



3rd Edition, Spring 2009

Message from the Chair of Brixworth PC

Welcome to the Spring Edition of your Parish Council newsletter.

These are busy and sometimes hectic times for us all. We have received tenders for the planned young peoples' area on the old A508, the safer Northampton Road work has been carried out complete with zebra crossing and our playing fields look set to be used by a number of clubs that is a record in recent memory.

I met some new faces at the recent Parish Meeting and it would be great to meet more of you at Council meetings – you're always welcome at General Meetings and Committee meetings.

But read on...see what we've been up to recently and I hope you find it interesting reading!
Cllr Ian Barratt— Chairman

Yellow lines: for a first for Brixworth

People may have noticed the recent appearance of double yellow lines. These are the first yellow lines in the village. They are at the shops in Spratton and Northampton Road and on the corner of Northampton and Spratton Roads.

When we asked the village what their concerns were, traffic and car parking were high on the list. As a result, the Parish Council worked with District and County Councillor Chris Millar to get yellow lines at a few, critical locations in the village. These parking restrictions should help reduce the risk of accidents and injury on our roads.

This newsletter is for you. Tell us what you want to see in future issues. E-mail suggestions to:
pc_brixworth@daventrydc.gov.uk

Give us their names not yours

Northamptonshire Police is encouraging members of the public to contact Crimestoppers if they wish to remain anonymous when providing information about any criminal activity they may be aware of.

Crimestoppers is a charity that enables people to get information passed to the Police without revealing their identity. It does not matter why you wish to remain anonymous. All information is valuable and can lead directly to offenders being arrested and charged. If you have any information about a crime or criminal in your community then the Police want to know about it. Calling the Crimestoppers number, you will not have to give your name, your call cannot be traced, your call is not recorded, and you do not have to go to court.

Contact Northamptonshire Police on 08453 700700 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 if you would rather remain anonymous. The number is free if you are calling from a landline but you may be charged if your call is from a mobile phone.

As a result of your calls, Crimestoppers has achieved some very positive outcomes across the UK since 1988, including 89,396 people arrested/charged, 1,036,505 actionable calls, £104 million goods and £164 million drugs recovered.

Your call can really make a difference to making your area safer so if you are aware of any suspicious activity, please contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Introducing Marc Sugden, Groundsman

I have lived in the village for 15 years, with my partner Amanda. I have worked for the Parish Council for 11 years, 3 of these part time. My official title is Ground Maintenance Engineer. My duties include, litter collection and bin emptying and general upkeep of the three recreational grounds in the village, plus play equipment inspections, cleaning of bus shelters and upkeep of the village benches. I also cut the grass on the recreational grounds and some of the areas, where there are benches, as well as the public open spaces.

I really enjoy my job, especially in the summer when it's hot, I like being outdoors in the community. The bad points which annoy me, there aren't many, the main one being people who park their cars on grass areas and turn them into mud areas which I think look awful. The good points are many, the main one is when I have cut an area of grass and it looks good and then villagers comment on how nice the area looks. This makes the job worth while.

Marc works in all weathers to keep the village looking clean and tidy. It is due to Marc's efforts that the village looks as good as it does.

A carnival day for Brixworth

Brixworth will have its carnival in summer 2010. If you want to be involved contact the Parish Council and attend meetings during the year. These will be advertised on the Parish Council's noticeboard, at the shops, outside Troops the greengrocers or contact Cllr Frank Wiig on Fwiig@daventrydc.gov.uk

Parish Council meeting schedule

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public. The Council meet in the Village Hall and the Committee meetings are generally held in the Library and Community Centre. Future meetings:

<i>Annual Council Meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday, 13 May</i>
Planning	Monday, 1 June
Highways & Environment	Tuesday, 2 June
Planning	Monday, 22 June
Full Council	Tuesday, 30 Jun
Planning	Monday, 13 July
Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 21 July
Full Council	Tuesday, 28 July
Planning	Monday, 3 Aug
Highways & Environment	Tuesday, 4 Aug
Planning	Monday, 24 Aug
Full Council	Tuesday, 25 Aug

Minutes of Full Council meetings, dates of Council and committee meetings, contact details for the Clerk and Councillors, model publication scheme and guide to information are available on the website <http://www.brixworthonline.com/> and in the library.

BMX/Skate facility Update

The Parish Council is looking to provide a BMX/ Skate facility on the 'old' A508 Harborough Road. As this stretch of the road is no longer in use the County Council has agreed to issue a licence to the Parish Council, to enable the Council to use the road for recreational use. The project is supported by the local police, whoes office is just next door.

After consultation with members of the Youth Club, plans and tenders have been received and will be discussed further at meetings in May. The plans consist of a dirt BMX track along the length of the road, skateboard equipment and a youth shelter.

Once the contractor for the project has been agreed, planning permission will be applied for and funding sought. The Council would like to have this facility in operation for the school summer holidays.

If you would like to be involved please contact the Parish Clerk on 881243 or email pc_Brixworth@daventrydc.gov.uk.