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Brize Norton's

PLATINUM JUBILEE

'let's bring our community together'



2nd-5th June • Brize Norton











a note from the Chairman...

I am delighted that within this summer edition the Team working on the preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee can announce the full programme of events planned for Her Majesty's celebration.

I'd like to encourage as many of you as possible to come along and enjoy as many of the events as you can, and I hope you will agree that there is something for everyone. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their ideas and hard work.

There has been a lot going on since the last Newsletter, not only in the village but globally. The biggest thing being the crisis in Ukraine. I'm sure



you will agree, this has affected us all in some way and it has been humbling to see how everyone has wanted to do their bit to support those who have been forced to flee their homes because of the invasion. From donating essential items such as clothes and food in the first few weeks, to now offering to sponsor Ukrainian families and provide them with a home.

Mandy French and Pip Squire did exactly this and they welcomed Mariana and her two children into their home last month. Mariana has some words to share with us later. Please join me in saying "Прошу Mariana". I know there are other families

within the village who are also in the process of sponsoring a family and when the time comes, we will welcome their new families as well.

The need for donations is still required and later in the Newsletter is information on how to do so safely and through the correct channels. There is also information on how you can sponsor a family if you have been thinking of doing so.

By the time you read this the local elections will have taken place and due to there being insufficient candidates the Parish Council now has two vacant seats to fill.



During his time Pip has been involved with a number of large projects including looking after the finances and planning and has also acted as Chairman. Nick Bamber, who joined the Parish Council at the end of last year, has also decided not to stand. On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank them both for their support and contribution during their time on the Council.

Back in February, Storm Eunice hit, and the high winds took a large section of the roof off of Hangar 10, RAF Brize Norton. The RAF Liaison Officer contacted the OCC Emergency Planning Officer requesting that Station Road be closed as there was a risk that further parts of the roof may have become detached and cross the wire and affect Station Road. OCC Highways were contacted and asked to put in a road closure which they duly did. However, here is where the problems began as the road closure signs were not sufficient as no diversion signs were put up or instruction that access was still possible for residents and businesses on Station Road. The Parish Council is still liaising with the OCC Emergency Plan Team, RAF BN and Highways to ensure that the Emergency Plan Response is updated.

In March the Parish Council was approached by the Care Home Developer, via WODC asking if we would like to propose a name for the new Care Home



being built on Brize Meadow. Similarly, when asked to propose a name for the then new development back in September 2018, we decided to ask our community for suggestions. We launched an appeal via Facebook and posters placed in the noticeboards, the Mason's Arms, the Chequers and the Humble Bumble café. Names were collated and sent into WODC... and the winner and chosen name will be revealed later. We would like to thank everyone who put forward their suggestions.

The Parish Council will continue with its work supporting our community and invite you to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting being held on Tuesday, 17 May at the Elder Bank Hall to update you on what has been happening over the past twelve months and what our future projects are.

In the meantime, I hope you will share with me in celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee and enjoy your summer.

Wendy Way (Chairman)



Don't Forget!

Tuesday 17th May is the
Annual Parish Meeting
at Elder Bank Hall, Station Road and
starts at 7.30pm

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Bring our community together

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Привіт і Ласкаво просимо

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

As mentioned previously in the Chairman's note and also more recently on social media, the war in Ukraine has been devastating at displacing the population of this beautiful, cultural country.

The effect the war has had on millions of people is catastrophic and around the world, people have been doing the most unprecedented acts of kindness to help those effected. We have never been more proud of everything that many of our Brize Norton villagers and village hubs have done and are still doing to help the plight of the people and families fleeing Ukraine.

We have decided to start our 'Around the village' section with articles, letters and news that we have received.

The first letter comes from Pip Squire, on behalf of Mariana and her family, who have recently moved in with Pip and Mandy.

• Letter dated: 19th April 2022

Homes for Ukraine Scheme

Several residents of Brize Norton have signed up to offer accommodation to families fleeing from the war in Ukraine.

The first Ukrainian family arrived in the village on 3rd April. Mariana and her two young children left Ukraine on 26 February just two days after Russia invaded. They crossed into Romania on foot, not knowing where they would end up. They were able to spend time with a family friend's mother in Italy before being granted visas to come to the UK. As soon as the visas came through flights were organised and they arrived the following day.

"On 24.02.2022 my life turned upside down. Because of war in my country I left my house, family and job to keep my children safe. Kind family in UK Brize Norton helped me with free accommodation. They take care of me and my children. These warm-hearted people have done so many good deeds for my family. I will be grateful to them all my life."

In the coming months we hope the village will be able to welcome other families in need and give them some peace and comfort while their country is in

If anyone would like any help with visa applications etc please feel free to email us: pip.squire@outlook.com.

With many people still on their journey to a new home or desperately trying to keep theirs, activities have been going on throughout Brize Norton and Carterton to help those, where possible.

Freedom Boxes

For those who may not have been following the story on social media, Debbie and her family in Czechoslovakia and France have been helping out many, many people.



Within a week of the Russian invasion beginning, my cousin Stuart Watkins had set up www.freedom-boxes.com and was beginning the first of many journeys from his office in the Czech Republic to the Ukrainian border. Freedom Boxes has been set up specifically for the Ukrainian people most in need, in the volatile regions that the large aid agencies can't reach.

The boxes are designated family, defender, sleep, kids, children's hospital and are funded through individual donations on the website. The idea came from his

daughter who wanted to send a box of nice things to the children in the Ukraine, similar to she had done with her friends during the corona virus lock downs.

As part of a goodwill initiative, Brize Norton Village Pre-School got involved as my son Alfie has been going there for the past 2 years. As Stuart, his Dad and a network of friends packed up SUVs and vans with boxes, Alfie and his friends and teachers began making rainbow pictures to send in the boxes the following week. These

pictures and messages give some comfort to the Ukrainian children that there is hope and caring from



outside of Ukraine. A special website has since been created www.messagesofhope.uk where contributions are collected for all to see. In Prague the pictures are being grouped and printed ready to be included in the freedom boxes.

At the border crossing, Stuart and the team were faced with scenes of hundreds of displaced Ukrainian people. Many had been walking for days fleeing the destruction of their homes and cities. Within 5 minutes of speaking to a border official, the vehicles were filled with Ukrainian children, mothers and grandparents who wished to travel to the Czech Republic. On arrival in Prague from the 20 hour round trip, the team arranged accommodation and assisted with onward travel arrangements.

This journey has been repeated every week since, and thanks to an increase in



donations is now twice weekly. We use a 49 seater bus with two drivers for the round trip, with approximately 100 boxes dropped at the border and 45 people collected. We recently helped a community of Ukrainians relocate to a town near Toulouse, France where another of my cousins Caroline has set up a support network to help with accommodation, schooling, language and many other things.

In order to help further, Stuart's software company Zenoo launched Freedom ID. A free service aimed at finding accommodation for displaced Ukrainians. The solution has verified 96 hosts so far. On average each host will support 4 people, meaning we have made it more secure for over 350 refugees to find shelter. If you are, or you know any online service that connects refugees with accommodation hosts please send them to www.freedom-id.com. "

If you would like to read more of Debbie's story, it will be posted online on our Brize Norton facebook page (@brizenortonvillage) in the coming weeks.

Ukraine Clothes & Cake Sale Fundraiser



with many of us following the tragic events in Ukraine and impact on so many families, at the Humble Bumble we were keen to organise a local fundraising eventwith the premise

being any monies raised be directly for locally housed families.

We all have far too many clothes so felt a pre-loved clothes sale would enable us to

clear our wardrobes and raise some well needed money.

Huge thank you to all those who donated clothes and baked cakes. Especially to Lorraine and Amanda for organising me and co-ordinating the day and to all of those who shopped, grabbed a bargain and helped us to raise £320 we are incredibly grateful.



The Humble Bumble also have a box for a welcome bag initiative by Ani Catt, should you wish to contribute.

A BIG Thank You!



Brize Norton Parish Council would also like to say a big "Thank you" to all volunteers who went up to the Carterton Leisure Centre to help with packing boxes of donations to send to Ukraine.

Brize Norton wear new colours!



The children had a 'Day for Ukraine', where the whole school came dressed in blue and yellow and brought in a donation to send to the refugees.

Useful information for Ukrainian people coming to the UK and ways in which you can help

Disasters Emergency Committee has launched a Ukraine EMERGENCY Humanitarian Appeal support

charities and their local partners in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries to help provide food, water, shelter and medical assistance. The UK Government will match pound-for-pound up to £20 million donated by the public to this appeal. The Disasters Emergency Committee has urged people to donate money rather than goods if they can to help those affected by the conflict.

The following are considered reputable charities:

International Rescue Committee is raising funds to help provide medical care, emergency food and other critical aid to families affected by conflict.

British Red Cross is calling for donations to the Disaster Emergency Committee appeal in support of humanitarian aid charities. Currently, the Ukrainian Red Cross Society and the International Committee of the Red Cross, together with fellow Red Cross National Societies in border countries, are working to get vital help to those impacted

by this crisis.

Homes for Ukrainians

On 29th March, the government published a welcome guide for Ukrainians www.gov.uk/ government/publications/welcome-a-quidefor-ukrainians-arriving-in-the-uk guidance on what they need to do before they travel to the UK and what to do after they arrive. A fact sheet has also been published that explains how Ukrainians can apply to the Homes for Ukraine

sponsorship scheme. The welcome guide information includes on what Ukrainians need to know in the **UKRAINE** first few days, getting



used to life in the UK including how to find a home, access essential public services, healthcare, find work and childcare and education services. It also includes specific information for those arriving on the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Translations of both documents will be available shortly.

Councils, sponsors and Ukrainians should continue to check the Homes for Ukraine campaign page and frequently asked questions document for further updates.

Homes for Ukraine campaign: https:// homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/



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Brize Norton Parish Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is a new scheme aimed at creating safer neighbourhoods within the Brize Norton Parish and further build community spirit and cohesion, improving upon the existing quality of life and the local environment. By sharing and acting upon crime prevention advice, you can play an important role in helping us to reduce crime or fear of crime in your area. Being part of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme can:

- Reduce / prevent local crime and disorder
- Reduce fear of crime
- Address issues relating to antisocial behaviour
- Assist in the detection and apprehension of criminals through members providing information to the police

My name is Jim and I have lived in the local area since 2003 and Brize Norton since 2019. I'm keen to improve upon the already positive community spirit and bring unity to the 'whole' of the newly expanded Brize Norton Village, fostering a caring, neighbourly attitude to improve the wider resilience and friendliness of the area.

The vision for the Brize Norton 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.

To join the Brize Norton Parish NHW visit www.ourwatch.org.uk/join and complete the online form. You will receive an email with a confirmation code, enter this code when prompted and continue completing the form.

Once registered as a member, you can join the scheme, simply type in your post code on the <u>ourwatch.org.uk</u> homepage, select Brize Norton Parish NHW and click "join this scheme".

There is also the opportunity to send me a message by selecting "email scheme coordinator" if you have any questions, queries, and feedback.

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

Thank you.

James Stewart
(Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator)

Speed signs / Advanced Warning Signs



The Parish Council has received confirmation from OCC that they have spoken to Bloor Homes regarding the 'advanced warning sign' on Station Road which is too large and inappropriate for that location. The sign will therefore be changed but at this stage, OCC do not have a timeframe for these works.

The PC will continue to pursue this matter with Bloor Homes along with all the other outstanding works associated with all three buildouts and the footway improvements on Minster Road and Burford Road.

Safety and the new Highway Code

It has been bought to the Parish C o u n c i l's attention that during the times of the 'school runs', drivers are



turning into side roads to park their cars but are ignoring pedestrians about to cross the road.

In order to keep all our residents safe, the Parish Council would like to respectfully remind drivers that from 2022, there has been a change in the Highway Code, which is as follows:





• Rule H2

Rule for drivers, motorcyclists, horse-drawn vehicles, horse riders and cyclists.

At a junction, you should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning.

To clarify, a motorist must wait for the pedestrian to cross the junction before turning. This applies if the motorist is tuning right or left into the junction.

With the latest rules on 'Hierarchy of road users' now being enforced by law, along with other updates to the Highway Code, maybe, like myself, you may consider now is a good time to invest £4.99 to purchase the latest version of the Highway Code?

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Thames Water Flood Prevention

A joint initiative between the Parish Council



and Thames Water, aided Robert by MP. Courts has seen a development in the way we

manage the flow of both surface, foul and flood water in the village.

Many of you will have seen workmen in the fields on the west and east side of the village. They are Thames Water operatives and to date, they have carried out a full camera survey of the surface and waste water pipes on the west side of the village. This survey has led to them clearing a



blockage in the surface water pipe and replacing all the manhole covers on the waste water pipe.

They are now in the process of carrying out a camera survey on the waste water pipe, which runs down the east side of the village. This survey will be carried out between the A40, and the pumping station situated at the south of the village.

Surface Water



The Surface water system been has studied by cctv and blockage

caused by tree roots has been removed. This is an ongoing problem, unfortunately, occurring every 4 or 5 years. Regular maintenance will help to alleviate the problems and reduce flood risk to the village.

Foul Water

The disposal of foul water is a more complicated process. The foul line to the west of the village carries foul water from, circa, 1800 houses in Shilton Park. Currently the line also carries foul water from the growing Brize Meadow estate. This is a temporary measure and the new pumping station on Carterton Road will, in the near future, be completed. The Brize Meadow development foul water will then be pumped to the Carterton Sewerage Treatment works.

Brize Norton has been recognised for many years as an area of "high concern" by Thames Water, as is part of the catchment area for the Witney Sewerage Treatment Works.



Thames Water are currently carrying out a detailed examination of all remaining foul lines serving the village, in an attempt to prevent rain or surface water ingress, which can cause the system to be overloaded.

There have been many "studies" by Thames Water over the last 20+ years into the disposal of foul water. We hope that these latest measures will help resolve the situation.

The Parish Council will remain vigilant and continue to pursue this matter.

Les Goble (Councillor)

Keith Glazier (Councillor)

Mary Ellis Country Park & Kilkenny **Country Park**



West Oxfordshire District Council has recently undertaken habitat restoration works at Kilkenny Lane Country Park, enhancing an area of grassland with a mix of native wildflower seeds.

Flowers such as oxeye daisy and yellow rattle will start to bloom in the largest section of the site's grassland areas, with more to be sown in a second phase later this year. The eastern most grassland

area will also be managed differently to establish a tussocky structure, and create new microclimates for a wider variety of invertebrate species to inhabit.

Monitoring the progress of this new habitat structure at Kilkenny Lane Country Park, means Mary Ellis Country Park may also receive the same landscaping and encouragement of wildlife.

The Council also soon hope to set up a conservation volunteer group at the country park, to improve the site's habitats and make local people feel more connected to this natural space.





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An open letter to the Brize Norton community from Maria Taylor, Commissioning Director at Ideal Carehomes, due to operate the new care home on Monahan Way.

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People of Brize Norton Village

Brize Norton

Oxfordshire



Dear all,

On behalf of everyone at Ideal Carehomes, I would like to thank you for your help in naming our new care home. We were very excited to see all your suggestions on social media and thank you to local businesses such as the Humble Bumble Café, The Chequers Inn and The Mason Arms who made way for our suggestion boxes.

The name, suggested by Sallie Barratt, that won the vote is:

Brize Meadow Lodge

We are very happy with the winning name and we hope you are too!

We look forward to meeting you all soon but first you might like to know a little bit about us. We are an established care provider and Brize Meadow Lodge will be our 36th purpose-built luxury care home. Everything we do at Ideal Carehomes is focused on creating a great place to live and work. We pride ourselves on making a real difference to the lives of our residents, getting to know the people we care for, promoting independence and tailoring daily activities to fit each individual.

As you will know, our care home is currently under construction and we are due to open our doors in April 2023. Brize Meadow Lodge care home will provide round the clock care for up to 66 residents, and employ over 50 highly trained team members once fully staffed.

Our state-of-the-art care home will benefit from the latest in care technology, allowing our team to deliver person-centered care in a dignified manner to each of our residents. Our residents will have access to a number of luxury facilities, including a salon, landscaped gardens, a café and even an on-site cinema to watch

their favourite blockbusters! During construction, our home has had a ground source heat pump installed and we will also have solar panels to ensure that we are as environmentally friendly as possible.

Whether our residents want to spend the day relaxing, reminiscing with their friends or taking part in one of our fun activities, there will always be something to do and our activities are tailored



to our resident's interests. We are proud to offer an ambient dining experience in each of our homes by highly trained chefs, who prepare all meals freshly on site.

Once our new home is open, we will be able to help people in the village and surrounding areas with both short term and long-term residential and dementia placements. I am confident that Brize Meadow Lodge will create wonderful opportunities and community links in the historic village of Brize Norton.

We will keep you informed on our progress, and will plan an open day for the people of Brize Norton to take a look around our home, meet our team, and discuss with you what the care at Ideal Carehomes truly is — person-centred and high quality.

We would also be thrilled to invite you to our regular events such as garden parties, craft afternoons and film showings, so we can get to know our local community and so our residents, who may have lived locally all their lives, can remain part of their community. This is a hugely important part of care home life for us, and I strongly believe that with the help of the community and our Ideal Carehomes team, Brize Meadow Lodge will thrive.

If you have any questions about Brize Meadow Lodge, or our work at Ideal Carehomes, please get in touch on 0113 465 4000. I'd be happy to answer any queries that you may have about this exciting new development.

Thank you,

Maria Taylor

Commissioning Director • Ideal Carehomes

www.idealcarehomes.co.uk

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Elder Bank Hall Activities



• The Hall is also available for private hire from Diane Davies - Telephone 843430

Brize Norton Village - Events dates

- 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 1pm 5pm





BRIZE NORTON BASH SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Our theme is 'Kings and Queens' – why not come in fancy dress?

We would like for everyone to get involved prior to the day by making a 'Regal' themed scarecrow and if possible to display it in your garden from Sunday 4th September to advertise the event. Then bring your scarecrows on 18th September to be judged and possibly win a prize. Rules and Guidelines for the Scarecrow competition will be placed in the next issue of the newsletter and on social media.



We are pleased to welcome the 'Companions of the Crow' a medieval re-enactment group based in Witney,

Oxfordshire who will be putting on displays of combat and living history encampments.

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, year 6 games, bouncy castles and tea and cakes.

We are also planning other static displays and musical entertainment and all the fun of a village fayre.

The event is a community event run by individuals from the village charities and the proceeds go to Brize Norton Primary School, Brize Norton Sports and Social Club, St Britius Church, and Brize Norton Village Pre-school.

Look out for posters on the village noticeboards and for more information and updates on the village social media.



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

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Could you help us deliver this newsletter?

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









Brize Norton's Celebration of

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



Bank Holiday Weekend 2nd - 5th June 2022



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is a special extended bank holiday weekend providing an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

To enjoy the celebrations, there are many events going on throughout the village over the four days which include everything from a beacon lighting to a **HUGE** Picnic in the Park.

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Thursday 2nd June BEACON LIGHTING

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Brize Norton is lucky enough to be given a beacon to light in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.



All beacons across the UK are being lit at the same time, after the Queen's.

We would like to thank Tony Shillingford for his quick thinking and hard work in organising this for the village.

- 8.00pm Start at Brize Norton recreation ground
- 9.15pm Sing-a-long
 Winners of 'Brize has Talent' and the community sing-a-long
- 9:45pm Beacon Lighting by Peggy and Fred Bellinger

Bar available from the Sports & Social Club

Hog roast provided by The Mason's Arms

London Celebrations

- Trooping the Colour
- Royal Family's balcony appearance and fly past
- Beacon lighting at 9pm

• Friday 3rd June • ENTERTAINMENT

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Hopefully a day full of relaxing and sunshine, today's events in Brize Norton are mainly in the evening.



However, if you'd like to head out around the village, why not have a walk around the village to see the decorations or head to the Humble Bumble café for something sweet or spice and everything nice?

- The Chequers Inn
 Live music from Frazer Lepford in the evening. Food and drink available. All welcome!
- The Mason's Arms
 Speciality Gin Bar with
 many, many varieties! Food
 available, marquee outside. All
 welcome including dogs!

London Celebrations

 11.30am - Thanksgiving service at St Paul's Cathedral.
 Great Paul will be rung between 10.50am to 10.55am followed by a peal of bells.

Saturday 4th June DIY STREET PARTIES

& entertainment around the village

Today is a great day to enjoy the street parties around the village!
Bringing neighbours and community together after a long period of being apart due to lockdown. Enjoy a day of celebration and an evening in one of our public houses!

- DIY Street parties
- Cricket at the Recreational Ground
- The Chequers Inn
 It's all about the kid's today at
 The Chequers! Starting at 12,
 decorate tiaras and crowns to
 wear; there will be children's
 entertainers, a disco, party
 games and lots of decorations.
 Kids can come dressed as
 king and queens if they like.
- The Mason's Arms
 It's Race Night (with a difference)!
 A lot of fun and laughs to be had alongside a little food and drink.

London Celebrations

- The Derby at Epsom Downs
- Platinum Party at the Palace

Sunday 5th June
 PICNIC AT THE PARK

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A day full of celebration and festivities!

- St Britius Church
 The Church will be open
 after the morning service
 for the Jubilee celebrations.
 Full details on the next page.
- Picnic at the Park! 12-4pm
 Pack a picnic, blanket, table,
 chairs, gazebo and head down to
 the village recreational ground.
 No BBQ's and no dogs, sorry.
- ☼ Jubilee Hampers Totally delicious celebration hampers will be available to preorder from the Humble Bumble.
- ★ Bar available from the Sports & Social Club
- Olden day games We're going to see what olden day games we can rustle up, but feel free to bring some along!
- ★ Best of Brize A display of arts, crafts and memory books in Elder Bank Hall.

London Celebrations

The Platinum Jubilee Pageant

We may be producing a **Commemorative booklet** after the event. However, this will be dependent If you take photos or have a story that you would like to be included in the booklet, please post them Instagram (@brizenortonvillage) or use the hashtag **#brizevillagejubilee**. Please note permission photographers at the events and their photographs may also be used in the booklet. If you do not

on how many photos and stories we receive from the Bank Holiday weekend. on social media and either tag our Facebook (@brizenortonvillage), Twitter (@BrizeNorton) or to use will be assumed, once we are tagged on social media. There may also be professional want to be included in the booklet, please ask them to not take your/your families photographs.

The Parish of Brize Norton St Britius Church

TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



"I declare before
you all that my
whole
life whether it be
long or short will be
devoted to your
service"

FLOWER FESTIVAL
THEMED HANDICRAFTS
VILLAGE PHOTOS & MEMORABILIA

Sunday 5th June from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm

followed by a

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday 5th June at 6.00 pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

· · · St Britius Church

At the start of Eastertide on Shrove Tuesday we held a pancake supper in the church. By moving some of the pews, we were able to host over 50 people to a sit down supper. Thank you to everyone who attended to make the evening a success. Also, utilising



the additional space freed up by moving the furniture, we held a children's free fun event on Easter Saturday. Seventeen children took part in games, songs, stories and

crafts including an Easter egg hunt led by Gary Long our family and children's worker.

Along with the other village committees we are helping to mark and celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Further details are on the previous page or contact Dr Phil Holmes (01993 843856). He would also very much like to hear from you if you have photos of village events in these last 70 years, especially those celebrating past Jubilee's. We would like to take a copy so that it can be added to the photographic display.

On Sunday 12 June the church will be open as part of the NGS Open Garden Scheme. Pop down to view the floral displays in particular prepared by the NGS gardeners. We are also selling refreshments in the Elder Bank Hall from 1pm to 6pm to raise money for our general funds.

Looking further ahead, we will be taking part again in the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride,' on Saturday 10 September and participating in the organisation and having a stall at



the village bash on Sunday 18 September. If you

could offer help at either of these events please let Carolyn know - 844102.

In the next few months we have a number of baptisms to look forward to and we have taken bookings for weddings to be held in 2023. If you would like to arrange a baptism please contact Rossie Sewell, our churchwarden (843418) or to plan another special ceremony at St Britius please contact

You are welcome to join in our weekly fellowship Pilgrim's Lunch each Tuesday lunchtime from noon to 1pm. Contact Ben (358690) for more information.

Rev Ian Howard by phone or e-mail him at

ian.barry.howard@amail.com).

For further details of church services refer to the notices on the church door or go to our website www.bncommunity.org.

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

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ian.barry.howard@gmail.com

Churchwarden: Dr Phil Holmes 843856 p.holmes@brizenorton.org

Churchwarden: Rosalind Sewell 843418 rossie.sewell@googlemail.com



· · · Brize Norton Schooling



We've had a busy term at Brize Norton Pre-School!

In early March we were delighted to be asked to take part in a fantastic initiative called #freedomboxes.

We were asked to get our children to create some

pieces of artwork to go into care boxes for the children of Ukraine. The results were amazing and we were extremely proud of the children, as they were of themselves, for producing such fabulous pieces of art. We hope they brought a little smile to some special children's faces.



children went down to A.K Timms to buy seeds. We have potted some of them up and hope for some seedlings to

plant very soon. We have already planted our potatoes, carrots, and radishes. Fingers crossed for a good crop this year.

A huge 'Thank you' to those allotment holders have helped us over the past weeks and continue to support us



on our allotment, your help is very much appreciated.



We've been out and about in the village too taking in the sights, visiting Britius Church,

Primary School, The Chequers and Humble Bumble Café for our snack. We love getting

out and meeting the villagers so please give us a wave if you see us.

Over the coming months we have lots planned with day trips out to the farm, activities for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. a visit from Jurassic Encounters, a visit from a magician about 'the magic of reading', visits for our older children from their new primary school teachers, PE lessons and sports day.



On the 10th and 24th June we're holding two open afternoons for children joining us in September 2022

between 1pm-2.30pm. We'll also be welcoming children and parents on our waiting list for September 2023.

If you'd like to come along please email us at brizenortonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk or call/text us on 07769 617696 to reserve your space.

We are still accepting waiting list applications for September 2022 but at this stage cannot guarantee a space will become available. Why not register early for September 2023 to secure a place?

For those new to the village pre-school operates from the Elder Bank Hall, term time only Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm and Friday 9am-12pm

More details can be found on our website www.brizenortonpreschool.co.uk along with a waiting list application. Please do email us or use our 'contact us' page if you have any questions

Jackie Hampson (Manager)

Brize Norton Primary School We've had a very busy term so far!



The Children from years 4,5 and 6 went on a fantastic trip to The British Museum in London in order to support their topic on Ancient Greece. They had a great time and asked many questions of the team there! Whilst they were in London, children from years 1,2 and 3 had an amazing day out to Warwick castle as they have been researching castles this term.

We had a very successful sporting event for Brize; the airls placed second and we came third (only a point in it) overall.



Some of the children admitted they hadn't been swimming since the start of covid and they were a little nervous, so we were blown away at their performance today. They placed in the top 3 in most races with a few actual 1st places in there. They were an absolute credit to the school and we were incredibly proud of them all; well done!

We've also had children who have taken part in the West Oxfordshire Cross Country finals as well as playing tag rugby at school.

In the most random activity of recent years... we took part in a record breaking activity with other schools around Oxfordshire. With a total number of 2,597, the school is officially in the record books for helping to achieve the largest game of musical bumps! They smashed the record!

The children ended the term with a disco and everyone went home with an Egg Easter bought by the School Association.



Finally, we would like to announce the departure of our Head Teacher, Anna Fairhurst after nearly 8 years. Mrs Fairhurst left at the end of last term to spend more time with her family.

We would like to thank Mrs Fairhurst for all of her hard work with the Children, the Staff, the Governors, the School Association and also with the Brize Norton Community.

You will be missed.



· · · Humble Bumble Café

Spring has without a doubt sprung here at HBC, the beautiful daffodils have brightened our view across the recreation ground and the lighter days have seen more families and friends reuniting and visiting our lovely village and café!

Since our last newsletter much has occurred

both in the café and with our Humble horsebox. Thank you to all that supported our first joint social of the yeardonning your Irish outfits and guaffing the Guinness



to celebrate St Patrick's day. Much fun was had by all.

Mother's Day brought many of you together to enjoy the special sharing boards and we were excited to meet your families over the Easter holidays! With Easter trails, crafting sessions and our



pop-up Painting and Block printing classes it's been a busy few weeks. Thank you, Gemma Marlow, and @HollyBJones for taking time and sharing your skills with us and your children!

With the platinum jubilee celebrations drawing nearer our wonderful weekly crafters are helping us create some bespoke bunting to display around the café and village. We will be running a 'come and join in session' during our latenight Thursday evening opening timesplease come along, bring a friend, grab a coffee and get crafting!

We are always keen to support local small

businesses and were super happy to invite the wonderful Lorraine to our

Thursday evening slot alongside her preloved clothing sale AKA' Fun With Fashion' what a buzz there was in our little café and some wonderful clothes to boot too! We have always been passionate about buying local and are slowly building a collection of crafts for you to buy such as the talented Meg who not only painted our horsebox but check out her beautiful Peggy bobs in the café too.

It is always exciting to get out and about in the horse box- we have recently had the pleasure of supporting the Carterton 10km fun run, Common leys lambing day and

Witney hockey club. All of these organisations have such a positive impact on our children, friends and families so



we feel very humbled to involved and either sponsoring, donating or just supporting their amazing work. Over the next few weeks we will be hosting the APCAM quiz night, Laura Hyde foundation, our very own Platinum celebrations, big bash and lots of other sporting events! Keep and eye on our social media for more details.

So as we move forward, enjoy the long summer days and continue to be part of this amazing community we as always want to thank you all for your friendship, support and kindness.

Keep safe, look after each other and keep eating cake!

Bev Campion (Manager)

· · · Brize Norton Sports & Social Club

The year is flying past, with the football season finished and the cricket season has already started, it won't be long before we are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee long bank holiday weekend.



Our 'newish' committee have been looking after the running of the S&SC for just over a year now and have made great strides forward in the planning of social events and helping support the sporting teams of the village. More needs to be done but we are moving in the right direction.



I would like to give notice that BNS&SC are holding their AGM on Monday 16th May.

Please do come along and support in any way you feel would help. Ask questions, volunteer, give advice; All are welcome.

Here are a few things that are on the agenda:-

- JUNIOR FOOTBALL
- SENIOR FOOTBALL CLUB AND THE 60 YEARS CELEBRATION
- TENNIS CLUB
- NEW PAVILION
- GROUND MAINTENANCE
- SOCIAL EVENTS
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXISTING PAVILION
- AOB

Look forward to seeing you then.

Tim Gush (BNS&SC Chairman)



BRIZE NORTON SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB



Annual General Meeting

Monday 16th May • Starting promptly at 1900hr

The PAVILION, Recreation Ground, Brize Norton OX18 3PU

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· · · · How well do you know your Parish Council?



Town and Parish Council Elections • 5th May 2022

> By the time you read this, the Town and Parish Council

elections will have taken place and as a consequence of there being insufficient candidates for a poll, the election was uncontested, and the five candidates nominated have been elected.

They are:

- Wendy Way
- Keith Glazier
- Les Goble
- David Golding
- Adrian State

in the future.



Meet your Councillors and team

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



Keith Glazer - Vice Chairman

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

I also chair the Bampton and District Flood Prevention Group.



To 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, 26 rather bouncy dog.



to fill them.

Les Goble - Councillor

Pip Squire and Nick Bamber decided not

to stand again and so this leaves two seats available, and the Parish Council will co-opt

If you are interested in being involved in your community, look at the following page.

You will know that there has also been a

District Council election for the Brize Norton

and Shilton Ward with two candidates

nominated and Councillor Rosie Pearson being elected. The Brize Norton Parish

Council looks forward to working with Rosie

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 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{DB}}\xspace_4$ 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.



David Golding - Councillor

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.



Adrian State (Ady) . 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 lead 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.







Are you passionate about your community? Do you want to help make a lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas?

Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it?

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

Considering helping?

This video from Tackie Weaver may give a little more of an insight. #MakeAChange





Responsibilities for your **Local Council**







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··· What's On



Over 60's Club We are a small club for people meeting

the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. We meet at 2pm at 4 Squires Close, Brize Norton.

Our future programme is as follows:

- Tues 3rd May: Tea, cake & chat
- Tues 17th May: Meal at The Trout, Lechlade
- Tues 7th June: Tea, cake & chat
- Tues 21st June: Cream tea at the Humble Bumble Cafe
- Tues 5th July: Tea, cake & chat
- Tues 19th July: Coffee Morning
- Tues 2nd August: Bowls on the lawn

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.

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 19th July 10.30am 4 Squires Close, Bring and buy • Raffle

Everyone Welcome



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



Brize Norton Dance Club 6

We meet in the Elder Bank Hall every Thursday from 7.30 to 9.30pm. dance sequence, ballroom and latin to music on CD's. An interval in the dances allows us to enjoy tea, biscuits and a chat. For more information, please ring Joy on 842373.

Joy Joy Douglas

Women's Tour of Britain cycle race



It's not every day, Brize Norton gets to play host to a competitive cycle race!

The final day of the Women's Tour of Britain cycle race will start from Chipping Norton on Saturday, June 11.

Competitors will be travelling through Charlbury, Burford, Brize Norton and Carterton. The race will then come to a conclusion in the heart of Oxford.

(Image credit: oxfordshirelive.co.uk)

Oxfordshire Art Weeks

Oxfordshire ArtWeeks, which celebrates its 40th year in 2022. This year a group of



OXFORDSHIRE artists will exhibit at West Ox Arts in Bampton in a variety of disciplines, from painting and drawing to textiles and WEEKS mixed media works.

The exhibition will run from 30th April to 4th June.

- More info at www.westoxarts.com
- Free entry
- Disabled access

· · · Time to get walking again



Burford Ramble raising money for the Blue Cross - 22nd May 2022 at Blue Cross rehoming centre, Burford.

In celebration of our 125th anniversary, we are delighted to be opening our site to the public. This is a unique opportunity to enjoy a beautiful 5k walk around our meadows.

There will be three walk timings on the day, the first setting off at 10.00am, the second at 11.00am and third at 1.00pm. Plenty of water will be available en route, for both you and your four-legged friends. Back at the centre there will be various stalls, as well as a raffle, for you to enjoy.

Take part as an individual or sign up with friends, everyone is welcome to take part in this fun family day out. By participating in this event you will be encouraged to fundraise, via a Blue Cross JustGiving page

NB this route is not suitable for wheelchair/ children buggies.

For more information or to register your interest, go to: www.bluecross.org.uk/ burford-ramble

Story courtesy of the Blue Cross website.



WITNEY AND CARTERTON walking for health HEALTH **WALKS**



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.

· · · Planting, propagating, pruning



NGS Open Gardens Event • 12th June

Sunday 12th June will soon be upon us. The Group Gardens that will be open to visitors will be 11 in total. They will all now be beavering away, busy manicuring their Gardens to look their best for this Event.

Teas and cakes will be available at Elder Bank Hall in aid of the Church funds as well as at Grange Farm, with parking available at the Mason's Arms car park Burford Road. There will also be some additional parking available at a further location, yet to be decided.

Our Open Gardens Event will follow on from the Village's Jubilee Celebrations that will be taking part on the previous Bank Holiday weekend. So we do hope that you will come along to support and enjoy all of these activities.

Therefore, we will look forward to seeing you on Sunday, 12th June, between 1:00pm and 6:00pm. The adult admission price this year will be £7.50, but the children's admission is free.

Jean Butcher

On behalf of the NGS Open Gardens Group

Working on your garden?

May - July Gardening Tips from Lisa-Marie



- Towards the end of May is a good time to start planting summer bedding plants outside when the last frost has past
- May is also a good time to divide hostas and perennials.
- Tie up sweat peas or add support obelisk.
- \$\frac{1}{2}\$ I prefer to tie a knot in the yellow leaves

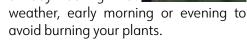


and stems of old tulips or daffodils instead of cutting them down, the nutrients go back down to the bulb; Perhaps feed the clumps too

- f you suffer with hayfever why not try planting roses with double petals - they produce less pollen or perhaps try snap dragons as they release very little pollen.
- Try mixing your vegetables in with your summer bedding plants in pots

June

- t's time to harvest potatoes in late June. Wait until the leaves start to turn yellow.
- Be sure to water bedding plants at least once a day during hot



Most roses are at their peak of flowering in June. Be sure to deadhead them snap the heads off to make new blooms

Feed pots and containers once a week so they produce plenty of flowers.



Look out for lily beetles. Remove them by hand or treat with a bug spray; my pooch can hear them squeaking

July

Dahlias are one of my favourites, they flower until late summer and are great for cutting so you can enjoy inside outside. Be sure to tie them up to



- stop them falling over do they flower longer, I use a trellis pushed in to the bed and tie them on.
- Fill any gaps up with late flowering plants like asters or canna lilies and feed them weekly.
- * Keep a look out for caterpillars they are hungry this time of the year we went away for a weekend so didn't notice them munching, they had a feast!
- f your lawn is looking tired it's the perfect time to sow grass seed. If your lawn is full of clover you can spray with herbicide.

Have fun!

Lisa-Marie Hudson





We are also looking for volunteers to help us on the day. If you could spare a couple of hours to help set-up, mark-up

and get the show off the ground again, please contact Tony Shillingford on 07824 878486 or email tonvshillinaford@vahoo.co.uk



























































· · · 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

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

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

•	St Britius Church	846996	
•	Brize Norton Primary School Reception/Office School Governors - Alistair Doran BNPS SA - Emma Baughan	842488 07788 214 663	www.brizeprimary.org adoran@brize-norton.sch.co.uk bnsa_fundraising@outlook.com
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· · · Certicle 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 July 2022

Simon Cook

- 12 November 2022
- 12 February 2023





Brize Norton Neighbourhood Plan OMMUNITY

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT



Your Village
Your Community
Your Voice

PROPOSED POLICIES

Based on Community Survey feedback and evidence data, we would like to share with you the proposed policies for our Neighbourhood Plan

on SATURDAY 28TH MAY from 3.00 – 6.00PM

We look forward to meeting you and receiving your comments

Please note that articles, dates and other content were correct at time of going to print - 9th May 2022.

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