

The NEWSLETTER

BRIZE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL



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St. Britius Church

to tradition, St Britius was the son of the Count of Nevers
 ed him to be exposed in his cradle on the Loire. He was
 by St Martin, Bishop of Tours, and adopted by him. St Britius
 rtin a good deal of trouble, & he was canonized in 443 AD
 is on November 13th, and he is represented as carrying
 coals in his cloak as this was a miracle he performed.

An Endowment of £5 was left by Goddard Carter Esq., of Alverscot and
 this provided each boy with a pair of boots & a pair of trousers to work
 on the land, and each girl with a black dress & cap and upon
 to go into service, in recent years the
 children are presented with a bible.

In 1869 Edward Timms, Joseph Timms &
 William Timms were stone masons &
 quarrymen!

During the second World War, there were 37 evacuees,
 together with 3 nannies, the numbers rose from 60 to 87
 in 1940 they were re-evacuated to Broadwell &
 Rowcot because the airfield was becoming more
 active.

to build the School
 to Rowcot to telephone

James Cox - Grocer & Miss
 also 2 bootmakers.

Elder Bank
 Hall.
 Recreation Ground

STATION ROAD

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 & Village Org
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Daubygne Coat of Arms

Jy. Thomas Gillett & Stephen Gillett were famous for breeding Cotswold & Southdown Sheep, for which they won several trophies.

WOODD Coat of Arms
Lords of the Manor

Brize Norton Manor

Extract of Inventory of Harry Bullocke of Brize Norton dated 16th Oct 1658

7 Score Sheep	£10	2	0	0
5 Bullocks	.....	6	0	0
5 Kine	.....	3	0	0
2 styes	.....	1	0	0
3 calves	.....	1	0	0
4 horses & an Olde Jabe	6	0	0	0
6 beken Haggies & 2 sows	18	8	4	0
2 Egge, 6 ducks	.....	.....	.....	.....
10 hennes & a cocke	5	0	0	0

Notable families who were lords of the Manor since Robert d'Lury, a crony of the Conqueror, was given the land which in Baron days had been shared between no fewer than 14 chieftains. Have been the Lovels, the Boofords, the Throckmorton, the Wenmans & the Green woods, and the Monks of Eynsham drew rents from the fields.

Capt Basil Wood supported the Royal cause in the Civil War & sent a petition to Charles II asking for compensation for what he, his father & two brothers had suffered. His father was an equerry lawyer who had lost his franchise and had also "been plundered of all his goods". He stated that he had used his "plate, horses & money to spend on surgeons & arms and other necessities of wars." He got his reward by becoming Head Butler of Christ Church.

Brize Norton Primary School
In 1810, a letter was sent to Christ Church asking for a site for a school - This was granted together with a grant of £50 to build the school.

Lower Haddon Farm
In 1925, a teacher had to bike to Bampton to telephone messages as there were no phones in BRIZENORTON

Map has been drawn in great pleasure by the artist and is intended to give the reader an insight into the traditions of a small country village & not as a reference of exact historical detail. It was finished in November 1987, & that is 1987.

MAP
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MARSH HADDON had a farm & cottages until after the second world war, when it was covered over by RAF BRIZENORTON

CHURCH
The only church is a Norman Church with the tower.

Wendy Way (Chairman)

A note from the Chairman...



Welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of our Parish Newsletter.

The Parish Council has a very busy time ahead this year with lots of projects getting off the ground or beginning to gain momentum.

The Elder Bank Hall extension stalled for a while, due to unforeseen circumstances, but is now back on track and we hope to be going out to local builders asking them to tender for the works very soon.

Another committee has been formed to begin a very exciting project to design a **Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP)** on the west side of Brize Meadow and a third committee is working on Public Art projects. This



is a financial contribution from the Developer and WODC to BNPC, allocated to various projects for the betterment of the community affected by the building of Brize Meadow. If either of these projects are of interest to you and you would like to be involved, please contact the Council via the Clerk.

You will have seen a lot in the local news lately on the subject of foul water discharge. We have suffered for many years with the issue of surface water flooding and surcharging of foul water in the village and we are working closely with Thames Water and Robert Courts to address this situation to try and alleviate them in the future. Some of you may have noticed Thames Water Operatives working in the fields on the west and east sides of the village earlier this month. They are carrying out cleaning and surveying of the foul and surface water pipes to establish the cause of these problems and provide engineering

solutions.

We have also had some changes within the Council with the resignation of Claire Stewart in December. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her exuberance and contribution during her time with us and wish her the very best for the future.

We have also welcomed a new member, Nick Bamber. Nick and his wife moved into Brize Meadow just over a year ago with their young family. By the time you read this we will have co-opted Adrian State into our final vacant Councillor position which means that we are back up to our full number of seven Councillors.

There will also be **District, Town and Parish Council elections on Thursday, 5th May 2022** and includes Brize Norton. More on this later.

Our next **Annual Parish Meeting is to be held in the Elder Bank Hall on Tuesday 17th May at 7.30pm.** This meeting is held so that we can report to you on the activities of your Parish Council and is an open forum meeting for discussion and questions.

The centre of this Newsletter is dedicated to the efforts of our group of volunteers who have planned various activities to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I'm sure you will agree that there is wide scope of activities for everyone to join in with, whether it be one event or all of them. It will be a weekend to remember.

Save the dates now!

Wendy Wendy Way (Chairman)

...Around the village



Dog fouling

We had a really positive response from dog owners following the ‘Clean it Up’ campaign last summer and our village has been virtually free from dog mess.

It is, therefore, really disappointing to have to report that in January, a person with a medium sized dog, has decided that the footpaths and green spaces between Bognor Terrace and Manor Road can be used for their dog’s toilet and there is no need for them to clean up the resultant mess!

I can only repeat the statement made by our WODC Cabinet Member for the Environment who stated that this is

“disgusting and irresponsible behaviour of some dog owners”.

A sentiment shared by the Parish Council.

Fortunately, at the moment, the fouling has reduced so, thank you to all responsible dog owners and let us continue to keep our village safe and clean.

Also, a special thanks to those dog owners who clear up other people’s dog mess when the situation arises.

20’s Plenty Campaign

Thank you to all those people who took the time to complete the survey regarding the Council’s vision to introduce a 20mph speed

limit throughout the village. It was interesting to see that after the accident on Station Road when a vehicle ‘rolled over’, it prompted a further 35 responses!

20’s Plenty

Where people are

The result of the survey was:
87% FOR
13% AGAINST

so the PC had a clear mandate to continue with this project and they made their official application to Oxfordshire County Council in January. This scheme has also received the support of our County Councillor.

The response from the people who provided ‘additional comments’ fell into two groups; the first wanted the speed limit to be introduced as soon as possible and the second group was concerned about the buildout on Carterton Road – more about this later!

If required, to further support this project, the PC will be able to provide additional evidence to OCC because it has the results from the Neighbourhood Plan and Primary School surveys as well as our own data relating to traffic volumes and speeds in key areas throughout the village.

We await the outcome from OCC’s officers and if accepted, which areas will receive the reduced limit.

Buildouts

As you will have noticed, there are three new buildouts in the village and improvements to the footways on the north side of Chapel Hill which are being installed by Bloor Homes. The PC is in constant contact with them requesting that they get the buildouts completed as soon as



possible because of the PC’s and residents’ concerns over safety. Most of the signage has now been installed but the illumination still needs to be completed.

However, there have been numerous comments, both in person, on social media and from the ‘20’s Plenty’ survey regarding the location of the buildout on Carterton Road. To clarify the situation, the Parish Council, Oxfordshire County Council and Bloor Homes, planned for the buildout to be sited at the logical location where the speed limit changes from 40mph down to 30mph. Unfortunately, the MOD opposed this location because “they did not want RAF personnel being held up in traffic queues when travelling between the Base and the Tactical Medical Wing”.

The PC had the option to either not install a buildout at all or place it further eastwards inside the village. The PC’s own data indicated that the average daily two-way traffic volume at this location was in excess of 9,000 vehicles, of which

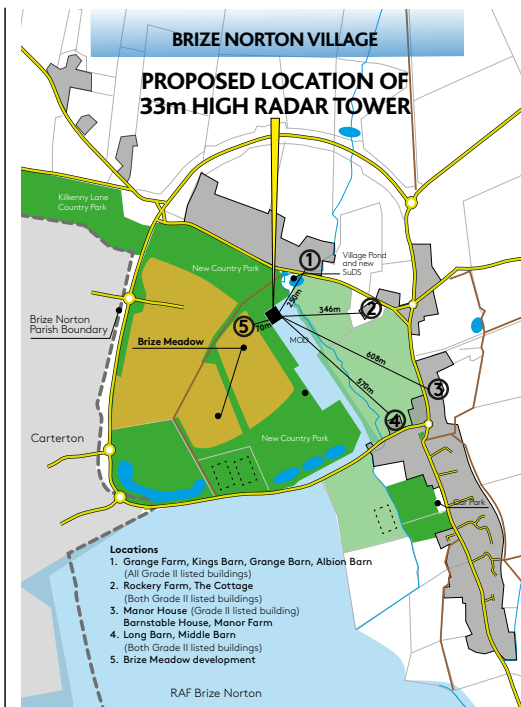
35% exceed the 30mph speed limit (some being recorded at over 50mph!). We needed to slow cars down so the revised location, which was recommended by OCC and approved by their Road Safety Audit Team, was adopted.



Radar Tower

As you will have read, despite vigorous opposition by the Parish Council and residents, **WODC approved the Planning Application** to build a 33M tall radar tower in the geographic centre of our village and just 70M from the houses to be built in Phase 3 on Brize Meadow.

Although there is no recourse to this approval, the PC is watching very carefully that the



contractors building the tower comply with the eleven conditions attached to the granting of this application. To this end, the PC is having regular meetings with RAF Brize Norton to discuss these matters.

One condition that came to our attention was the contractor’s routing of HGVs between the A40 and the construction site. They implied that Brize Norton village only ran southwards from the church down Station Road, so their proposed route was to exit the A40 at the Curbridge roundabout, travel along Witney Road into Elm Grove, down Manor Road and along Carterton Road to the entrance to the TMW.

Unfortunately, they did not consider the true extent of our village, the new traffic calming measures in place on Elm Grove and Carterton Road, the traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Church and the number of listed buildings they would be passing. The PC raised our concerns to the RAF Officer who attended the last meeting and explained to him that OCC’s approved route between the A40, and Carterton Road was the B4477 (Brize Norton

...Around the village (continued)

Road/Monahan Way/Norton Way). This is also the route being used by the contractors constructing Brize Meadow. The RAF Officer not only agreed with us, but he also confirmed that this was also the MOD's approved route!

The contractor has now changed his Traffic Management Plan and has agreed to use the approved route.

Brize Meadow

As we have all seen, the building of new houses carries on at unabated speed and by the time of receiving this Newsletter, there will be **almost 250 occupations**. Other buildings and features will have also started, or about to be started in the near future.

Standing at the roundabout on Monahan Way with the Sports Pavilion on your right-hand side, walking northwards, the first fenced off



area you reach, which has its own entrance drive, will be the location of the **new Fire Station**.

Walking on, the next area (which is boarded off) is

the location of the **66-bedroom Extra Care Home** and works have now commenced.

The architects for this development originally

proposed that it would be built in red brick, but the PC and Bloor Homes opposed this and requested that it be built in reconstituted stone to match the character of our village.



This request has now been accepted by WODC and forms part of the Planning Approval.

Crossing the southern entrance road into Brize Meadow, the next tract of open land on the right is for Commercial use. This has now been purchased by Gentian Properties Ltd and planning permission has already been granted for a **Co-op shop and a further**

Co-op **three retail units**. Works in this area will be starting imminently.

Gentian Properties has been very proactive in working with the PC to obtain a mutually agreeable design of building which will be partially built from reconstituted stone, have appropriate 'green' features and colonnade to soften the appearance and have **ample parking spaces and electric vehicle charging points**. The area to the east of this will be the school drop-off point, car park and a further retail unit.

Continuing northwards, the next large boarded off area, which is visible from Monahan Way, will be the **children's play area** (Known as a NEAP - Neighbourhood



Equipped Area for Play). This area will be owned and maintained by the PC.

A committee has started the process of engaging with playground designers and equipment suppliers. The PC will arrange for a consultation to take place with residents and children of the village to discuss what equipment they would like included and then begin the process of going out to Tender.

Continuing northwards, you will reach the northern 'open' entrance into Brize Meadow. The PC, working with the residents on the southern side of the entrance and Bloor Homes, have arranged for the line of the new hedgerow to be moved three meters away from the entrance drives and into the grassed area. This will allow the native hedgerow to grow to its natural size and provide an **environmentally friendly corridor for wild life** and which will require minimum maintenance by the PC.

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

Litter Bins

As you will have noticed, all the different styles of litter bins in the Parish have been replaced with floor mounted, combined General Waste and Dog Waste bins.

This work has been carried out by Publica Group, working on behalf of WODC, throughout all of West Oxfordshire.

As there is only one type of waste bin, Publica have taken this opportunity to rationalise the number, especially in areas where there used to be several different bins near to each other. They have also reduced the overall number of bins whilst ensuring that they are reasonably spaced out. For example, there used to be seven bins in the area of Pop Socket/Church/Bus Stops/Manor Road whereas now, there is only one.

The PC worked with Publica Group to ensure we kept as many bin locations as possible,



and we agreed to monitor the area around the church and bus stops on Manor Road. We have also gained an extra bin at the exit of the Public Right of Way onto Burford Road, opposite The Masons PH.

The PC has also been working with Bloor Homes to agree the locations of waste bins around the Mary Ellis Country Park and Village Green. The Committee working on the NEAP area will include waste bins in their project. We have also been liaising with Gentian Properties to ensure that there will be a sufficient number of waste bins in the 'shopping' area.

I hope you will see from the above information, just how much the PC is proactively involved on your behalf with what is occurring in our village, and this is only some of the many tasks we are involved with!

Les **Les Goble (Councillor)**

Local resource volunteers required for the Brize Norton Parish Emergency Plan

Brize Norton Parish Council has been updating its **Emergency Plan** and is ready to submit it to Oxfordshire County Council who collate the information to maintain their community emergency plan database for use during an incident/emergency.

They have suggested that it would be beneficial for us to include any local resources within this plan for example snow clearing equipment, 4x4 owners, people who own chainsaws, people who or are willing to help out with such things as collecting prescriptions or shopping.

If you would like to **volunteer** your help in times of an emergency with either your time or a resource, please contact:

Mrs Jo Webb • email: clerk@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk • Telephone: 07899 938938

Due to GDPR regulations, your personal details will not be published and will only be held by the Parish Council and OCC.

Once completed and fully signed off, the Emergency Plan will be available to view on the Brize Norton Parish Website. **Thank you.**



...Brize Norton Schooling

Brize Norton Primary School

Since Christmas, the children have been learning about 'Growing Together' as part



of Children's Mental Health Week (7th-13th February), searching for 'Signs of Spring',

discovering the great outdoors in the environment around them, as well as focusing on the weather with Hurricanes



'Weather Watchers'



The start of the year is one of celebration in Chinese and Indian culture with the children learning about Chinese New Year; the food (and eating with chopsticks) and how it is celebrated around the world.



Children from the Hercules class also treated others to a short play around 'Holi'; an Indian festival of colour and the history of Holika and Prahlad. It was very colourful and inspired all of the children to take part in their own 'Festival of Colour' outside! It was so much fun.



Whilst it has been wonderful for the children to continue to learn a variety of cultures, explore new literature and experience the great outdoors (even when the weather was not always on our side), we are aware that a little closer to home, the year has been quite a hard start for many.

Our children and families are still having to endure the effects of COVID-19 with many of our classes continuing to be effected and now we recently made the decision to have two days virtual learning due to the inclement weather.

This was a hard decision, just before half term, but we would like to thank the children, families and friends of the school for their continued help and support throughout this time.

We are very much looking forward positively and continue to go over and above the challenges that are facing us all at this time.

Anna Anna Fairhurst (Headteacher)



Brize Norton Pre-School

With spring just around the corner... ..it's soon time for the children to be getting busy on our allotment. Our children are encouraged to get 'hands on' with growing our organic fruit and vegetables.



We recognise how important it is for our children to understand where their food comes from and how it grows. Being out in the fresh air and getting back to nature is vital for the children's mental wellbeing, understanding of the world around them and physical development.



If you could spare a little time to help on our allotment please get in touch!



Pre-school is full for the current academic year through to July 2022 and spaces at pre-school from September 2022 are now extremely limited.

We will happily accept new waiting lists but are now unable to guarantee a space will be available.



It was lovely to meet with some of our new children and their families who will be joining us in September at our Open Afternoon last month. We look forward to them all joining our preschool community.



We are holding two more Open Afternoons on the 10th & 24th June 1.00pm - 2.30pm.



To make an appointment, please email brizenortonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk, text or call us on 07769 617 696.

Jackie Jackie Hampson (Manager)


...Brize Norton Sports & Social Club

SPORT

The winter months have been rather quiet, but we have been planning for the spring and summer's sport and social entertainment.

There is football still being played at the weekend, and the S&SC have been in talks about **junior football**. This is still at the early stages but hopefully we will have some good news shortly. It may well be in place for the start of the next junior season.

Preparations for the new cricket season are in hand and indoor nets are now running at Carterton until April. Outdoor training then takes over, with the season starting late April. Games are held at both Brize and Minster Lovell grounds.



Anyone interested in playing are more than welcome. No matter what age or ability!

Check out the website for full details. <https://mlcc.play-cricket.com/home>

NOW FOR THE SOCIAL...

In conjunction with Humble Bumble Café we are holding a

St Patrick's Day Dinner at The Elder Bank Hall



BN SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB & HUMBLE BUMBLE CAFE PRESENT A
 TICKETS £25 PER PERSON (food only)
 LIVE MUSIC
 IRISH INSPIRED BAR
 GUINNESS
 FISH MULE
 COCKTAILS
St Patrick's Day DINNER
 FRIDAY 18th MARCH 2022
 at the ELDER BANK HALL
 Brize Norton
 7.30 for 8.00pm
 All tickets from HBC, The Pavilion, Brize Norton

Tickets are £25 per person which include a 3 course meal and live music, with an Irish themed bar to suit. Spaces will be limited so please do book asap to avoid disappointment!!!

We are also planning a **St George's Day feast 22/23rd April** - full details available soon.

Also, the BNS&SC are involved in the planning stages for the **Queen's Platinum Celebrations**, (along with many other people), organising various events which will be held during the celebrations running from the 2nd - 5th June. More information is available in this newsletter and on the village website.

We are very hopeful that the long-awaited new pergola will be up and functional very shortly. Allowing us to hold even more social events.

AND...

DON'T forget the Village Bash - Sunday 18th September and the

Annual ROUNDERS tournament again in September - date to be confirmed.

Please keep an eye out for the latest news via posters, the village website or our Facebook site www.facebook.com/bnssc/

If anyone wishes to **join the S&SC** or willing to help in any way please do get in contact.

Hope to see you at one (if not all) the events.

Many thanks

Tim Tim Gush (BNS&SC Chairman)

...Brize Norton Football Club



Unfortunately after the early season struggles the sad decision was made to fold one of the teams.

With the players we had available we requested to only have one team and to be in Division 3 which was granted. This decision wasn't a nice one to take but with games being cancelled due to the lack of players available it was the right one.

Adam Harris has taken on the team in Division 3 as the majority of the squad were already the Reserve team and Jake Farrugia has stepped down. We thank Jake (and Adam and Rob Hook) for his tireless efforts and hard work in trying to get a team out each week.

The team itself currently sit in 4th place in Division 3. Sadly with the withdrawal of the 1sts from Division 1 the Reserves in Division 3 became the 1st team and as such a good run in the Jack Busby Cup (For Reserve Teams only) had to come to an end. An emphatic 5-1 victory over Milton-Under-Wychwood

had seen us reach the Quarter Finals. So the familiar message goes out.

If you are interested in playing for the Club please get in touch.

Next year is the **60th anniversary** of the Club (From its Re-formation by Fred Bellenger and Bob Watts in 1963. There has been a football team in Brize at least way back to 1904) and it would be a remarkable achievement for a village of our size to still be playing.



Simon Simon Cook

Contact the Club:

Website: pitchero.com/clubs/brizenortonfc

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

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



Why not join your local team?
 New players needed (Juniors coming soon!)
 SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB

...Humble Bumble Café

Happy New year to you all!

At HBC we are all excited to be plotting and planning events for 2022 - but it is always lovely to look back and reflect on the last few months.



Whilst still effected by the pandemic in December, we were super excited to be able to host our first outdoor Christmas Market and our first ever community Christmas Dinner.

We enjoyed bringing groups of people together through the weekly craft club, crafting workshops, dementia-friendly groups, afternoon teas, dog walkers, cyclist, friends, and family. We continue to work towards becoming a dementia-friendly café and offer a community space for all.

The team had great fun dressing up and raising money for the Alzheimer's society 'Elf Day' - and together, with our fab customers, we raised **£70.**



We also loved the knitted nativity characters and all the money raised went towards a charity further afield - Wayaya House. *My favourite...the donkey!*

Christmas Market



Despite the chilling wind-factor we were able to host some incredibly talented local artists/crafters, with mulled wine from the Sports & Social club, live music from the Military Wives Choir, Abingdon Brass Band and Saxophony and some yummy hot soup and Bratwurst cooked and served by our fantastic café

friends! A great atmosphere was to be had. A huge thank you to all who helped make this event happen.



Our beautiful community Christmas tree was decorated by many of the café users, young and old...some wonderful creations to behold and we loved displaying it outside the café.

Christmas Community Dinner

The Christmas Community Dinner was organised by the wonderful Krystina Reape who is a huge part of the HBC team. There were so many donations of food, time, money and kind words and support made this a special event. At a time where many were struggling with COVID fatigue, it amazed and humbled us to see how generous so many of you were. Thank you to all who helped make this such a special event on Christmas Day.



In March, we will see the return of Mother's Day brunch and cream teas. On Thursday 24th March, 6.30pm - 9.00pm, we will be hosting our first **'pop up' Seconds Fashion Sale.** In our continued bid to re-use, recycle and re-purpose, the wonderful Lorraine Willmore AKA Lolly will be showcasing some of her 'Fun with Fashion' range. Why not grab yourself a bargain, a complimentary prosecco on arrival and check out what wonders will be on offer!

As we head into spring, we hope of a healthier, more positive year ahead and we once again thank you all for your continued support of our little café where we hope there is always a smile, kind word and yummy bit of cake!

Now open on Mondays and late night every Thursday!

Bev Bev Campion (Manager)



...St Britius Church

It's a busy week - on **Wednesday 2nd March** we start our 6 week Lent Course, "Singing in the rain" written by Jeff Lucas. Kindly hosted by The Humble Bumble Café it starts at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome, no need to book and it doesn't matter if you are unable to attend all 6 weeks.

Friday 4th March at 7.00pm, St Britius hosts the World Day of Prayer service for the Benefice. The service written by the Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland and is entitled "I know the plans I have for you". Please come and join us and afterwards for refreshments and fellowship.



Easter Saturday, 16th April, we welcome children to join us at 10am at the Church for a free event of 2 hours of games, craft, stories, songs, and an Easter egg hunt. For more details please contact Gary Long our Family and Children's worker on 07799 968408 or gary@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk.

We welcome you to the following events and special services:

Mothing Sunday Service is Sunday 27th March, come to collect a posy.

Our Celebration of Easter services:

Palm Sunday, 10th April with the 9.15am Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, 14th April Holy Communion at 7.00pm

Good Friday, 15th April Tenebrae service of reflection and prayer at 4pm



Easter Day, 17th April Holy Communion at 9.15 am.

All are welcome to the Pilgrim Lunch held each Tuesday lunchtime, 12.00pm to 1.00pm at the Church. Enjoy fellowship and a chat over a soup and roll lunch - speak with Ben Campion - 358690 for more information.

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership of the Friends and supported us over the last year. If you are not already a member please consider joining - we ask for a minimum donation of £10; you will receive a newsletter to keep you up to date with our future projects. For more details of all fundraisers please contact Phil - 843856 or Carolyn - 844102



We have recently updated our marriage guide that can be found on the website. If you would like to plan your special ceremony at St Britius please contact Rev Ian Howard (07867784693 or e-mail ian.barry.howard@gmail.com) or if you would like to arrange a baptism ceremony please contact our Church warden Rossie Sewell (01993 843418 or rossie.sewell@googlemail.com) who will help you.



For details of church services and other regular activities refer to the notices on the church door, the website www.bncommunity.org or our 'Friends of St Britius' Facebook page.





Thursday 2nd June • BEACON LIGHTING

- 8.00pm - Event start on Brize Norton recreation ground
- 9.15pm - Military Wives Choir Sing-a-long and Jubilee Hymn
- 9:45pm - Beacon Lighting

Bar available from the Sports & Social Club

Hog roast provided by The Masons Arms



Friday 3rd June • ENTERTAINMENT around the village and beyond

- The Chequers Evening live music - food, drink All welcome
- The Masons Arms Speciality Gin Bar - food, bar All welcome
- London Thanks-giving service at St Paul's Cathedral



Saturday 4th June • DIY STREET PARTIES & entertainment around the village

- DIY Street parties Host your own street party Resources from www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-jubilee-lunch
- The Masons Arms Race Night!
- The Chequers Family day with entertainment



Sunday 5th June • PICNIC AT THE PARK

Brize Norton Recreational Ground

- Bring a picnic! Pack a picnic blanket, food and refreshments and book your place at the recreational ground
- Humble Bumble Café Pre-booked Hampers available
- Jubilee Games Egg & spoon, sack race, tug-o-war and more
- Best of Brize An exhibition of arts, crafts, cookery, memory books and more (Still TBC)



BRIZE NORTON'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 'let's bring our community together'

It's a special year for Queen and country as Her Majesty celebrates her 70th Platinum Jubilee. From the 2nd - 5th June, Brize Norton alongside people across the nation and the world are planning various events to celebrate and mark this very special occasion.

Above and left you will see a 'DRAFT' of the initial plans for events in Brize Norton village. We have brought forward the next edition of this newsletter and it will now be published mid-May, so that we can bring you a programme of events going on closer to the date.

In the meantime, start planning your diary and your DIY street parties with friends, family and neighbours! 'Let's Bring Our Community Together'



Have you any memories, photos, recipes, newspaper cuttings from the last 70 years?

In the Humble Bumble Café Christine Payne has provided A5 & A6 books for you to document these! If you choose to create one, please could you bring them back to the Humble Bumble Cafe by 31st May, where they will then be included in an exhibition at 'PICNIC IN THE PARK'.

• Eco Cupcycling™ sketchbooks/journals kindly donated by Seawhite (www.seawhite.co.uk)

...What's On



Brize Norton Over 60's Club

We are a small, friendly club meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. We meet at 2pm at 4 Squires Close, Brize Norton.

Recent meetings have included an enjoyable afternoon listening to Doreen read her poems and an interesting talk about hedgehogs and their care back to good health by Minster Lovell Hedgehog Rescue.

Our future programme is as follows:

- **Tues 1st March** Tea, cake and chat
- **Tues 15th March** Meal at 'The Chequers'
- **Tues 5th April** Tea, cake and chat

Looking forward we are planning a games afternoon, seated exercise, flower arranging, a meal at The Trout, Lechlade and a sing-along.

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.



Brize Norton Dance Club

We meet **every Thursday** evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Elder Bank Hall. We dance ballroom, latin and sequence dances to CD's. An interval in the dances allows us to enjoy tea, biscuits and a chat.

For more information on dancing or the club, please ring Joy on 01993 842373 or look at the village notice boards.

Joy Joy Douglas

Update from Age UK Oxfordshire



We're really pleased to be launching the Age UK Scams Prevention and Support Programme in the Oxfordshire area.

Scams can have a devastating effect on older victims - in England and Wales an older person becomes a victim of fraud every 40 seconds, which is over 800,000 older people every year. This shows us just how important this programme is to try and keep the older people in Oxfordshire as safe as possible when it comes to financial crime.

Age UK Oxfordshire are able to offer group talks, so any clubs may contact us directly.



To find out more about Age UK Oxfordshire's Scams Prevention and Support Programme: Call - **0345 450 1276**.

Mandy Mandy Massam

Information & Advice - Age UK

West Ox Arts (WOA)

West Ox Arts (WOA) in Bampton is a gallery and art shop dedicated to promoting art in West Oxfordshire.

It hosts free, regularly changing exhibitions all-year-round, and sells a wide range of contemporary art and crafts.

From **12th March to 16th April**, WOA is hosting a collection of works from artist David Cotton. The paintings and sculptures titled



WEST OX ARTS ART FOR ALL

WEST OX ARTS

THE DISAPPEARING WORLD
Paintings and sculptures
David Cotton

Sat March 12th - Sat April 16th 2022

Tues to Sat 11.30 - 4.30
Sun 2 - 4
Closed Mondays

WOA Gallery
Market Square
Bampton
OX18 2JH

WOA Gallery Market Square Bampton OX18 2JH
www.westoxarts.com

"The Disappearing World" are inspired by David's love of the outdoors and his lifelong experience growing up around animals.

Following this, the gallery will be taking part in the county-wide arts festival,

Oxfordshire ArtWeeks, which celebrates its 40th year in 2022. This year a group of artists will exhibit at WOA in a variety of disciplines, from painting and drawing to textiles and mixed media works. The exhibition will run from **30th April to 4th June**.

WOA welcomes all Oxfordshire-based artists to become members of the art space, whatever discipline, experience level, or background. It is proud of its inclusive membership policy, and is founded on the belief that art is for everyone. Members can take part in the two dedicated members exhibitions that happen annually, one in the summer and one in winter. And can also submit work to be sold through the gallery shop.

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

Email: galleries@westoxarts.com
More info: www.westoxarts.com
Opening Times: Tues - Sat 11.30am-4.30pm;
 Sunday 2.00-4.00pm;
 Closed Monday.



- Free entry
- Disabled access

BRIZENORTON

SAVE the DATE

Village Bash

18 SEPTEMBER

• An afternoon of fun on the Recreation Ground in support of the school and local village organisations. More details coming soon via the newsletter and social media •

...Planting, propagating, pruning



It has been two very difficult years for the National Garden Scheme (NGS) in so far as fundraising for their Charities has been concerned.

As you are aware, we didn't open last year for the public or the previous year. However, we did manage to organise a private walkabout last year, with just the garden group members. As a result we were able to raise some funds that way for the NGS, which was gratefully received.

Hopefully this year, all being well, we plan to **open on Sunday 12th June, between 1:00pm and 6:00pm.**

There will be 11 gardens in total that will be opening of various sizes, with something to interest everyone. Therefore, this may inspire you to come along and resolve what you feel may be an issue in your own garden. I am certain that there will be lots of advice available to you from any of the garden group members.

Now with many new residents with their gardens in Brize Meadow, we do hope that you will also come along and meet with your neighbours to view their varied gardens. Also, to enjoy the teas and cakes on offer at two of the different locations.

So please add the 12th June to your diaries, a date not to be missed, we will be looking forward to meeting with you all.

Jean Jean Butcher

On behalf of the
NGS Open Gardens Group



Photo courtesy of Brize Norton Horticultural Show Facebook page

**To all gardeners new,
experienced, young and...
not so young.**



will we be looking for flowers and vegetables but you will have the chance to show off your culinary skills by baking cakes and making jam and for those of you keen on things of a more artistic nature, sharpen your pencils, practice your photography or hone your craft skills for the event.

The planned date of the Brize Norton Horticultural show is Sunday 28th August 2022 please mark this date in your diary and get planting.

For those of you looking for somewhere to grow your vegetables and flowers email Jo Webb Brize Norton parish clerk on clerk@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk and get your name on the list for an allotment.

In addition to those interested in entering the show we are looking for people interested in **helping organise** and run the horticultural event this year and for the future.

If you would like more information about getting involved or have any other questions about the event please contact Tony Shillingford via email tonyshillingford@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 07824 878486

Tony Tony Shillingford

Due to the situation over the last two years, we have previously had to cancel the Brize Norton Horticultural show which is normally held each year in Elder Bank Hall. This year (2022) we want to revive it and let all you gardeners out there know about it so that you can grow some amazing flowers and vegetables in good time. Remember not only

Working on your garden?

Pruning Tips for Varieties of CLEMATIS from Jean

Group 1: Montana, Armandii, Alpina Macropetala

These need little or no pruning, just removing dead or damaged stems and keeping in check. Do not cut these back hard because they flower in late spring on the previous years growth.

Group 2: Early Large Flowered Varieties: Rosemoor, Bourbon, Nelly Moser, Arctic Queen

Prune in early spring when buds are in growth, prune back to the first healthy buds on all stems. This will then produce the flowers in early summer.

Group 3: Late Large and Small Flowered and Herbaceous Varieties: Etoile Violette, Polish Spirit, Huldine, Madame Julia Correvon

If left un-pruned these will only flower at the top of the growth, so prune in late winter before growth of buds. Cut back hard 12 inches (30cm) from the ground. This will encourage strong growth and flowers to form all along their length.



... Time to get walking again



At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Oxfordshire

www.walkinginengland.co.uk/oxfordshire has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said:

“There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Oxfordshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.”

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

... Dates for your Diary



Elder Bank Hall Activities

- **Pre-school** (Term-time only)
Mon-Fri 9 am-12.00pm
Mon, Tues & Wed 12.00pm – 3.00pm (pre-school opening hours)
 - **Brownies**
Mondays 6.00-7.30pm
Barbara Thorne **842013**
 - **WOWA**
1st Tuesday in the month
8.00-10.00pm
David Spittles **776036**
 - **20:20:20**
Wednesday
7:30—8:30pm
Steph Hill **07970 831 061**
steph_fitness@hotmail.co.uk
 - **Karate**
Fridays 6.00-7.00pm
Pete Cowling **07794 363837**
 - **Judo club**
Saturdays 9.30am - 11.30am
Jonathan Gerrans **01865 884 339**
 - **TW FITNESS** HIIT Training
Monday 7:45pm
Tom Wattleworth **07892 945 060**
- The Hall is also available for private hire from Diane Davies - Telephone 843430

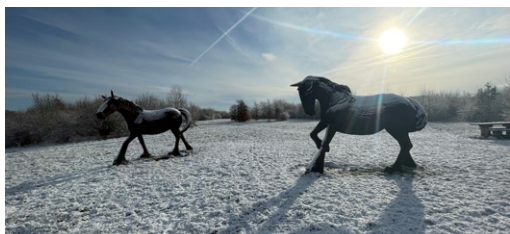
Brize Norton Village - Events dates

- **St Patrick's Day Dinner** at the Elder Bank Hall
Friday 18th March • 7.30 for 8.00pm
- **Easter Church Services at St Britius Church**
Sunday 10th - 17th April • Various Times
- **Parish Council Elections**
Thursday 5th May
- **Annual Parish Meeting**
Tuesday 17th May
- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend**
Thursday 2nd June - Sunday 5th June • Various times and locations - see centre pages
- **NGS - Brize Norton Open Gardens**
Sunday 12th June • 1.00pm - 6.00pm
- **Brize Norton Horticultural Show**
Sunday 28th August • Times to be confirmed
- **Village Bash**
Sunday 18th September • Times to be confirmed



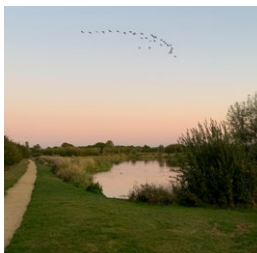
Witney & Carterton Health Walks

We have many wonderful walking areas in our local community and surrounding areas. If you are looking to go walking with a great group of people and explore the local area, we have two groups that meet locally.



Witney meet at the Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney at 10am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information ring **Joy on 01993 842373**.



Carterton meet on Monday, Thursday and Saturday. For more information contact **Barbara Goudal on 01993 845923**.

...Meet the Councillors



Wendy Way - Chairman

Email: w.way@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk • Tel: 0333 011 6386
Responsibilities: Neighbourhood Plan, Website, Personnel, NEAPs, EBH Committee



Keith Glazier - Vice Chairman

Email: k.glazier@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk
Responsibilities: Allotments, Village Maintenance (incl grass cutting), Personnel, Water Management & Flood Prevention, Bampton & District Flood Prevention Group



Pip Squire - Councillor

Email: p.squire@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk • Tel: 01993 867666
Responsibilities: Bloor Homes, Planning, Finance & Banking, EBH Extension



Les Goble - Councillor

Email: l.goble@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk • Tel: 0333 011 6386
Responsibilities: Bloor Homes, Highways (incl Traffic & footpaths), Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Personnel, Water Management & Flood Prevention, EBH Extension



photo coming soon

Nick Bamber - Councillor

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Responsibilities: Legal & Policies, Finance & Banking, Bloor Homes



David Golding - Councillor

Email: d.golding@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk • Tel: 07725 656956
Responsibilities: Pavilion (S&SC), Water Management & Flood Prevention, NEAPs, EBH Extension



Jo Webb - Clerk

Email: clerk@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk
Tel: 01993 840890

More information about the Parish Council can be found on the Parish Council Website,

www.brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk including:

- Minutes of Brize Norton Parish Council
- Policies of Brize Norton Parish Council

Local Council Elections 2022



Parish Council Elections

On **Thursday 5th May 2022**, there will be elections for 16 seats on West Oxfordshire District Council and for a total of 115 seats on 17 Parish and Town Councils, of which Brize Norton is one.

An election is to be held for seven seats for the Brize Norton Parish Council and if you would like to stand as a Candidate the key points to qualify are:

- **Citizenship:** British, Irish, Commonwealth or EU
- **Age: 18**
- **The four qualifications:**
 - ▶ on the register of electors
 - ▶ occupy land as owner or tenant
 - ▶ principal or only place of work
 - ▶ live in parish or within 4.8 km (3miles of it)

Nomination Papers may be obtained from:

**The Office of the Returning Officer
Council Offices
Woodgreen
Witney, Oxon
OX28 1NB**

Opening Times:

Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm

or they may alternatively be obtained from:

**The Clerk of Brize Norton Parish Council
Mrs Jo Webb
Clerk@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk**

Nominations **MUST** be submitted **BY HAND** to the **WODC offices** at Woodgreen no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 5 April and preferably sooner. After the nomination period there will be a Notice of an Uncontested Election OR Notice of Poll.

If you need help filling in the nomination papers then please contact the Clerk, Mrs Jo Webb.

Please watch the local press or visit the West Oxfordshire District Council website (West Oxfordshire District Council (westoxon.gov.uk) for further information.



••• Helpful information

- **Post Office** at the Sports Pavilion
9.30 am – 12.30pm Tuesday & Thursday
- **Police (Witney)**
10.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday (closed weekends)
Call 101
- **NHS helpline**
(24/7 urgent medical conditions)
Call 111
- **Council Information**
Conservative District Councillor for Brize Norton and Shilton Ward
Councillor Alex Postan
Phone: 07885 135000
Email: alexander@postan.plus.com

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

- **Fix my Street**
Have you seen a pot hole, sign needs fixing, road works that need to be done?
Website: www.fixmystreet.com
- **Planning proposals for Brize Norton and Surrounding area**
www.westoxon.gov.uk - planning proposals



••• Useful village contact information

- **Brize Norton Parish Council**
clerk@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk
- **St Britius Church** 846996
- **Brize Norton Primary School**
Mrs Anna Fairhurst 842488 www.brizeprimary.org
School Governors - Alistair Doran 07788 214 663 adoran@brize-norton.sch.co.uk
BNPS HSA - Carole Stevens 07702 422 735 bnsa_fundraising@outlook.com
- **Brize Norton Pre-School**
Jackie Hampson 07769 617 696 brizenortonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk
- **Brize Norton Football Club**
Simon Cook 841096 / 07825 002 298
- **BN S&SC/Cricket Club**
Tim Gush 846730
- **Elder Bank Hall**
Diane Davies 843430
- **Over 60's**
Joy Douglas 842373
- **Open Gardens**
Jean Butcher 841347 prbutcher@sky.com

••• Article for the newsletter?

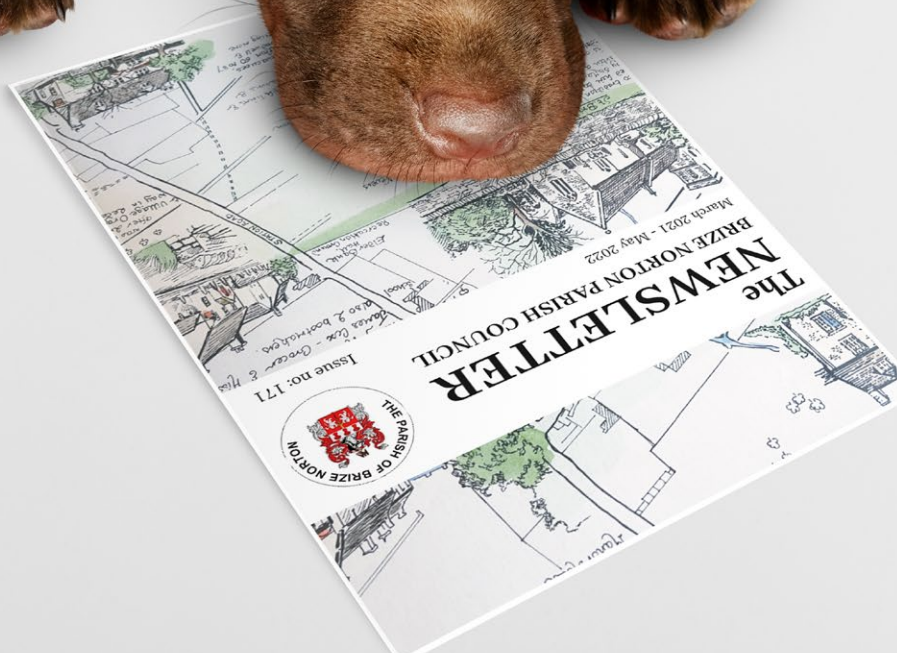
If you would like to add something in the next newsletter..

The Parish Council publish this newsletter which is distributed around Brize Norton village every quarter. Please note, however, **the next issue is being brought forward** to allow for events taking place in June.

Therefore, revised entry the deadlines are:

- 20 April 2022
- 15 August 2022
- 15 November 2022
- 15 February 2023





Could you help us deliver this newsletter?

Any volunteers, please contact Jo Webb
 clerk@brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk

was it the secret entrance to Ariory? Charles & Maud Faulkner lived at the Barracks at the end of the War in 1946 & moved in 1951 when their son, Paul was born.

This house was used by ladies of Charles I's Court at Oxford 1642-46 for delivery of illegitimate children, it is said that the wifes of the infants were taken and their bodies buried around. The house appears to have had an Inn licence from 1753 when it was owned by Ann & John Packer and called The Lamb. In 1758, the packers were convicted to Oxford Castle for murder, but acquitted later. It then changed its name to The George in 1782, The Fox from 1788-84, and The Shakespeares.

The Walls of the ruin were still standing in 1935 & the name came from the old English Forsworn Lanes or Forsaken Births.

THE BARRACKS is owned by CHRISTCHURCH.

Quarries were called Norton Pits & were in the tenancy of Joseph Timms. Stone from the Quarries was used for many of the buildings in BRIZE NORTON, including Kempford House & the school.

In 1939 - Miss Ellen Hardy was a grocer, baker & real merchant at the Mason's Arms.

The following is an Extract From Domesday Book

"Richard De Fruiteuella holds (in Norton) in DEMESNE 2 Ploughlands from the Earl of Cornwall, and the Lord Earl from the King in chief and (THE TENEMENT) is held as a half and a quarter of a Knight's Fee and it is of Ancient Acquisition, and he must accompany as a mounted soldier (EQUES) the Earl of Cornwall....."

In the 1860s a Postman delivered letters every day walking from Rampton to Stilton a distance of six & half miles, he worked as a gardener in Stilton & returned at 6 pm collecting letters on his way.

At the Lower end of Brize Norton, in Rampton Parsh, Lower Madden Farmhouse was built by Sir William Throckmorton of Cuckland in the 17th Century, and was used as a hiding place by a Roman Catholic Priest in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. It is said that the Throckmorton plot against Queen Elizabeth was hatched in this house, & that Edward Campion slept here the night before he was arrested for High Treason. Later the estate was acquired by the Duke of Marlborough until it was sold in 1919.

Greenwood Coat of Arms
 Lords of the Manor 1642
 The Greenwood Family descended from Sir Thomas More, one time Chancellor of England. They were buried in BRIZE NORTON Church even though they were Roman Catholics & had a chapel at the Manor. Because they were Papists had to register their land following the...

Daubygne Coat of Arms
 In the early part of 1600 the Gillett

Mr. Thomas Gillett & Stephen Gillett were famous for breeding Oxford & Southdown Sheep, for which they won several trophies.

Population of BRIZE NORTON.

1801	-453
1811	-475
1821	-528
1831	-627
1841	-687
1851	-720
1861	-716
1871	-695
1881	-639
1891	-610
1901	-527

Sir John Daubygne was a member of the Great D'Albini Family who owned property in Rampton. But apparently own no land in Brize so it is not clear why he should

a goldsmith in the service of Edward the Confessor
in Brize Norton at the time of the Norman Conquest.

Brize Norton - Oxfordshire

in 1791.

built around 1760,
John Shaft himself in or
near the house

In the reign of Henry VI the village
formed part of the Desneane of the Lovells, but on the
forfeiture of the estates by Lord Francis Lovell
Henry VII gave the Manor to the Duke of Bedford.

The village of Brize Norton may owe its name to its situation
about 2 1/2 miles North of Barton-in-the-Bush which was a
town of considerable importance in early times

Brize Norton - the North Hamlet
& in the thirteenth century the village was owned by a
family called Brins & became Brins Norton and eventually
"BRIZE NORTON"

don of Grange Farm by R. Davis of Lewknor in April 1797

Large well built farmhouse with parapet wall in front
e. strong slates - Brewhouse & Dairy, woodhouse of stone & slate,
Stable & Barn with 2 threshing floors, 1 of plank
1 of mortar. Roof has sunk & lean to has partly
fallen down - Cowhouse - 2 cart hovel -
Cottage let to Mr. Francis Major with small
acres etc., etc., 226 acres £195-13s. Oct.



GRANGE FARM

The Blacksmith
in 1869 was
William Smith



In 1901, 200 yards along
the lane from Astrop Farm, a skeleton was
found in a fully extended position
with a knife!



GRANGE POOL
Used by Farmers as watering spot
for cattle for many years. In 1930 a freak storm
caused havoc & ruined a very
Picturesque Spot.

rms
42
descended
they were buried
even though they
chapel adjoining
the Priors they
losing the Jacobe
Rebellion in
1715.

Methodist
Chapel
Rookery Farm
Formerly called the
Primitive Methodist Chapel

The principle Landowner of Brize Norton is Christ Church, Oxford,
The Manor House & Lands were sold to
the Dean & Chapter of Christ Church in 1877



DODD Coat of Arms



CHURCH

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The only church
A Norman Church with
the living for a total of 195 years

1855 Arthur Barnes established a grocery business
the Rose & Crown, Stillon, and moved to Brize Norton
in 1895 there were the following shops

Arthur Barnes - Butcher, Grocer, & Draper John Matthews &
Albert Ayres - Draper, Outfitter, Boot & Shoe Warehouse
James & Co. - Butcher & Shopkeeper