open Gardens Group



# ••• Brize Norton Schooling



It's been an extremely busy term at pre-school. We have 19 children leaving us for primary school this year and 21 new children joining us in September 2022.

It's been lovely to meet everyone over our two open afternoons. All sessions are now full for the academic year September 2022-July 2023.

Last term, we joined the rest of the country in celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



The children enjoyed a fun morning at pre-school having a special jubilee tea party, bouncy castles and face painting. They were then presented with commemorative Jubilee mugs and teddy bears as a special keep sake.

We've also been learning all about life-cycles! The children have watched frogs spawn in our nature pond grow and we also watched baby caterpillars go into a chrysalis; then into Painted Lady butterflies. They were thrilled!

In April, we were kindly donated mud kitchens from RAF Brize Norton Pre-school, which sadly closed. These have been added to the nature area on our allotment and have proved a huge hit!



A big THANK YOU to Kellie & Emma from RAF Brize Norton pre-school for their generosity, our children are definitely

making good use of them.

At the beginning of July, we had a great day out to Roves Farm. We had a brilliant time, where we went on a tractor ride and got to meet the animals.



We've also had visits from Crazy Colin the Magician, Crocodiles of the World, Rugby Tots, Handmade by Abby, Laura from EyeKandi Fitness and Tom & Sam from Oxford Sports and traditional Martial Arts.



It's been a busy time!

We wish all our children leaving us 'Good Luck' at their new Primary School, we know you will love it.



Demand for our pre-school has surged dramatically, so we are also full for the September 2023-July 2024 year. We are still accepting waiting list applications for 2023/24, but please be aware this may not guarantee a place. However, this is some way off, so there is a possibility that spaces may become available.

For those new to the village, pre-school operates from the Elder Bank Hall, term time only.

For more info and waiting list applications:

[www.brizenortonpreschool.co.uk](http://www.brizenortonpreschool.co.uk)

Jackie Jackie Hampson (Manager)

## Brize Norton Primary School

We too have been winding up the school year in 'style', literally!



In July, the whole school headed off to Bird Land in Bourton-on-the-Water where we all had a wonderful day! We saw penguins, flamingoes, parrots and survived our Jurassic journey through the woods! We even had time for a play at the park, after a nice picnic in the shade.

We've also been taking advantage of the rather 'inclement' of late, especially the warm windy weather! The children loved the idea of creating bamboo kite wands, which they then used to play a game where they took on characters called 'God of Love' and 'God of Nature'!



Like the Pre-School, we've also been talking about life cycles and some of the children went off hunting for minibeasts - and then created mini habitats for them.

At the end of term, we sadly said goodbye to 20 Year 6 students. It was an emotional farewell, but we didn't want them to leave without making a few memories first!

After a morning in the classroom talking about mottos and our time at Brize Norton Primary, we headed outdoors for 'one last Forest School' before they go! It was unbelievable to think that this bunch would soon be off to Secondary



school - so it was an honour to have some of the children one last time!

It was all quite last minute and, although the children were given some inspiration, many of them chose to take our ideas and run with their own. We had some amazing Hapazome pencil cases and tote bags made - but it was also a perfect opportunity to have friends sign their creations.



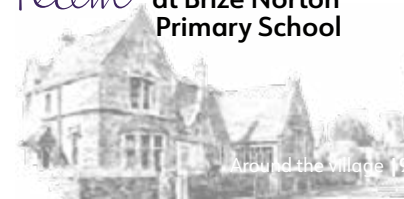
Drumming, pond dipping, posing with froglets, bug hunting, fire lighting and den building were also super popular. We just love that some were just 4 year olds when they first came out to us - and yet, here they are, still loving forest school; working together, hanging out, playing and creating. it was wonderful!

With huge thanks to the BNSA, our Year 6 leavers were treated to a Leavers 'Prom'! They all dressed up, ready for their awards presentation, which was then followed by dinner and a disco - also attended by years 4 and 5. It was a wonderful night and a brilliant send-off for the children! We would like to wish you all the best of luck at your new schools, we know you'll do well!



We would also like to welcome 20 new children to the school starting with Mrs Johnson in reception, in September. We look forward to meeting you all!

The Team at Brize Norton Primary School





It has been a busy few months for the BNSA, as we have said goodbye to our Chairwoman, Carole, who is moving away and Emma who has stepped down as secretary but staying on the committee. Thank you to you both for all your hard work which is much appreciated.

We have been lucky that we have 2 new fantastic volunteers to take up the posts- they are Emma Baughan (Chairwomen) and Jayne Woodward (Vice Chair and Secretary). Both are extremely enthusiastic about their new roles and their skills will certainly help those of us on the committee to make the coming year successful.



We also welcome to the committee Sallie, Natalie and Jess, making a total of 8 but of course we are always looking for more volunteers!

Here is a little bit about what we do. We support the school for certain events like the recent sports day, and parents evenings, keeping the Parents supplied with teas, coffees and even delicious cakes! However our main focus is on fundraising so we can then help cover the costs of items/ events which the school would like. For example, we raised enough funds to cover the costs of laptops, £13,220 so each child in year 6 had a laptop to



use. We have helped cover some costs of coaches for example when the children go on school trips. We also pay towards Forest School.

Our main fundraising event is at The Village Bash and we are already making preparations to ensure that this is as successful as last year when we raised £2,887! Anyone who is available to help on the day would be most welcome- there is always lots of setting up and clearing away!

There are lots of other ways that we have raised funds - the one the children particularly like is "Break the Rules Day" - needless to say we raise quite a lot on that day! Another fun event was the sale of Krispy Crème's - wow, cannot believe how many people bought those. We run a School Lottery so anyone who is not part of that can of course talk to us about getting that set up for you - it is quick and easy and you may be a winner.



Our final event of this school year was the Year 6 Prom. This was the first time we have done this, but judging by the comments we have received and the look on the children's faces when they arrived- we are likely to be doing this again (and again)! It is such a big deal when children leave to go on to "big school" and it is nice to be able to give them a special evening. They took away with them a Leavers hoodie and a leavers notebook - and we want to wish them every success in their new school.



Please keep an eye out for other events which we will be organising over the coming months.

*Everyone* at The BNSA

## ... St Britius Church

We were delighted to be able to take part in the village celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in June.



The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, art and craft arrangements and a photographic display. Photos available via: [https://bit.ly/brize\\_jubilee\\_photos](https://bit.ly/brize_jubilee_photos)

We welcomed over 70 people to the congregation for Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving service held at the end of the weekend. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time but in particular to Phil and Mary Holmes and Jean Butcher who organised the event.

We were also pleased to support the Brize Norton NGS group by serving refreshments on the 12 June. We were grateful for volunteers making cakes for sale, helping with serving and ticket sales in the Elder Bank Hall. This provided much needed funds for the church.

To help us in our further fundraising efforts please come to support us at the **Village Bash on Sunday 18 September** when we will have a stall.

**RIDE + STRIDE:** The annual **Oxford Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride' event is Saturday 10 September.** If you would like to get involved by doing a sponsored ride to visit a number of churches, maybe sponsoring individuals, or by welcoming visitors to the church on the day, please contact Jacquie Griffin (841616).



We welcome you to our weekly services - 9.15am on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Holy Communion service at 7pm, to our weekly fellowship Pilgrim's Lunch each Tuesday lunchtime

from noon to 1pm (contact Ben 01993 358690) or to visit the church for quiet reflection on Sundays when it is open until dusk or 6pm.

We also have the following special services in the next few months:

**Sunday 2 October** - our festival of Harvest - a collection of non-perishable produce will be donated to The Besom project helping local people with food parcels.



**Sunday 13 November** - service of Remembrance at 10.00am with wreath laying at the War Memorial at 11.00am.



If you would like to arrange a baptism please contact Rossie Sewell, our churchwarden (details below) or to plan another special ceremony at St Britius please contact Rev Drew Tweedy - Rev Ian is currently on sick leave.



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

If you have any queries, need help or support, please contact any of our team:

Rector: Rev. Drew Tweedy 07393 182093 [revdrew61@gmail.com](mailto:revdrew61@gmail.com)

Churchwarden: Dr Phil Holmes 843856 [p.holmes@brizenorton.org](mailto:p.holmes@brizenorton.org)

Churchwarden: Rosalind Sewell 843418 [rossie.sewell@googlemail.com](mailto:rossie.sewell@googlemail.com)



# ...Humble Bumble Café



Once again, I am surprised to see we are over half-way through the year!

As always life here @HBC continues at a fast pace; alongside the day-to-day running of the café we have seen a number of events... The Jubilee was a highlight and it was so wonderful to see so many of you coming together to celebrate this momentous event. A huge thank you to our crafters and customers for creating the Jubilee bunting!



As a business we continue to support several charities throughout the year. The last few months have seen a quiz night with sharing boards for APCAM, a pre-loved clothes sale for our new Ukrainian



families and, one I am particularly passionate about, is the Laura Hyde foundation. In a world where we face many challenges to our mental health this charity supports access to mental health care for medical and emergency service personal. Many of these individuals are our friends, families and working within our community. This annual event wouldn't happen without the wonderful Laura Hodges, Jo Sparkes, Tracey Reynolds, and their families. The recreation ground was sporting a day of free fitness sessions, beautiful crafters selling their wares and some fabulous raffle prizes. A great sight to see.

The humble horsebox has been out and about Micky Cranks cycle race, Pride



festival in Witney, Common Leys open day... to name a few... and will be supporting some of our summer village and wider events throughout the summer.



It has also been a pleasure seeing the return of the Cricket season... and look forward to Brize football returning this year, in what is their celebratory 60th year! Please come down and support our local teams.

We have seen the start of a free toddler story time, free Buggy fit sessions, and Abby Crafts outdoor weekly drop-in sessions. Please follow us on social media to see what events we will holding throughout the summer.



The walking footballers even challenged the humble bumble cafe team to a match (which we very nearly didn't lose!). It was also a chance to say farewell to Gemma and Toba who many of you will know have worked at the café for some time and always a smile and chatter to welcome you. We will miss them terribly but wish them luck in their next ventures!



We want to thank you all for your continued support, ideas, laughter, kind words and love. Enjoy your summer, keep safe and cool and come down to Humble Bumble Café whenever you need a drink, a snack or just to meet up with the rest of our proud Brize Norton community.

Bev Bev Campion (Manager)



# ...Brize Norton Football Club



The last few seasons have been very difficult for many local football Clubs including ours. Sadly last season we had to fold our Reserve side and there was a real risk of both teams going.

Thankfully we kept one side which played in Division 3 and finished in a respectable 5th place with 21 points.....just 2 points from 3rd place. They also got to the Semi-Final of the Supplementary Cup pushing Hatherop Reserves all the way but losing 5-3.

## Division 3

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The good news is the Club have entered a team again for this coming season. Even with 1 team:

**We are still on the lookout for more players.**  
Training will start on **Thursday 28th July at 6.00pm**  
Players old & new are welcome or anyone who just wants to keep or get fit

A big Thank you to Jake Farrugia who tried so hard to keep the First Team going and Rob Hook for his assistance and to Adam Harris for keeping the Team going.

With all their work we still have a Club to keep going and Adam will continue as Manager this season. Thank you too to the

Committee that keep things moving off the field and to the players that kept going through some very difficult times.



At the end of the season, we did our annual awards ceremony and the Managers Player of the Year went to Freddie Bateman, Players Player of the year was voted to Dylan Briggs and Joe Hatt won the Top Score award.

It will be or 60th Anniversary next year from the Clubs Re-formation in 1963. We will be planning something to mark this very Special occasion.

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



# Л а с к а в о п р о с и м о д о в с і х р о д и н т а д р у з і в з У к р а ї н и

A very warm welcome to our new village residents from Ukraine.

In the last edition of the BNPC Newsletter, we wrote about how much was going on around the village and in Carterton, to help those arriving from Ukraine and choosing to live in the village. Here is a link, if you missed it - [https://bit.ly/BNPC\\_News\\_173](https://bit.ly/BNPC_News_173)

We had an over-whelming response of people offering further help, but also many more residents in the village offering to take people in to their home.

To everyone, from the Parish Council, we would like to say a heart-felt thank you for supporting so many people in need.

In this issue, we would like to reach out to everyone who has recently moved here from Ukraine, or any other country.

We would love to receive your messages or ideas on what you would like to see in the newsletter that would be useful to you or even if you would like to write a story or contribute to the newsletter.

Please send to Jo at:  
[clerk@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk)



## 20's Plenty Update

For those who may not have seen the post on social media, here is an update:

We have been informed by Oxfordshire County Council that Brize Norton has been

included in the first group of 78 towns and villages that are being considered for a 20mph speed limit. These range from towns such as Bampton, Banbury, Abingdon and Witney to villages such as Aston/Cote, Standlake and Brize Norton.

There is now a second group of 84 towns and villages that follow on after us for consideration and in addition to this, OCC is receiving three new applications each week!

This means that 162 towns and villages in Oxfordshire have applied for the 20mph scheme and the number is growing weekly. Your Parish Council look forward to liaising with officers from OCC to discuss which areas in our Parish can be included in this scheme.



### Mary Ellis Country Park & Kilkenny Lane Country Park



MARY ELLIS COUNTRY PARK

Many of you have been making use of our lovely Mary Ellis Country Park, still in its infancy but now beginning to show us a hint of what it will look like once it has matured.

Although some of the recently planted trees are not looking their best, and the Parish Council has addressed this with Bloor Homes, the wildflowers and grasses are

looking good and will only improve as time goes by. The mown paths will become a feature, mirroring those in Kilkenny Lane Country Park.

We will see the area continue to mature over the next year, hopefully encouraging more wildlife back, and we hope that the team at WODC who are currently undertaking a habitat restoration project at Kilkenny Lane Country Park, will set up a conservation group in the Mary Ellis Country Park too.

We do ask that while the park and it's plants, trees and wildflowers are in their infancy, please do stick to these pathways where possible and help maintain it's cleanliness by picking up after your dog and taking any litter home.

Please be aware that any foil based litter when left can cause fire, so again, please be very vigilant in taking this home.



KILKENNY LANE COUNTRY PARK

The Kilkenny Lane Country Park Conservation Group has had a successful first couple of sessions - volunteers have been tackling vegetation in and around the site's balancing ponds, and surveying the site's wildflower meadows to start a longer term monitoring programme of the grasses.

The group meets on the last Wednesday of every month

at 10am, and carries out tasks such as coppicing, litter-picking, tree guard removal and wildlife surveying.



If you are interested in joining the group and would like more details, please email [Climate.Action@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:Climate.Action@westoxon.gov.uk).



**Kilkenny Lane Country Park BioBlitz**  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> August

Become a citizen scientist for the day at Kilkenny Lane Country Park. Join the challenge to record as much wildlife as possible in a 24-hour period with our free sessions - all ages and abilities welcome!

To book on to our expert-led sessions, please visit Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/4wuxhanx>




**Free family activities**

- ★ Follow our Nature Trail around the park, 9:00-17:00
- ★ Use magnifying glasses to spot wildlife at the site
- ★ Investigate nests and skulls at our nature table

**Expert-led sessions**

- ★ 9:00-10:00 - Birdsong identification
- ★ 11:00-12:00 - General wildlife survey, and how to use iRecord
- ★ 14:00-15:00 - Insect hunt
- ★ 20:00-21:30 - Bat walk





## ... 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

- **BioBlitz - Kilkenny Lane Country Park**  
Sunday 7th August • 9.00am - 9.30pm
- **Community Defibrillator Training**  
Tuesday 9th August • 7.30 - 9.00pm
- **Brize Norton Horticultural Show**  
Sunday 28th August • 2.30 - 4.00pm
- **Village Bash**  
Sunday 18th September • 1pm - 5pm
- **S&SC - The 'Not too serious' Rounders Tournament**  
Sunday 25th September • 2.00 - 6.00pm



## Schedule and Rules for the 47th Brize Norton Annual Horticultural Show

Sunday 28th August • Elder Bank Hall



- **Staging** 10.00 - 12.00 noon
- **Judging** 12.00 noon - 2.30 pm
- **Public viewing** 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm

- **Presentation of the Jim Bolton Cup** Section 1: Vegetables (Classes 1-22)
- **Presentation of the Bekstone Rose Bowl** Section 2: Flowers (Classes 28-42)
- **Presentation of the Aubrey Smith Plate** Section 3: (Classes 43-52)
- **Presentation of the Christina Barnard Cup** Section 4: (Classes 53-58)

### RULES

1. Open to all villagers, Brize Norton allotment holders, children attending Brize Norton School and their parents and members of village organisations
2. All exhibits to be grown or made by the exhibitor the only exception being for flowers for flower arrangements class 53
3. No exhibitor to show more than one entry in each class
4. Entry fees per class 25p
5. Points awarded for the Jim Bolton Cup, Bekstone Rose Bowl, Aubrey Smith Plate and Christina Barnard Cup  
1st 5pts, 2nd 3pts, 3rd 2pts.
6. Prize Money 1st - 50p, 2nd - 30p, 3rd - 20p
7. The organisers will not be responsible for any loss or damage to entries
8. Entry forms are to be submitted by Friday 26th August 2022 to either person listed below:
  - **Tony Shillingford, 8 Chichester Place, Brize Norton**
  - **Anne Green, 7 Squires Close, Brize Norton**
9. Late entries will be at the discretion of the organisers. Children's entries will be accepted on the day
10. No preparation of the exhibits to be carried out in the show hall
11. The Judges' decision will be final

### JUDGES SCORECARD LIST FOR COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES

VEGETABLE	MAX. POINTS	QUANTITY	VEGETABLE	MAX. POINTS	QUANTITY
Carrots (Long)	20	3	Cucumber	18	1
Beans Dwarf	15	6	Courgettes	20	4
Runner Beans	18	6	Leeks	20	3
Beet	15	3	Onions	20	4
Sweet corn	18	3	Parsnips	20	3
Cabbage	15	1	Peas	20	6
Cauliflower	20	1	Potatoes	20	5
Celery	20	1 head	Tomatoes	18	5

## SECTION 1 VEGETABLES

CLASS		QTY
1	Runner Beans	6
2	Beetroot - round tops trimmed to 3"	3
3	Carrot - short trimmed to 3"	3
4	Carrot - long trimmed to 3"	3
5	White Onions - sets dressed	4
6	White Onions - seed dressed	4
7	Red Onions - sets dressed	4
8	Red Onions - seed dressed	4
9	Garlic - with 1" dried straight stem and no string	3
10	Potato - coloured	5
11	Potato - white	5
12	Parsnips - tops trimmed to 3"	3
13	Vegetable Marrow - table quality - approx 12"	2
14	Cucumber - frame or greenhouse	1
15	Shallot - Round - Dressed	8
16	Shallot - Long - Dressed	8
17	Tomato - with calyx (green top)	5
18	Cherry Tomato - with calyx (green top)	6
19	Dwarf beans	6
20	Courgette - not exceeding 6"	4
21	Collection of 4 Vegetables - space allowed 2' x 1.5' Wide -list on the back	
22	Any other vegetable (not otherwise in schedule	3
<b>NOVELTY ITEMS ONLY NO POINTS FOR THE NEXT FIVE CLASSES</b>		
23	Longest Runner	1
24	Heaviest Marrow	1
25	Heaviest Potato	1
26	Heaviest Tomato	1
27	Any freak vegetable or fruit	1



## SECTION 2 FLOWERS - Oasis not to be used in this class

28	Rose - specimen bloom	1
29	Rose - Hybrid Tea - Blooms	4
30	Potted Fuchsia	1
31	Pansies	5
32	African Marigold	5
33	Gladioli - specimen bloom	1
34	Gladioli	3
35	Dahlia - specimen bloom	1
36	Dahlia - decorative	3
37	Dahlia - cactus	3
38	Dahlia - pom-pom or ball	3



39	3 Stem Perennials - any variety	3
40	Aster	5
41	Vase of cut flowers mixed - all different	8
42	Pot plant -plant for the decorative effect of its foliage, flower or fruit - including cacti and succulents.	1

## SECTION 3 COOKERY, PRESERVES AND CORDIAL

CLASS		QTY
43	Victoria Sponge following recipe below	1
44	Decorated Muffins - to follow the theme of the show	5
45	Own choice of an Artisan Homemade bread loaf -not made in bread maker	1
46	8-inch diameter round Quiche any flavour	1
47	Fruit Scones	5
48	Half Time 7"/18cm Pasty can be meat or vegetable	1
49	Jar of Jam	1
50	Jar of Curd - Lemon, Lime or Orange	1
51	Jar of Marmalade	1
52	Jar of Chutney or Pickle	1



### RECIPE FOR VICTORIA SPONGE

#### Method

1. Cakes will not be measured on day. Please use correct size tins.
2. Grease & Line two 20cm sandwich tins.
3. Heat oven to electric 160 fan Gas mark 3 or 140.
4. Cream marg/butter till light and fluffy add eggs one at a time with some flour until all combined.
5. Divide between lined tins level and bake for 28 to 30 minutes until golden and springs back when pressed.
6. When cooled completely sandwich together with the jam and decorate to theme of show.

#### Ingredients

- 200grams castor sugar
- 200grams softened Marg/butter
- 200grams self-raising flour
- 4 medium eggs
- 1 teasp baking powder
- Jam

## SECTION 4 FLOWER ARRANGING & HANDICRAFT

### Oasis not to be used in this class

53	Flower Arrangement 18" maximum size displaying any participating football world cup teams' colours - state nation
54	Figure of a participating footballer in national colours - state nation
55	Hand Made Toy - by any craft method / not themed
56	Painting, Drawing, Sketch unframed and no greater than A4 size
57	Photography - unframed and mounted on card / not themed
58	Any Handicraft - themed on the show.



## CHILDRENS SECTION (FREE ENTRY)

59	Make a vegetable monster
60	Display a miniature garden on a plate



## ENTRY FORM

Please return your entry form and fees to:

- Tony Shillingford - 8 Chichester Place Brize Norton
- Anne Green - 7 Squires Close Brize Norton

**By Friday 26th AUGUST 2022**

Please circle entries

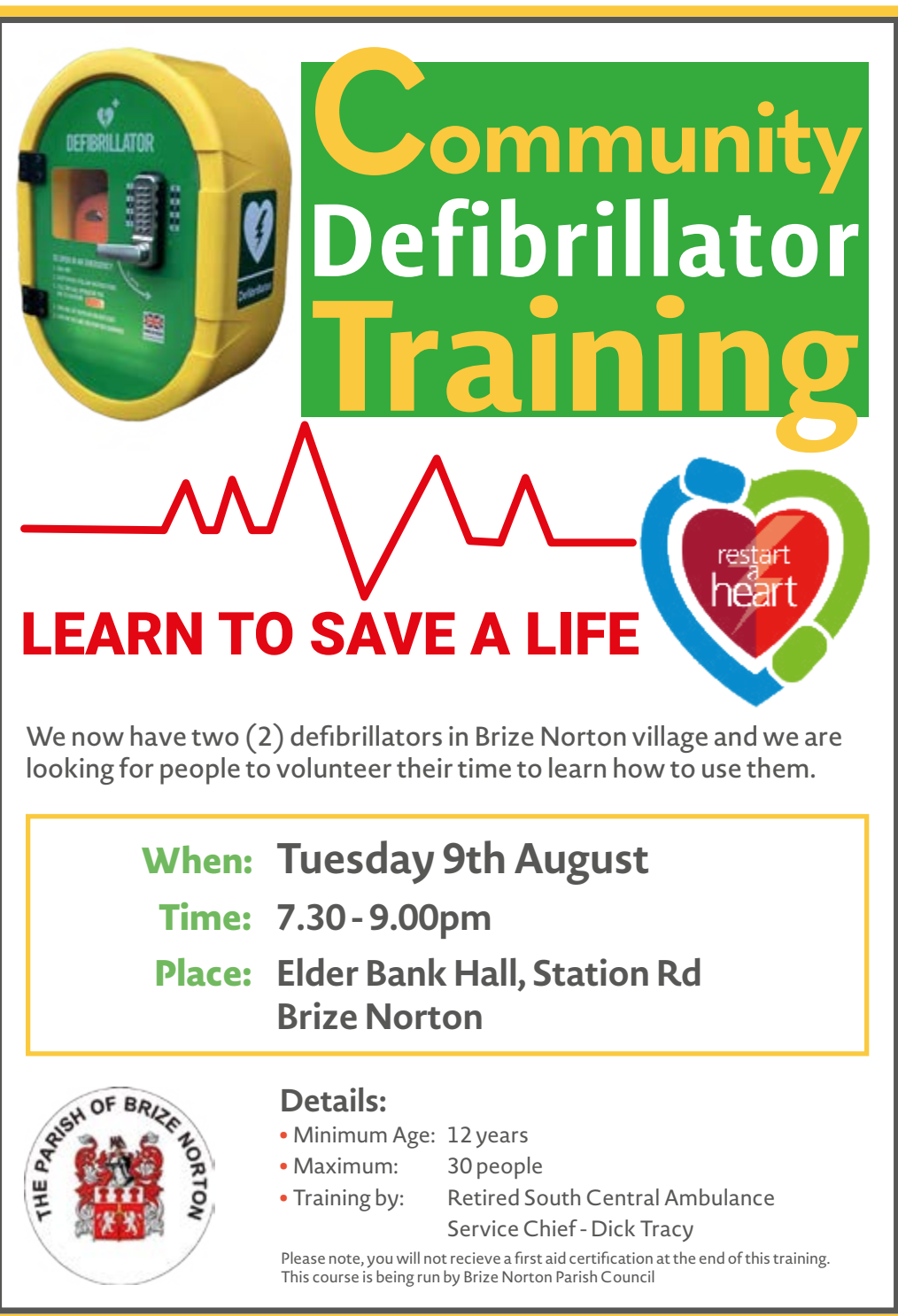
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33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
57	58	59Free	60Free				

- Entries at 25p = £

<b>Name:</b>
<b>Address:</b>
<b>Please enter age of child for children's classes:</b>

The show is open to all villagers, Brize Norton allotment holders, children attending Brize Norton School and their parents and members of village organisations.

Thank you for your support and please try to encourage others to enter the show.



**Community Defibrillator Training**

**LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE**


We now have two (2) defibrillators in Brize Norton village and we are looking for people to volunteer their time to learn how to use them.

**When: Tuesday 9th August**  
**Time: 7.30 - 9.00pm**  
**Place: Elder Bank Hall, Station Rd Brize Norton**

**Details:**

- Minimum Age: 12 years
- Maximum: 30 people
- Training by: Retired South Central Ambulance Service Chief - Dick Tracy

Please note, you will not receive a first aid certification at the end of this training. This course is being run by Brize Norton Parish Council





## REGAL FUN ON THE REC!

- Sunday 18th September • 1pm to 5pm
- The Recreation Ground, Brize Norton

Come and join us for a 'regal' afternoon of fun; things to do, to see, to eat and to drink!

We would love for you – young and not so young - to join us in your King or Queen fancy dress – parade at 1.15pm with prizes for the best 'King' and 'Queen'.

Please get involved prior to the day by making a themed scarecrow and if possible to display it in your garden from Sunday 4 September to advertise the event. Then bring your scarecrows on 18 September to be judged and possibly win a cash prize. There are some simple rules and guidelines in this newsletter or on the BNSA facebook page but please do let us know you are entering so we can ensure we have room to display your creations at the entrance to our Recreation 'Royal Court'.

The fun starts at 1pm. We will have the usual stalls; raffles, tombolas, bric-a-brac, plant stall, cake stall, bar (with real ale), barbecue, 'Pimms and prosecco' stall, year 6 games, bouncy castles and tea and cakes so please open your purses, the afternoon is a community event run by individuals from the village charities and the proceeds

benefit Brize Norton School Association, Brize Norton Sports and Social Club, St Britius Church, Brize Norton Village Pre-school and other local charities.

We have a full afternoon of entertainment – music from Brize Norton Military Wives Choir, Jade Henderson and Abingdon Town Band and in our arena we have displays by the local Medieval re-enactment group 'The Companions of the Crow' and the MF Dance company.



The 'Crows' will have a 'living history' encampment for you to ask questions and learn more about medieval times. There are also static displays of vintage cars, a model spitfire, agricultural machinery, a military vehicle and Thames Valley Police. We are looking to add additional attractions too which will be publicised on social media.

For the children we are organising some races so please bring your running shoes to take part and win prizes. We have a colouring competition again with prizes for each primary school year groups. Pictures to colour will be sent out to children attending the Primary School otherwise contact [bnsa\\_fundraising@outlook.com](mailto:bnsa_fundraising@outlook.com) to receive a picture to colour.



Look out for posters on the village noticeboards, through your door and for more information and updates on the school, social club and village social media.



We would like to thank our sponsors Chancellors, Bloor Homes, ideal carehomes and Gentian Developments for their support.

We have made additional provision for parking on the Carterton Road which will be signposted and would ask that you make use of this to avoid inconsiderate parking in Station Road and the cul- de-sacs. We also remind you that no dogs are allowed on the Recreation Ground.

**'Let the entertainment commence!'**  
- we look forward to welcoming everyone.



### SCARECROW competition rules

The organising committee of the Brize Norton 'Kings and Queens' themed Village Bash

2022 welcomes entries from residents and those living outside the parish to make and display a 'Regal' scarecrow.

Families may enter more than one scarecrow. Ideally the scarecrow should be displayed in their garden location from Sunday 4 September to advertise the Village Bash. We ask that they are then brought to the event on Sunday 18 September at 1pm for judging and the chance to win a prize. Judges' decisions are absolutely final. Prize winners will be announced and presentations made at the Village Bash about 4.30pm. Competitors are responsible for displaying their scarecrows at the event and are responsible for clearing away their own

scarecrow by 5.30pm.

The scarecrow can be smaller but should not be larger than 2.0m wide x 2.0m high. All scarecrows should be constructed to consider the prospect of inclement weather. Entrants are reminded that this is a public event and all scarecrows must be made and displayed in good taste. The Committee reserve the right to withdraw any scarecrows that they deem unsuitable. An entrant designing their scarecrow to cause deliberate offence will be disqualified.

Scarecrows should be placed in a safe location and should be clearly visible from the road. They should be secured so that they will not blow away, and in a position that will not cause a danger, injury, or annoyance to others. The organising Committee will not be held responsible for any damage to Third Party property caused by the creation or insecurity of scarecrows. Owners are held solely responsible for the safety and security of their scarecrow.

Photographs will be taken of the scarecrows and may be published on the Brize Norton Parish website to advertise the Village Day or used for other purposes after the event.

All entry forms must be submitted to Carolyn Peach before the day by e-mail [cpeach.uk@btinternet.com](mailto:cpeach.uk@btinternet.com) or 52a Station Road, Brize Norton OX18 3QA.

### SCARECROW Competition - Entry Form

Entrant name .....

Address for display of scarecrow .....

Contact telephone number .....

**I agree to the terms and conditions of the competition -**

Signed .....

...And there's even more on!...



### 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.

Our future programme is as follows:

- **Tues 2nd Aug:** Bowls on the lawn
- **Tues 16th Aug:** Cliff to play at the keyboard
- **Tues 6th Sept:** Tea, cake and chat
- **Tues 20th Sept:** The Owl Project – a talk by Adrian 
- **Tues 4th Oct:** Tea, cake and chat
- **Tues 18th Oct:** Flower arranging
- **Tues 1st Nov:** Tea, cake and chat 
- **Tues 15th Nov:** Christmas stories – a talk by Gary

We would love to hear from you if you have an interesting job or hobby and would be prepared to come along and tell us about it.

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



### Brize Norton Dance Club



We meet in the Elder Bank Hall every Thursday from 7.30 to 9.30pm. We dance ballroom, latin and sequence dances to music on CD's. An interval in the dances allows us to enjoy tea, biscuits and a chat. New members are very welcome!

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

Joy Joy Douglas



### 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.



We have had a great time doing a Jubilee challenge, where the girls did 70 of different things. We found 70 different post boxes, 1 was gold, we made 70 cards and flag biscuits which we gave to neighbours, family and friends to celebrate with us.

We will finish the summer with a picnic where the girls will make pizza and sundaes for their tea, and there will no doubt be lots of water games!



In the holidays we are hoping to go on a treasure trail around Oxford parks and a visit to the Pitts River museum. If this sounds like fun to your daughter then get her to join us.

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

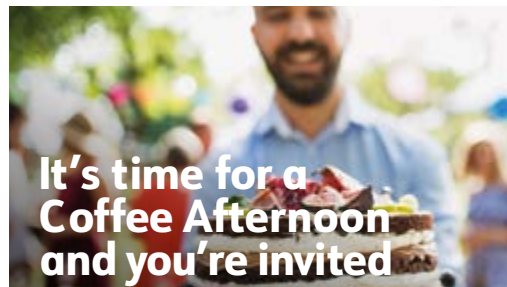
### Dino Trail comes to West Ox!



Families in West Oxfordshire are being invited on a 'roarsome' trail to search for dinosaurs, as part of the Love West Oxfordshire campaign.

The trails are running from August 2 to September 4 in Witney, Carterton, and Chipping Norton. For more info, go to:

<https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/loyalfree>



### It's time for a Coffee Afternoon and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.



Place: Elder Bank Hall  
 Date: Saturday 1st October  
 Time: 2.00 - 4.00pm  
 Contact: Diane 843430



### Poppy Appeal

Once again a big thank you to everyone who supports the Poppy appeal, last year the village collected £1,088, this was from the house to house collectors and boxes at our local businesses, a very big thank you to everyone who helped.

This years annual Poppy Appeal seems a long way off but I am starting to get it organised already and if the village is to continue to support the Poppy Appeal

**"I will need some help with door to door collecting".**

Last year my amazing door to door helpers collected a superb £730. This will hopefully increase now that we have the residents of Brize Meadows to help us but only if we have some new volunteers, especially for the Brize Meadows area.

The more helpers we have the shorter each area is, many hands make light work. If you think you can spare an hour during the Appeal which runs from late October until 11th November then please consider helping. You can contact me to volunteer or just for more information on 01993 842013 or email [barbara.thorne534@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.thorne534@btinternet.com).

Barbara Thorne



**Class Act:**  
An exhibition showcasing exciting work from Pip Shuckburgh's oil painting class with a selection of specially invited ceramicists.

At West Ox Arts, we are delighted to announce our forthcoming exhibition which presents the talents of Pip Shuckburgh and members of her oil painting group. Also on display will be the work of four ceramicists who will be exhibiting alongside the oil painters from 23 July through to 27 August at the WOA Gallery, located in the heart of Bampton, Oxfordshire.

Pip's students, a mixture of early career and more established artists, will exhibit a cross section of their work.

"This is our first exhibition as a group, which was founded in 2017, so it is very much toes in the water. It is all good for them to see what it feels like to put on an exhibition and make choices of which painting to display".

Pip Shuckburgh, was born and brought up in Oxfordshire. Having enjoyed an illustrious career in illustration and commercial art, Pip decided in the 1990's to become an oil painter, and joined the 20th Century Art Group in Oxford. After a few years she held her first solo exhibition in the WOA Gallery in Bampton, Oxfordshire. The exhibition sold well and subsequently she has exhibited in London and across the country.

Members of the oil painting class, who will be exhibiting alongside Pip, include: Paul Bates, Diana Alcock, Pat Smith, Sally Proctor, Eve John, Julie Smith, Jacqui Shaw, Vanessa Argles, and Sue Wales.

The ceramicists, all well known in their chosen sphere include:

Edith Matthews, a ceramicist based in Oxfordshire, specialising in hand-built, sculptural forms. Susie Bidgood, who creates original, contemporary and decorative individual ceramic pieces in her studio. Vivien Shelton, working in hand-built and coiled stoneware. Anna Lever, a previous Director of Sunningwell School of Art, producing earthenware and stoneware figures coloured with commercial stains and under-glazes.

**Exhibition opening times:**

- 23 July to 27 August
- Tues - Sun 11.30 - 4.30
- Mon - Closed

If you are interested in becoming a member, volunteering, running art workshops, or exhibiting at the gallery, get in touch:

Email: [gALLERY@westoxarts.com](mailto:gALLERY@westoxarts.com)

More info: [www.westoxarts.com](http://www.westoxarts.com)

**Normal Opening Times:**

Tues - Sat • 11.30am-4.30pm;

Sunday • 2.00-4.00pm;

Closed Monday

- Free entry
- Disabled access



**LOVE IN A BOX**

In October, 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 (donations please by Sunday 6 November).

Contact Carolyn 01993 844102 for further information.

Give love in a box this Christmas.

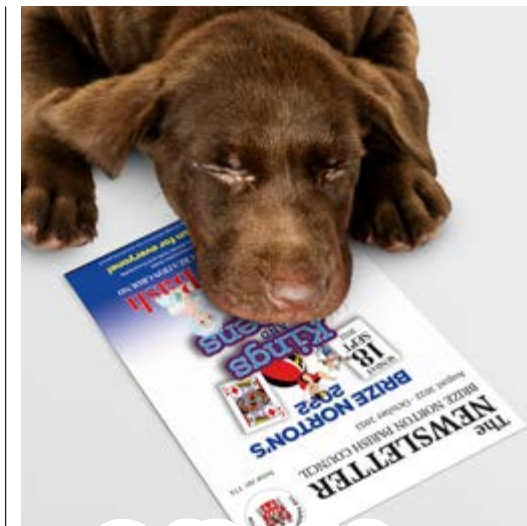
*Carolyn* Carolyn Peach



**Why not enter the Show?**

Look around your garden or allotment for items to show on the 28th of September at Brize Norton Horticultural Show.

Then turn to the centre pages for details of entries and entry forms. The following pictures may give you some ideas.



**Could you help us deliver this newsletter?**

Any volunteers (specifically in Brize Meadow please), please contact Jo Webb  
clerk@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk

## ...The Countryside, on horseback



I have been lucky enough to enjoy horse riding in some fantastic locations across the United Kingdom. Pony trekking in Scotland, endurance rides across Ashdown Forest in East Sussex, many holidays in the New Forest Hampshire, and a real highlight was keeping my horse of a lifetime near Windsor Great Park.

I have lived in Brize Norton for 17 years and have kept my horses in the local area for all that time. We are very fortunate to have some excellent off-road riding in the form of bridleways but unfortunately most of those are dissected by roads, and therefore we can't escape the traffic completely.

Brize Norton has several stables and livery yards nearby, but there are not that many bridleways to ride on. The village is lucky to have an excellent equestrian facility where lots of competitions are held in the form of Lower Haddon Livery.

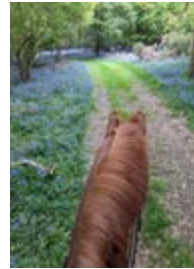


I spend most of my time riding near Hailey and we have benefitted recently from some work by the council to improve a bridleway and the local British Horse Society Access Representatives have worked hard to preserve the bridleway's status because some new houses are planned for an

adjoining field. The most exciting time for riding in Hailey is during the village's scarecrow competition when I am convinced that the residents are trying to finish me off by leaving scary exhibits with a ton of bunting all over the place that freak out the horses!



I am fortunate to have access to the Eynsham Estate for riding and that is a truly special place with lovely long grass tracks for cantering in the dry season and hard tracks for the winter too. The bluebells in spring are phenomenal. You have to dodge the occasional sheep, but it all adds to the adventure.



Horse riding is a popular hobby locally, and if you do happen upon a horse rider on the roads the British Horse Society has a recent safety campaign to promote horse and rider welfare that is worth a look Dead Slow | Road Safety Campaign | British Horse Society (BHS). The message is please pass horses wide and slow. It's also worth being aware that the Highway Code has been updated this year to protect vulnerable road users, horse riders being a key priority The Highway Code: 8 changes you need to know from 29 January 2022 - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).



*Helen* **Helen Roberts**

## ...State of Wildlife

### As I left Brize one midsummer evening...

Those of you who know me will have seen my 4 x 4 with ladders on the roof leaving the village on a summers evening and may have wondered 'where is he off to?'



Well, I shall explain, I am off to ring and record barn owls.

The barn owl *Tyto alba* is a bird of myths and legends and has appeared in many folk tales.

Most of us only see it as a ghostly white shape drifting across the fields and hedgerows at dusk or dawn.

It was in serious decline for many years in West Oxfordshire. This was due to many reasons but the primary ones were lack of suitable nest sites and habitat to hunt over.

The barn owl project was established many years ago to try and reverse this decline and has succeeded in many respects. It is overseen by the Oxford Ornithological Society.

What the project does is to build and install owl nest boxes at suitable sites in the area and then to monitor the use of these boxes over time.



Barn owls nesting in the boxes will be recorded and the young will be rung with a metal band on their leg that has a unique number on it.

If the owl is subsequently captured, or more likely passes away and the ring is read, valuable information about the birds travel and longevity can be ascertained.

The two biggest causes of death for owls that reach adulthood are road accidents, as

they often collide with high sided vehicles on country lanes and drowning, as they are sometimes found in cattle troughs. Once they have fallen in to one of these they find it very difficult to extricate themselves.

Due to this an adult owl doesn't have a long lifetime with the average span being 3-4 years.

When the young are first hatched they are covered with a soft white down which over the next 5-6 weeks is replaced by their adult feathers and during this time the familiar heart shaped face will appear.



Of course, we do not only find Barn owls in the boxes and often find other birds such as jackdaws *Corvus monedula* and stock doves *Columba oenas* have taken up residence. Occasionally other raptors such as kestrels *Falco tinnunculus* will be found in the box.

Mammals too are found and on a recent check on a box I had five grey squirrels exit the box, rapidly running over my head and shoulders in the process.

The winter months will be taken up with making replacement boxes and visiting our boxes to remove debris and accumulated rubbish from them.

Whereas the owls merely drop a layer of pellets into the box, which over a few years can create a layer a foot or more deep, jackdaws and squirrels will completely fill the boxes with twigs and leaves which all need removing.

So now you know where my car is heading when you see me driving out in the evening!

*Ady* **Adrian State**



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**Brize Meadow Lodge Care Home**  
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An update 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. Our construction team have been hard at work with the internal and external walls of the home and everything is right on schedule!

Once open, Brize Meadow Lodge care home will provide round-the-clock residential and dementia care for up to 66 residents, and employ 65 highly trained team members once fully staffed.

Towards the end of this year...

*"...we will begin recruiting for all positions at the home including care management, care assistants and kitchen, domestic and admin staff."*

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

We have unique training and development initiatives through our Ideal Academy, including industry-leading training, career

progression opportunities via a range of learning resources such as E-learning and specialist workshops.

Once recruited, our caring team will be focused on creating a welcoming and fulfilling lifestyle for the people who live at Brize Meadow Lodge through round-the-clock support, regular and varied activities, healthy and nutritious food and laundry and housekeeping service.

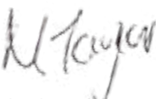
Our future residents will benefit from our quality care, state-of-the-art facilities, and diverse social programme.

We especially look forward to making a strong relationship between the home and your community through various celebrations and events, such as our annual Gardens in Bloom competition.

Gardens in Bloom runs each year throughout all Ideal Carehomes to engage our teams, residents and the local community in creating wonderful outside spaces for everyone to enjoy. I can't wait to see what our Brize Meadow Lodge gardens look like this time next year!

Lastly, I would like to tell you all how delighted we are to be sponsoring your upcoming Village Bash. We're honoured to be included in this community event, and we look forward to seeing you all there.

If you have any questions, 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, 

Website: [www.idealcarehomes.co.uk](http://www.idealcarehomes.co.uk)



## Gentian Community Grants for the Parish of Brize Norton

Gentian Developments ([www.gentiandevelopment.com](http://www.gentiandevelopment.com)) 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 bakery/coffee shop drive-thru.

Gentian Developments actively supports the local community in the vicinity of its new developments and is working with Brize Norton Parish Council to offer grants for the benefit of Brize Norton residents. Local charities, community groups, sports teams, schools and educational establishments are invited to apply and grants will be awarded to a maximum of £2,000.



Apply now online here

[https://bit.ly/gentian\\_google\\_form](https://bit.ly/gentian_google_form) or download the paper application form here [https://bit.ly/gentian\\_download\\_form](https://bit.ly/gentian_download_form), or for further information, go to [www.brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk)

Applications should be made directly to Gentian Developments, the application process closes at 5pm on Friday 30 September 2022. *Good luck with your application!*



## ...Meet your new Councillors!



**Introducing Rosie,  
Councillor for WODC  
- Brize Norton &  
Shilton Ward**

A new job in late middle age prompts reflection, especially when that job is to represent 2,500 people across varied rural communities.

I grew up in comfort in West Sussex, in a family that had prospered in the industrial age. My great-grandfather came from a Yorkshire family whose building firm had constructed, among other things, the sewers of Bradford in the 1840s. He took the firm global, and eventually made his fortune finding oil in Mexico just before the first world war. I used to be embarrassed, as a green-minded person and subsequently a Green Party candidate, that I am here because of oil. But that was the beginning and now we have come to the end of the oil age, we need the same level of ingenuity employed by those Victorian industrialists in order to make the transition to a fossil-fuel free economy. Many measures include rapid decarbonisation; less rushing about, a greater sharing of resources and respect for the other species we share our world with. These can also lead to happier, more peaceful and fulfilling lives.

I studied English at Oxford from 1977 to 1980, taught in Africa for a year, then spent six years as a journalist on the Economist and the Independent, before moving to Jamaica in 1988.

Living on an island sharpened my environmental awareness. It's industries destroyed some of the island's most beautiful interiors, and although iridescent fish swam to the beaches, the owners of the glass-bottomed boats could tell that the coral reefs were suffering. As in many communities, the older generations often

had answers and they helped restore methods I was only just discovering, such as composting, reuse, upcycling.

When I came back to England with two small daughters in 1997, I found myself drawn to West Oxfordshire. I purchased Asthall Manor when it was in need of a little tender, love and care and now its garden is a place of welcome and retreat, growing food for a local crop share and restoring habitats, while also organising sculpture exhibitions. Until this year, my closest link with Brize Norton was as a frequent customer of AK Timms! However, I have since enjoyed talking to the Parish Council, as well as many passionate villagers.

I look forward to meeting you all soon!

*Rosie* **Rosie Pearson**



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

I'm honoured to be part of the Parish Council once again, returning after stint a couple of years ago.

For those of you who don't know me, I have spent over 12 years on Local Councils, including both Witney Town Council and Brize Norton, and I was lucky enough to be both Deputy Mayor and then Mayor of Witney between 2016-2018.

For my work, I am an Operations and Estate Manager for a multi-academy trust of schools. With many years of experience under my belt, I am hopeful it will be of benefit to the village.

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

*Chris* **Chris Woodward**

## ...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 Cockerpoop, Maude.



**Keith Glazer  
• Councillor**

I have been a resident of Brize Norton since 1997 and first joined the Parish Council in 2001. After a three-year break, I re-joined the Parish Council in March 2019. My main interest and reason for being a council member is Water Management and flood prevention.

I also chair the Bampton and District Flood Prevention Group.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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: Coming in the next edition

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

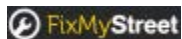
Councillor Nicholas Field-Johnson

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



## ••• 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 [bsna\\_fundraising@outlook.com](mailto:bsna_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 October 2022**
- **12 January 2023**
- **12 April 2023**



## 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.



BRIZE NORTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB  
Present

THE NOT TOO SERIOUS  
**ROUNDERS  
TOURNAMENT**

**FREE  
ENTRY**

**FAMILY  
FUN**

**BAR &  
CAFE**



**SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2022**  
BRIZE NORTON RECREATION GROUND  
**2.00 - 6.00pm**

**TEAMS:** Minimum of 6 a side, all ages and abilities

**PLEASE** teams to be registered by Sunday 18th Sept. 2022  
at the Humble Bumble Cafe - or by email at:  
[humblebumblecafe@gmail.com](mailto:humblebumblecafe@gmail.com)