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More investment secured for Brigg in 2025

Welcome to the second edition of Brigg Times for 2025. It's a bit earlier this year as we had so much to tell you about events and plans for the year.

As the summer is fast approaching, we are sure that our residents are already seeing the improvements in the town.



Equipment investment update

You will remember the promise made last year, that was featured in the Winter edition, of the Woodbine Park improvements. We are pleased to see that these were finished in time for the recent school holidays. Brigg Town Councillors visited the area while it was still under construction and even then we could see how this area would be enhanced for the better. We are really grateful that ward councillors, Nigel Sherwood, Rob Waltham and Carl Sherwood pushed for this investment in our town's young people.



Wildflower meadow -

As the season progresses you will notice the wildflower meadow that has been planted at the top of the park. This area will be left uncut to provide essential habitat and food sources for a wide variety of insects, birds, and small mammals, including pollinators like bees and butterflies contributing to a healthier and more resilient ecosystem.

VE DAY and events



We are all looking forward to the VE Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on 8 May. More details of this major event can be found on Page 2. On 15 August it will be the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day, a lesser known, but no less important historical event.

VJ Day commemorates the official end of World War II, specifically the surrender of the Imperial Japanese forces to the Allied powers. Brigg will be marking the day with a church service at St John's Church in the town at 7pm, followed by a "Last Night

of the Proms" style concert given by the Barnetby Silver Band, starting at 7.45pm. Both will be free to enjoy, and we'll provide the flags for waving at the concert. Light refreshments will be provided.

More Christmas lights for Brigg

Don't worry! Christmas isn't going to be early this year. You will see the lighting contractors adding more lights to the trees in the town over the summer months. We are delivering on our three year plan of improving the Christmas Lights in the town. All the older lights are being replaced with cost effective led lights. Better for our environment.

Planting and floral displays

Once again the town will be adorned with a vibrant mix of red, white and blue plants in keeping with this year's 80th anniversary of VE and VJ Day. Brigg Town Council purchase the plants and keep them watered over the summer months. Once again, thanks to the volunteers from Brigg in Bloom and Brigg Community Partnership who arrange the planting and care for the year. On Page 18 you'll see the details of how to enter the annual Brigg Garden competition. Great prizes and trophies are up for grabs. Don't miss out.



The next edition of Brigg Times will be printed in late August. If you want to send any contributions, stories etc then please do get in touch with the clerk via email enquiries@briggmarkettown.co.uk or call 07584 315971. If you would like to advertise your business, then do get in touch using the same contact details.

VE DAY - Events in Brigg



Gather in the Market Place at 5pm with entertainment by the Ukulele Band. Page 2

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Brigg Town Council garden competition



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Thursday 8 May – VE DAY – Programme of events



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

9am – Brigg Town Crier will announce the proclamation at The Angel Balcony and outside Weatherspoons - White Horse at **9.20am**.

Pupils from the Vale Academy will bear witness to the proclamation and sing "I vow to thee my country" in the Market Place.

5pm – Start to gather in the Market Place with entertainment by the Ukulele Band

5.15pm – All children and their families meet at County Bridge

5.25pm – Children's parade leaves County Bridge for Market Place, led by Brigg Mayor, Cllr Carl Sherwood. All children encouraged to dress in Red, White and Blue (optional).

5.30pm – Proclamation – Brigg Town Crier.

5.30pm – VE Day tribute – given by Brigg Mayor, Cllr Carl Sherwood.

5.30pm – Smoke and Mirrors Swing Dance Group – Market Place

6.30pm – Singing Larks Duo – Market Place

7.30pm – Musical entertainment from The Vale Academy Pupils.- Market Place

8.30pm – 2222 Squadron band – short musical interlude in Market Place.

8.45pm – Parade from Market Place to Millennium Green via Elwes Street, led by 2222 Squadron band.

9.15pm – VE Day tribute by Mayor of Brigg, Cllr Carl Sherwood and Lighting of the Beacon at Millennium Green by Brigg Scouts accompanied by Brigg Singers "I vow to thee my country". A short musical performance by Brigg Singers will follow the lighting of the Beacon.



CHILDREN OFFERS & ACTIVITIES

From 5.15pm – 7.30pm

You can collect a voucher for a FREE portion of chips for any child 16 years and under. One voucher per child. These vouchers can be redeemed at Hungry Fisherman or The Lord Nelson between 5.30pm and 8pm.



From 5.30pm

There will be children's activities in the Market Place, Word Search Crack the Code, with a small prize for every child who takes part. Collect your Word Search from the Brigg Inner Wheel stall in The Market Place.

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Eye Examinations with Dr. Janjua

Your eye examination with Dr. Janjua will last around 40 minutes. The reason we allow a longer time for your appointment is not just about the technical bits of doing an eye exam, the extra time that Dr. Janjua spends with you means we can give you better advice and recommendations. He will find out about YOU, only concerns you have, what your preferences are, how you use your eyes, and what type of work you do. And that means we can give you the best advice and ophthalmic lens solutions because it is all tailored to you. An eye examination at O'Brien's is not just about arriving at a prescription for your glasses or contact lenses; it will detect some common eye diseases before you even realise there might be a problem. It can also reveal a great deal about your general state of health.

Dr. Janjua will also fully evaluate the acuity (sharpness) of your vision - this is where you read letters on the eye chart. If you are poorly sighted, Dr. Janjua will suggest ways of ensuring that your vision is as good as it can be - improved vision can make an enormous difference to your quality of life. Crucially, Dr. Janjua will also check how your eyes work together. This is known as your 'binocular' vision - particularly important when you're driving, and in many other activities too.



We have a close working relationship with the top ophthalmologists in North Lincolnshire, and should you require a referral for any eye health issue, he will be able to refer you to the right ophthalmologist, so you will be well cared for throughout.

Advanced Eye Exams With Dr. Janjua

During an Advanced Eye Examination, Dr. Janjua will make a very thorough assessment of your eyes. This examination includes Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT), using our Heidelberg Spectra which is hospital-grade equipment to assess, measure, and record tiny details of your retinas (these are the light-sensitive areas at the back of your eyes).

Your Heidelberg OCT scans will be carefully checked for signs of conditions such as Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD), glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy. The scans will be saved in your clinical notes for comparison during your next eye examination.

Dry Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) - TREATMENT!

As we age, our sight tends to become less clear, and some of us will develop what is known as "Dry Age-related Macular Degeneration". When this happens, the central area of our vision darkens and becomes blurred, making it difficult to see detail, and preventing activities such as driving, reading, watching TV, using computers, tablets, and so on. Ever recognising faces can prove difficult. Until recently, there were no effective treatments for Dry AMD, the only suggestions being lifestyle changes or dietary supplements. Now, sufferers will be delighted to learn that there is a newly developed treatment available locally here in Brigg. It is a safe, non-invasive, painless therapy that is fully approved under European and UK directives. This breakthrough treatment is known as photobiomodulation (PBM) and uses light to

stimulate the control of vision by energising and encouraging the production of oxygen for cell repair. Results from extensive monitored trials of the therapy show that for many Dry AMD sufferers, there can be an improvement in sharpness of vision corresponding to some 6 or 8 extra letters on the testing chart. Dr. Janjua was one of the first in the UK to provide this treatment since 2017.

Dry Eyes Treatment - No More Drops!

If your eyes feel dry, irritated, or painful for most or all the time, you probably suffer from Dry Eye Disease (DED), especially if you continually feel "there's something in my eye". One in five, and nearly 800 million people worldwide, suffer from DED. Over 50% of females over the age of 40, and over 90% of menopausal females, are thought to live with this condition. The use of cosmetics and medications, excessive screen use, and underlying conditions such as blepharitis and Sjögren's syndrome have a so contributed to dry eyes.

Until recently, there were no effective therapies for DED, just drops and warm compresses to ease symptoms. Having researched dry eye syndrome while gaining his doctorate, Dr. Janjua has been treating patients for this condition since 2023. The treatment is known as Intense Pulsating Light (IPL) and Low-Level Light Therapy (LLLT), also known as Photobiomodulation (PBM). IPL uses thermal pulses to stimulate the Meibomian glands and LLLT uses a specific wavelength of light to gently heal the eyelids. This revolutionary treatment helps the Meibomian glands to work properly and therefore stabilises and improves the quantity and quality of the oily layer of the tear film. We combine IPL and LLLT with the complimentary steaming, cleaning, and massaging of your lids and glands as part of a comprehensive treatment protocol.



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Glyn Alexander BHC Manager

Manager's Update...

As I contemplate upon 'all the exciting things' we have planned at Brigg Heritage Centre during 2025 – it's difficult to know just where to begin?

The overarching theme, which springs to my mind this year is

'collaboration'. So, let's begin with our current temporary display in the Churchill Room. As part of our continuing community engagement initiative.

I curated the 'Curious Cases' exhibition. This quirky concept showcases 'no rules' objects: ancient, modern and anywhere betwixt. At BHC we endeavour promote local heritage (and support our fantastic permanent collection).

Artefacts in the exhibition include objects of local origin, alongside pieces from diverse and more far-reaching sources – unique, enigmatic and mysterious... unlocking the randomly curious! Within the Churchill Room, and sharing the space, is our collaboration with The Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology (SLHA) – who are touring their exhibition celebrating their 50 Glorious Years! (1974-2024).

I am so pleased that BHC has the opportunity to be working with such a prestigious Lincolnshire-based charity and look forward to further collaborations with SLHA for future events. 'Curious Cases' and '50 Glorious Years!' will be on display until the end of May 2025. After which, we collaborate with Barton Camera Club, hosting their third consecutive Summer Photography Exhibition – which will display for 6 weeks.

VE80 - A Moment of Celebration

Following on from success of 2024's 80th Anniversary of D-Day walkthrough exhibition on the BHC Footbridge...New for 2025 and 'working in partnership with Brigg Town Council', we have another WW2

walkthrough exhibit (24th April - 14th June 2025) which commemorates the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe.

To coincide with this display, we will be serving free light refreshments in the Intro Gallery on 8th May 2025 to mark this milestone that marked the end of WWII in Europe. Staying with a wartime theme, we welcome back local historian Dave Gibson, who will be presenting his talk 'Bomber Command and their involvement in D-Day' on Thursday 5th June 2025 at the Buttercross (upper level).

Tickets are available to purchase from the 'Little Shop @ BHC' at £9.50 (ticket price includes light refreshments and a chance to win a prize – that's if you sit in the 'Angel's Chair'). Dave will return in October with his presentation about the airfields of Lincolnshire.

Spotlight on... School Visits

At BHC, we love to promote the diverse history of the Ancholme Valley and are pleased to be able to offer School Visits to inspire the young – encouraging children to learn and be inspired by history and local heritage. We recently welcomed three schools during Spring 2025, where our education lead Chris Robinson, assisted by the BHC 'edu-rollout' team made a real impression, delivering fascinating and activity-lead learning on topics such as The Stone Age, The Romans and Rivers.

If your school is interested in visiting BHC – our dedicated 'School Visits' page on our website will provide you with information and assistance to plan an exciting and engaging experience for children. Contact us and to discuss your requirement and plan a focussed and curriculum-based package.

We recently received some fabulous feedback from Normanby by Spital Primary School on the topic of The Stone Age:

A really fantastic day!

"The children were busy from the moment we arrived at Brigg Heritage Centre, all the volunteers were fantastic with the children. Activities were brilliant, well thought out, engaging and age appropriate – focused around our learning so far on the Stone Age and developed the children's understanding. All children were involved with every activity. The children were focused on what they

were doing throughout the day – no moaning or asking what time lunch was at!

"The fact that multiple activities were taking place in each area meant that all the children were doing something. There were no children waiting for their turn and there was adequate time for all the children to take part in all the activities. The archaeological dig was exciting and fascinating – the children loved being able to find artefacts for themselves – they felt like real archaeologists! They had great fun creating their own Stone Age jewellery and weapons out of clay, there were lots of scaffolds and images to inspire the children.

"The daily activities of grinding wheat into flour, drilling holes in flint and creating cave art inspired interesting conversations about what it would be like to be a child in the stone age.

All the children agreed it would be too much work! Feedback from the children was very positive, they all enjoyed the day and every activity. In fact, they struggled to agree on which activity was their favourite part! They all got to take something home from the day and loved showing their classmates what they had created. A really fantastic day! This was great value for money and we all (including adults) had a wonderful day. Thank you!"

Extracts from: Jacqueline Jones (Teacher)

BRIGG'S No.1 HERITAGE DESTINATION

VE80

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

On Victory in Europe Day, or VE Day, Germany unconditionally surrendered its military forces to the Allies, including the United States. On May 8, 1945 – celebrations erupted around the world to mark the end of World War II in Europe.

Our... **WWII Walkthrough!**

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Brigg Heritage Centre is the operating name of The Ancholme Valley Heritage Trust Ltd. Charity No: 1157731

What's on...

We are encouraged that our 'Create Escape' workshops are gaining popularity, the heritage crafters are always eager to offer engaging and creative activities. Our Farmers' Market Crafts are ever popular, and we are working on the exciting content for our upcoming Summer Arts & 'Raft' Movement craft sessions for August.

Our 2025 Crafts and Workshop schedules are available to download from our website. Printed copies are available to collect from BHC Reception. Please explore our website www.briggheritage.org > What's On > Craft Workshops & Children's Activities. Income generated from our creative programmes are ploughed back into Brigg Heritage Centre's endeavours to future-proof!

Linked competition: The Curious Case of The Lost Marble. As part of our current Curious Cases exhibition (and to put the 'fun' into fundraising) there is a chance to win a FREE creative pass (Prizes – Adult: to attend a Create Escape Workshop / Child: to attend all the A&RM sessions). It's only £1 to enter and all you have to do is make your guess!

Room Lets, Weddings & Ceremonial Venue Hire:

In the heart of Brigg, we offer a choice of rooms for hire with multiple opportunities of use with nearby carparking. Our principal rooms available are **The Ancholme Room** and **The Buttercross**. For more information on any of our room rentals and wedding/civil ceremony venue, please refer to the relevant sections on our website: www.briggheritage.org > **Bookings > [Weddings / Celebrations / Flexible Room Lets / School Visits / Group Visits]**.

- Perfect for community groups, our current Buttercross special 'Community Rate' is only £12.50 per hour with incentive half-day / full-day fees (eligibility criteria apply).
- Our Wedding 'Package30' for season Mar '25 to Feb '26 starts at £440.

During these difficult economic times we have decided not to increase our 'regular' room use rental rates until our next review in October 2025 (for rollout in December 2025) which means, when we get there, our rental fees will have remained static for two years.

Did you know?

The 'Brigg Raft' (circa 800BC), a special archaeological artefact, and the keystone to our existence as a heritage destination, forms the basis of our permanent collection – spanning from the Bronze Age to the 20th Century (WWII). Within Brigg Heritage Centre there is a 'raft' of exciting things to see and do – we encourage children to bring history to life through play! (with our 'in-gallery' FREE activity stations, borrow back-packs, dress-up, seasonal play tent, puppet theatre and jigsaw challenges for the older kids up to the age of 99).

The Period Room is a designated space (overlooking the town's historic Market Place) for visitors to be seated and view our various local heritage reference publications and local information.

Admission to Brigg Heritage Centre is FREE, although donations (however small) are gratefully received. We are a 'not for profit' charity/organisation and receive no regular/structured funding. Your donation (cash/card), shop purchase, workshop fee, children's activity fee or sponsorship will contribute to Ancholme Valley Heritage Trust's

endeavours to keep Brigg Heritage Centre sustainable – by supporting its ongoing heritage, pop-up displays, community inspired events and educational programmes (more resources for teachers are available on our website www.briggheritage.org > **Bookings > School Visits**).

Volunteering: If you would like to get involved, we have volunteering opportunities. Pop in for an informal chat with me, Glyn (BHC Manager). Explore the possibilities of getting involved with the Ancholme Valley Heritage Trust charity and join our family of volunteering 'Heritage Angels'.

Visitors: We encourage you to sign our visitors' book(s) and don't forget to 'shop heritage' in our 'Little Shop @ BHC'. If you would like to find out how you can do more to help, please speak to Glyn or the Trustees. Please help us to keep this place special and a 'not-so-hidden-gem'.

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Mayor's Report – Cllr Carl Sherwood



people of Sir John Nelthorpe and The Vale Academy at my Civic Service and more recently my charity civic dinner.

At the Charity Civic Dinner £865.00 was raised, which has taken the total raised for my chosen charities to £3350. The charities I chose to raise money for, are two that are very close to my heart, Lindsey Lodge Hospice and British Heart Foundation, and I will be immensely proud to present the cheques to their representatives at the Annual Town Council meeting in May. Its thanks to the generosity of local residents and Brigg businesses and their donations of auction and raffle prizes that I was able to raise these funds.

I will also be looking forward to handing over the Mayoral Chains to the next Mayor of Brigg and hope they enjoy their year as much as I did.

I have had a busy couple of years as in my time as Mayor, with the D-Day Commemorations last June and the

fantastic event in the Market Place and it was an honour to help the local scouts light the beacon on Millennium Green as the sun was setting.

I also thoroughly enjoyed "conducting" the Barnetby Silver Band, when we held a "Last Night of the Proms" style concert, following my Civic Service last year. I'm looking forward to the VE Day Event on 8 May, we really do hope that the sun will be shining on that day, as you will see from the programme of events on Page 2, we have got another great event planned. We hope that you will all come along and join the party with music and dancing from 5pm with free food and activities for the children.

A tradition I was pleased to carry forward was started by my friend and Council colleague, Brian Parker. The Annual Brigg Mayor's Cup is a golf match that is hotly contested at Elsham Golf Club. I would like to thank Brian and also Paul McCormick for organising this event, that is always great fun and raises money for the Mayor's Charity.

Thank you also to Cllr Jane Gibbons and Alan Taylor who kindly donated the proceeds from the Brigg Town "old boys" vs "young boys" annual football day to the Brigg Mayor's Charity Appeal.

A pleasant Mayoral duty in the last year was to attend Edward "Eddy" Instone's 100th birthday. He is an inspiration with many interesting



stories to tell about his life as a Brigg businessman.

The switching on of the Christmas lights is another enjoyable Mayoral duty, especially as each year the lights get better and better. You will all see the huge investment Brigg Town Council has made over the next couple of years as more get added.

A new initiative this year that was proposed by my friend and colleague, Brigg Town councillor Rob Waltham, is the Community Awards. We all agreed that we should champion everything and everyone that's good in our town. I was pleased to present the certificates of nomination and the "winners". You can imagine how hard it was to choose the winners as every little gesture and act of kindness, no matter how small, goes a long way to make our town of Brigg the best there is. You can see the nominations and winners on page 18.

So I sign off with one big thank you to everyone who has supported me in my Mayoral years, and hope that you will support the next Mayor in the same generous way.

As I come to the end of my Mayoral year for the second time. I can look back with pride and gratitude for everything that we achieved together in the town.

I have been proud to represent Brigg at the many Civic events that I and my wife, Louise, have attended. We do like to go out to other towns and see what they do, sometimes getting ideas for our own, but we always agree that Brigg is the best. We especially love showcasing the talented young



Markets in Brigg

Welcome plans were announced earlier this year to expand what's on offer to weekend shoppers visiting Brigg town centre's market.

These additions join the long-established general Saturday stalls offering fruit, vegetables, flowers and other items every week, and the monthly farmers' market. Saturday, March 8 saw an arts & crafts market, followed on March 15 by a new lifestyle themed market (both pictured here) from 8.30am to 2.30pm.

A flea market then made its debut on Saturday, April

5. The Brigg Community Partnership is also trying to organise a young traders' market for months which have five Saturdays.

A notable milestone is coming up for the farmers' market, established in the year 2000 by North Lincolnshire Council. The Silver Jubilee farmers' market on Saturday, July 26 will offer an opportunity to look back to the first held 25 years ago. VIP guest John Savident was in attendance at the first in 2000, touring the market and meeting customers as they browsed the stalls.

The well-known actor, who starred as butcher's shop proprietor Fred in TV 'soap' Coronation Street, helped to judge local food entered in a competition.

The farmers' market held recently on March 22 drew many customers seeking a range of produce including cheese, bread, meat and cakes. Other farmers' events are coming up on April 26, May 24, June 28, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22 and December 20. Brigg's weekly Thursday markets, with a range of stalls, continue to prove popular in our town, which gained its coveted Royal Markets Charter in the 13th century.





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Brigg Live Arts April 2025



Yet again our Charity Ceilidh at Sir John Nelthorpe Community Arts Centre was a great success and it was a sell out from our two outlets of the Rabbit Hole and The Loft.

We raised a magnificent £1000 which has been split equally between the Lindsey Lodge Hospice and the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Our band, the Rosianna Ceilidh Band, were as lively as ever and a big thank you to them as they donated their fee to our two charities.

In collaboration with the Atrium Bistro we presented, for the first time, a special St Patrick's Celebration Supper where we were entertained by the well-known local artists Steve Le Voguer, Ciarán Boyle, Liam Robinson and Carol Dawson. It was a great night of wonderful food and Irish music which encouraged some interesting dancing too!

Our next event, **Cello & Co**, will be on Friday May 16 starting at 7.30. Presenting the extremely talented Michele

Roulson on the cello and George Hoggard on the piano at the Buttercross in Brigg.

They will be playing wide range of music from Vivaldi to Lord of the Rings, Argentinian Tango to timeless movie themes, musicals as well as recent hits playing something for all tastes. Tickets will be available from the Loft and the Rabbit Hole from April onwards.

Following the very successful performances of *Pride & Prejudice* and *Romeo & Juliet* in the last two years we are delighted to announce that on Friday July 11 starting at 7pm we will be bringing back *Illyria*, the professional touring Company, who will be presenting on the stage

Wind in the Willows Kenneth Grahame's classic production. Tickets will be available from The Loft and The Rabbit Hole from June onwards. We really appreciate the grant, provided by Brigg Town Council to allow us to subsidise the cost of the tickets.

Brigg illustrated Heritage Trail

Our recently launched first publication, Brigg Illustrated Heritage Trail, is still available to purchase for £10 from the Rabbit Hole or the Heritage Centre.

We commissioned a local artist, Graham Wells,

to paint over thirty local buildings, kindly suggested by Josie Webb which we have combined into a book.

The book has a map with the locations of all the pictures so that you can be guided around the many historical sites of Brigg. We have worked very closely with the Heritage Centre, who have created a reference point with more background information about the buildings.

Our grateful thanks to North Lincolnshire Council and Brigg Town Council for their supportive grants towards this exciting project. The book costs £10 and can be bought from the Heritage Centre and the Rabbit Hole.

Anyone who is interested in joining our friendly BLA planning group or if you have any suggestions, please contact us via our Facebook page or telephone 07706087340.

Finally, please sign up to become a subscriber so you hear first about any of our up-and-coming events via our website www.brigglivearts.org.

We would really welcome anybody who is interested in promoting the Arts in and around Brigg and giving a little of their time as well as having fun too!



North Lincolnshire Music and Drama Festival 2025



What a wonderful two weeks the festival had in March with 81 music entries and a record 210 drama entries

all performing in the superb acoustics of St John's church. The tradition continues in Brigg as strong as ever

with this festival going from strength to strength, at a time when festivals in general are struggling to sustain viability and the sad closure of the Lincoln festival earlier in the year.

Our two adjudicators Marilynne Davies (music) and Ann Bauer (drama) were suitably impressed with both the standard and the depth and breadth of the performances. The whole event culminated in a superb afternoon showcase of talent in a concert, held at The Vale Academy.

The committee would like to say a massive thank you to all performers and their parents for supporting the two weeks; the schools and the

amazing teaching that is going on in our area to support the arts and the volunteers who give up their time to steward. A big thanks must also go to the Brigg Rotary Club and Brigg Lions for their wonderful donations of bursaries for the overall winners of the festival. Ann Bauer was so impressed with the event that she wrote Brigg a poem as she travelled from Hampshire to be with us for the event.

We look forward to meeting you all next year with another bumper year of drama and music making. Thank you.



Live music on offer



Free-to-attend live music sessions are being staged at various licensed premises in Brigg on selected weekends.

These complement a range of karaoke sessions when customers can take the microphone and give their renditions of popular songs, assisted by backing tracks and on-screen lyrics.

Details of forthcoming music events

are announced by the venues through posters, A-boards and social media.

Black Orchid, specialising in covers of hits from the 1960s and 1970s, are seen here during a Saturday night gig at the Woolpack in March.

Rachel Day and Mash, the well-known local singing duo, also performed recently at this Market Place venue.

Word search
How many can you spot?

13 words to find! See page 23 for answers

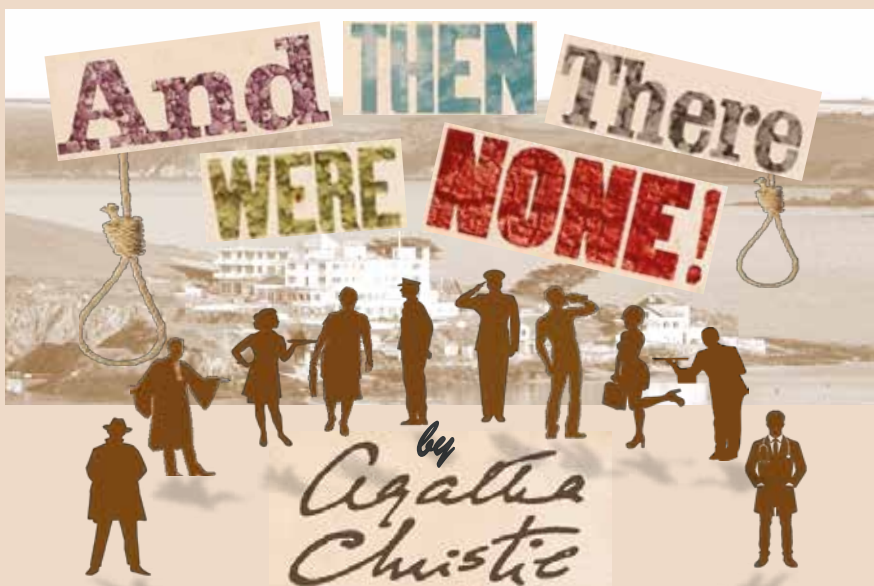
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Brigg Rotary Club

Purple4Polio...



Brigg had a wonderful display of purple crocuses in early spring with many from previous years making an appearance. We have had another successful year and have donated £2400 to the polio campaign. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation match all donations 2:1, tripling your impact. This means that your amazing £2400 becomes £7200 and as the vaccinations cost about £0.30 you can imagine the number of children this will help.

In February an immunization campaign took place in Pakistan, focusing on children under 5 years old aiming to vaccinate over 45.4 million



children and to do this over 400,000 frontline workers visited every house. In the Gaza strip a five-day mass vaccination campaign reached nearly 603 000 children, due to the cease fire 40 000 more children could be reached. To provide lifetime protection only 2 doses of the oral vaccine is required.

The children's fingers are dipped in purple ink and before the frontline workers leave all the children come together and hold up their hands, this way if any have been missed, they can be vaccinated. This is the reason the crocuses are purple. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year. The total cases so far in 2025 is 7.

Look out for us again in October and if you would like to help sell the corms on the stalls, plant them around Brigg or donate please contact a member of the Rotary Club of Brigg or telephone 07547818207

The Rotary Club of Brigg thank the residents of Brigg and the many businesses around the town for your continued support: -

A&F Carpets, Brians DIY, Bridge Street Surgery, Brigg Beds, Brigg Town Council, Brigg Town FC, The Brigg Community Partnership, BW Shrimpton, The Deli, Family Auto, Ecig, Fun Forest, Hornsby Accounts, Keyo, Peacock & Binnington, Riverside Surgery, RNS Accountants, Singleton Birch, Tesco, Turner Warren Accountants, Wallheads, The Wool Shop.

Let's End Polio Now – we are so close...

Music Sessions at Brigg Care Homes...

Following the success of last year we have once again held music sessions in some of the care homes in Brigg. Such sessions provide magical moments where people, even those who may have been non-verbal or unresponsive for months or years, connect with a song and activate a lost memory, reconnecting and reuniting them with their loved ones. These moments are truly invaluable and highlight the profound impact that music has on people's lives.

We are extremely grateful to John Thompson, leader of the Ancholme River Jazz Band, and his fellow musicians for providing these sessions for us.

The Rotary Club of Brigg

What is it about?

There are three main themes to Rotary in Brigg:

Friendship • Service • Fun

Rotary membership is open to all – regardless of age or gender.

We are always seeking new members both young and young at heart!

Interested in knowing more?

Take a look at our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/RotaryClubBrigg

And please contact our secretary:
janice.grimley@briggrotary.org.uk

or via: www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/contact.php?ClubID=1292

Brigg Inner Wheel

On 19 January 2025 our Club celebrated the 23rd Charter at Hemswell. With excellent food and service, we all enjoyed the afternoon surrounded by guests, friends and partners. The lighting of candles and the entertainment provided by Bosom Belles choir made a drab afternoon

a whole lot brighter. In February our ladies were invited by one of our members to a guided snowdrop walk in Manton. A pretty but not difficult stroll which was followed by refreshments in the shoot hut.

During the winter months many ladies have continued to knit and meet up to sew the squares together which end up as very colourful blankets.

Once the completed blankets are finished they will be transported to Ukraine.

Brigg Inner Wheel is not just a local group but is part of a much larger organisation. We receive invitations from other groups to join in with their events and we also send out invitations for our own events. Once a year as a group we have a fundraising

event where we raise funds for an international charity. This year we will be supporting Water Aid. Our March monthly meeting will be having an Easter theme, and it seems we will be doing egg dumping which is apparently an old and traditional Easter game.

Yvonne Knibbs, Club Correspondent

Knitted colourful blankets by ladies of the Inner Wheel



Brigg Morning WI



In February we held our group AGM; finalising our year end and heading into our new year with exciting plans and some new members joining the committee. During the meeting we held a member's fundraiser – this was in aid of the Sir Jonathan Van-Tam charity, Blue Dragon. Next month Jonathan will be a guest speaker at the Lincolnshire Humber federation Annual Meeting and he is very kindly waiving his fee in favour of donations to this charity. Each LHFWI is aiming to complete a 'walk' activity to support this donation – our initiative was a very WI 'walk for cake' and we were thrilled to raise a whopping £72 from just our members. As can be seen in the picture, the cake was well worth the walk – empty cake table!

We were incredibly sad however to learn of the passing of our lovely member Christine only a few days after our meeting – she was hugely valued by our group, having joined when she moved to Brigg. She will be very much missed by all of us, and we extend our thoughts and love to her whole family.

We are a friendly group, and we would love you to join us – see Facebook for more details and contact us if you would like any further information! Visitors always welcome - £4 entry to include coffee & biscuits (& often cake!)

Where? St. John's Church hall (Bigby Street, Brigg)

When? 10am – 12 noon, 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Collective efforts appreciated

Volunteers came forward to support recent community litter-picking sessions in Brigg.

Some of them are seen here after collecting equipment from the Bandstand in the Market Place which is used as the assembly point.

The community-minded volunteers then set off to remove and bag up litter at various locations in, and near, the town centre.

Blessed with fine and sunny weather, this morning session in February was arranged by rural charity the CPRE.

Another session - forming part of the nationwide Great British Spring Clean - was held in late March, with volunteers again meeting up at the Bandstand.

More organised litter-picking events will follow this year - details to be announced through posters and social media. The contact telephone number is 07442 160785.

A volunteer from the Grimsby area came to Brigg and took a canoe out on the River Ancholme to collect a wide range of rubbish including some discarded metal and plastic items.

Known on social media as The Canoe River Cleaner, he was assisted by a volunteer from lifeboat charity



the RNLI.

On behalf of the CPRE in Northern Lincolnshire, Councillor Jane Kitching, a member of Brigg Town Council, has thanked all volunteers for their recent efforts, which were appreciated.

Pupils from Sir John Nelthorpe School, Brigg, are also undertaking litter-picking sessions, using equipment provided by the Town Council.

Litter collection by volunteers of all ages complements the efforts of North Lincolnshire Council workers and contractors deployed by the Town Council.

This task would be greatly reduced if some people opted to use the rubbish and recycling bins provided, rather than discarding unwanted items on and near roads and paths.

Brigg and district gardening club



Following a successful February meeting where we welcomed returning and new members and a very popular March meeting where Paul Czartowski returned this time with a talk on daffodils and other spring bulbs and some lovely raffle prizes divated by our sponsor Deepdale garden centre, Barton upon Humber, we are looking forward to our May meeting when we will welcome Mary Hollingsworth to talk about Floral Folklore. We will also be holding our annual plant sale at this meeting with various plants grown by our members.

We will be holding a fundraising bingo on Monday 12th May at 130pm in the Methodist church hall, to raise funds for our club. Anyone is welcome to come along, the cost will be £4 for

4 games of bingo, coffee and cake also included. We will also have a raffle so why not come along and support us.

We will then be on our summer break when members will be busy working away in their gardens, allotments or just relaxing and enjoying the summer before returning to our meetings on Thursday October 2nd when we will welcome Elli Fillingham-Howarth from Hall Farm Flowers.

We would love you to come along and join us at our meetings either to join or just for a visit to see what we are all about .

For more information contact our secretary on 07545781013 or you can follow us on our Facebook page Brigg and district gardening club.

Brigg's New Community Awards

NEW
For this
year!

New for this year, we are pleased to bring the Brigg's Community Awards

This was something that was proposed by Town Councillor, Rob Waltham and unanimously agreed, that these awards would be a great way to celebrate the people and businesses who make Brigg the great town it is.

We received many nominations, who were all invited along to the awards event following the Annual Town meeting in April and received a certificate of recognition. You can imagine how hard it was to choose the "winners". As we said on the said it is not just about the "winners", but by all the acts of kindness and dedication to the town that make a difference.

There were 5 categories

- Outstanding Brigg resident - Adult
- Outstanding Brigg resident- Young Person
- Outstanding sporting achievement or Sports
- Outstanding Community Group
- Team Outstanding independent Brigg Business



Winner Josie Webb
Outstanding Brigg
resident – Adult

One of Brigg's best-known residents, Josie has spent countless hours, over many years, researching, recording and promoting our market town's rich and interesting history, including businesses and licensed premises, churches and chapels, old buildings of note, and many clubs and societies.

This extensive work has all been carried out voluntarily. She was a founder member of the Brigg Amateur Social Historians group (BASH) in 2003 and remains a key organiser today. In addition to booking guest speakers for BASH's monthly meetings (all open to the public) she often presents illustrated talks herself, having delivered two already this year.

Josie also pioneered the introduction of Brigg Ghost Walks within the town centre, some years ago, being one of the guides accompanying members of the public to point out places of interest and share spooky tales.

Also nominated:
Andrew Markam,
David Milsom,
Deb Dunderdale



Winner Ethan Heseldin
Outstanding Brigg
resident – Young Person

He has been nominated as he always gets involved with everything in school to the very best of his abilities with both his studies and extra-curricular activities including our community litter picking in Brigg.

Outside of school, there was a post on Facebook that he'd given a stranger some flowers from Tesco as a random act of kindness. He is one of our kindest and most polite pupils and very encouraging of others.

Also nominated:
Skye Colby



Winner Mark Morris
Outstanding sporting
achievement

PE teacher, Mark Morris mixes his love of sport and activity with generous fundraising for excellent charitable causes. Last November he ran the 147 miles from Oakham to Barton, raising money for Lindsey Lodge Hospice in memory of his mum. Football coach, Mark also ran over 100 miles from Brigg Town FC to Manchester Utd to raise funds towards the new pitch and changing rooms at Brigg Town FC.

Comments from people who know Mark "Mark is a super, amazing human. A fabulous teacher. One of the nicest, most dedicated people I've had the honour of meeting" and "Absolutely fantastic Mark, you are an absolute machine, so proud to call you my friend"



Winner Special Environmental Award was also made to Clive and Wendy Coffey

They tirelessly litter pick the town, making the environment better for everyone.



Winner Brigg Live Arts - Outstanding Community Group

Established in 2005, Brigg Live Arts is managed by a team of volunteers who organise and promote a programme of events in and around Brigg. Their purpose is to enable people to meet together and to give them the opportunity to experience and enjoy more arts events for all ages in the Brigg Community.

In the last year they have organised live musical events (including contemporary, jazz, rock, fusion, blues and folk artists), theatrical shows, Comedy events, Exhibitions, Craft, storytelling and drama workshops, Literary events all completely voluntarily.

Also nominated: Rebel Runners, Brigg Men in Sheds, Brigg Scouts



Winner Jaylaur's - Outstanding Independent Brigg Business

Many nominations were received for this business, here are just a few:

"Its exceptional service, knowledgeable staff, and welcoming atmosphere make it a cornerstone of the community. With its recent expansion, Jaylaur's deserves formal recognition for its enduring contribution to Brigg's commercial and cultural landscape."

"In the extremely challenging retail branch, Jaylaur's have had the courage to expand their business, making even more space for their customers requirements. The staff are super good and very helpful, with a good dose of humour too. Craft courses are also taught, as well as alterations to clothing...prom dresses!"

Also nominated: Hop Inn, Newells, Decozzo, Brian's Diy, Hair by Peter, Delcris, Lord Nelson, Britannia, Barnards, Hungry Fisherman, Hazel Barbers, Leia Buster, Water Rooms, Curvy Queens, Hidden Garden, Honey Bee, Woolshop

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- Social services emergencies	- For older people	08451 303862
- Emergencies affecting other council services	- For people with physical disabilities	01724 298000
Litter, dog nuisance, bulky items abandoned vehicles, etc	- Mental health	01724 275959
	- Children and families	01724 296500
	Street lighting	01724 298517



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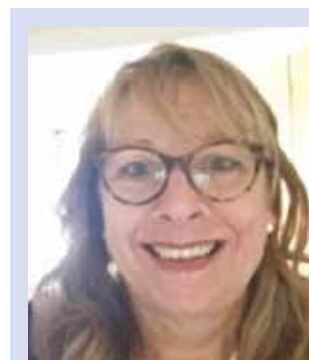
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91 bus times towards **Brigg Town Services** **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays** except public holidays

this journey runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays only

Brigg Cary Lane	0910	0930	1030	1230	1330	1430
Brigg Springbank	0915	0935	1035	1235	1335	1435
Brigg Poplar Drive	0917	0937	1037	1237	1337	1437
Brigg Cary Lane	0922	0942	1042	1242	1342	1442

92 bus times towards **Brigg Town Services** **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays** except public holidays

Brigg Cary Lane	0945	1045	1245	1345	1445
Brigg St Helen's Road	0949	1049	1249	1349	1449
Brigg Churchill Avenue	0951	1051	1251	1351	1451
Brigg Cary Lane	0955	1055	1255	1355	1455

93 bus times towards **Brigg Town Services** **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays** except public holidays

Brigg Cary Lane	1000	1200	1400
Brigg Garden Centre	1005	▼	1405
Cadney Main Street	▼	1210	▼
Howsham Main Street	1010	1214	▼
Cadney Main Street	1014	▼	▼
Brigg Garden Centre	▼	1219	1410
Brigg Cary Lane	1024	1224	1415

94^a bus times towards **Kirton in Lindsey** **Mondays to Fridays** except public holidays

Service number	94	94	94	94a	94b	94
Brigg Cary Lane [depart]	0940	1140	1340	1455	1540	1540
Brigg The Vale School [arrive]	▼	▼	▼	1500	▼	▼
Brigg The Vale School [depart]	▼	▼	▼	1510	▼	▼
Brigg Sir John Nelthorpe (Upper)	▼	▼	▼	▼	1545	▼
Scawby Mill Lane	0948	1148	1348	▼	▼	1548
Sturton Gainsborough Lane	0949	1149	1349	▼	▼	1549
Hibaldstow The Nookings	0954	1154	1354	▼	▼	1554
Hibaldstow Post Office	0955	1155	1355	1520	1555	1555
Redbourne Red Lion	0958	1158	1358	1523	1558	1558
Kirton in Lindsey Queens Head	1003	1203	1403	1528	1603	1603
Kirton in Lindsey Dunstan Hill	1007	1207	1407	1532	1607	1607
Scotter Church				1545	1620	
Messingham Green Tree				1552	1627	
Bottesford Spar				1557	1632	

these journeys run on school days only

for Saturday services to Kirton in Lindsey, please see the service c4 timetable

94^b bus times towards **Brigg** **Mondays to Fridays** except public holidays

Service number	94a	94b	94	94	94	94
Bottesford Spar	0745	0745				
Messingham Green Tree	0750	0750				
Scotter Church	0757	0757				
Kirton in Lindsey Queens Head	▼	▼	1004	1204	1404	1604
Kirton in Lindsey Dunstan Hill	0810	0810	1007	1207	1407	1607
Redbourne Red Lion	0819	0819	1014	1214	1414	1614
Hibaldstow Post Office	0823	0823	1019	1219	1419	1619
Hibaldstow The Nookings	▼	▼	1023	1223	1423	1623
Sturton Gainsborough Lane	▼	▼	1027	1227	1427	1627
Scawby Mill Lane	▼	▼	1029	1229	1429	1629
Brigg The Vale School	0834	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Brigg Sir John Nelthorpe (Upper)	▼	0833	▼	▼	▼	▼
Brigg Sir John Nelthorpe (Lower)	▼	0836	▼	▼	▼	▼
Brigg Cary Lane	0839	0841	1037	1237	1437	1637

these journeys run on school days only

for Saturday services to Brigg, please see the service c4 timetable

x4 bus times towards **Brigg** **Mondays to Fridays** except public holidays

Scunthorpe Bus Station stand M	1115	1315	1515	1715		
Lakeside Morrisons	0800	1123	1323	1523	1723	
Greetwell Crossroads	0807	0855	1130	1330	▼	1730
Scawby Church	0809	0857	1132	1332	▼	1732
Sturton Crossroads	0811	0859	1134	1334	▼	1734
Brigg Cary Lane	0819	0907	1142	1342	1535	1742

additional services run between Scunthorpe, Lakeside and Brigg as service 4 throughout the day

x4 bus times towards **Scunthorpe** **Mondays to Fridays** except public holidays

Brigg Cary Lane	0810	0910	1210	1410	1540	1745
Sturton Crossroads	0818	0918	1218	1418	▼	1753
Scawby Church	0820	0920	1220	1420	▼	1755
Greetwell Crossroads	0822	0922	1222	1422	▼	1757
Lakeside Morrisons	0829	0929	1229	1429	1551	1804
Scunthorpe Bus Station stand A	0837	0937	1237	1437	1559	

additional services run between Brigg, Lakeside and Scunthorpe as service 4 throughout the day

x4 bus times towards **Brigg** **Saturdays**

Lakeside Morrisons	0800
Greetwell Crossroads	0807
Scawby Church	0809
Sturton Crossroads	0811
Brigg Cary Lane	0819

additional services run between Scunthorpe, Lakeside and Brigg as service 4 throughout the day

x4 bus times towards **Scunthorpe** **Saturdays**

Brigg Cary Lane	1745
Sturton Crossroads	1753
Scawby Church	1755
Greetwell Crossroads	1757
Lakeside Morrisons	1804

additional services run between Brigg, Lakeside and Scunthorpe as service 4 throughout the day

C4 bus times towards **Kirton in Lindsey** **Saturdays**

Kirmington Limber Road	0905	1105	1305	1505	1705
Humberside Airport Main Entrance	0909	1109	1309	1509	1709
Melton Ross Melton Hall	0913	1113	1313	1513	1713
Barnetby Church	0917	1117	1317	1517	1717
Wrawby Church	0925	1125	1325	1525	1725
Wrawby Tunnel Road	0926	1126	1326	1526	1726
Brigg Cary Lane [arrive]	0932	1132	1332	1532	1732
Brigg Cary Lane [depart]	0940	1140	1340	1540	
Scawby Mill Lane	0948	1148	1348	1548	
Sturton Gainsborough Lane	0949	1149	1349	1549	
Hibaldstow The Nookings	0954	1154	1354	1554	
Hibaldstow Post Office	0955		1355		
Redbourne Red Lion	0958		1358		
Kirton in Lindsey Queens Head	1003		1403		

for weekday services to Kirton, Brigg and Kirmington, please see the service 4 & 94 timetables

C4 bus times towards **Kirmington** **Saturdays**

Kirton in Lindsey Queens Head	1004	1404			
Kirton in Lindsey Dunstan Hill	1007	1407			
Redbourne Red Lion	1014	1414			
Hibaldstow Post Office	1019	1419			
Hibaldstow The Nookings	1023	1155	1423	1555	
Sturton Gainsborough Lane	1027	1159	1427	1559	
Scawby Mill Lane	1029	1201	1429	1601	
Brigg Cary Lane [arrive]	1037	1209	1437	1609	
Brigg Cary Lane [depart]	0840	1040	1240	1440	1640
Wrawby Tunnel Road	0846	1046	1246	1446	1646
Wrawby Church	0848	1048	1248	1448	1648
Barnetby Church	0854	1054	1254	1454	1654
Melton Ross Melton Hall	0858	1058	1258	1458	1658
Humberside Airport Main Entrance	0901	1101	1301	1501	1701
Kirmington Limber Road	0904	1104	1304	1504	1704

for weekday services to Kirton, Brigg and Kirmington, please see the service 4 & 94 timetables

4 bus times towards **Scunthorpe • Brigg** Sunday and Bank Holidays

Service number	4	4	4	4	4	4
Scunthorpe Bus Station	0915	1115	1245	1415	1615	1745
Ashby High Street Market	0929	1129	1259	1429	1629	1759
Lakeside Morrisons	0932	1132	1302	1432	1632	1802
Broughton Red Lion	0940	1140	1310	1440	1640	1810
Broughton South View	0942	1142	1312	1442	1642	1812
Broughton Town Hill Drive	0945	1145	1315	1445	1645	1815
Arties Mill	0951	1151	1321	1451	1651	1821
Brigg White House	0954	1154	1324	1454	1654	1824

96 bus times towards **Barton - Brigg** Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

Service number	96	96	96	96	96
Barton Rail Station	0945	1130	1415	1600	
Barton Market Place	0948	1133	1418	1603	
South Ferriby Blacksmiths	0954	1139	1424	1609	
South Ferriby School Lane	0815	0955	1140	1425	1610
Horkstow Main Street	0817	0957	1142	1427	1612
Saxby The Old Rectory	0821	1001	1146	1431	1616
Bonby Sheepdyke Lane	0825	1005	1150	1435	1620
Worlaby Grange Road	0828	1008	1153	1438	1623
Elsham	0833	1013	1158	1443	1628
Wrawby Church	0841	1021	1206	1451	1636
Brigg Cary Lane	0848	1027	1212	1457	1642

4 bus times towards **Brigg • Scunthorpe** Sunday and Bank Holidays

Service number	4	4	4	4	4	4
Brigg White House	1000	1200	1330	1500	1700	1830
Arties Mill	1003	1203	1333	1503	1703	1833
Broughton Town Hill Drive	1009	1209	1339	1509	1709	1839
Broughton South View	1012	1212	1342	1512	1712	1842
Broughton Red Lion	1014	1214	1344	1514	1714	1844
Lakeside Morrisons	1022	1222	1352	1522	1722	1852
Ashby High Street Market	1025	1225	1355	1525	1725	1855
Scunthorpe Bus Station	1040	1240	1410	1540	1740	1910

96 bus times towards **Brigg - Barton** Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

Service number	96	96	96	96	96
Brigg Cary Lane	0900	1030	1330	1510	1710
Wrawby Church	0906	1036	1336	1516	1716
Elsham	0914	1044	1344	1524	1724
Worlaby Grange Road	0919	1049	1349	1529	1729
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SCHOOL NEWS

Do you have time to give?

Are you interested in supporting your local Primary School in raises much needed funds to further develop our school offer and improve our grounds?

We are looking for people to join our newly forming 'Fundraising Team'. To work alongside others to gather ideas, organise and supervise events which can raise money for the school.

If you have some time to spare and you would

like to help the future adults of our town please contact the school office or email admin.briggprimary@northlincs.gov.uk

Thank you, Mrs Atkinson



Here are some fantastic poems written by our students...

The Road by Ronnie

The road's a money maker
transporting goods,
It drives non stop
passing dull woods.

The road's a lifesaver
letting emergencies past
driving really fast
leaving everyone last.

The road's a night light
shining from car lights
outlying its distance
quickly dashing past.

The road's a jewel
saving money worldwide
and making money
bringing lots of pride

The road's a runner
overlapping trains
faster and faster
Its like a bolting plane.

The Road – By Ella

The road's a portal
a time saving teleporter
An astounding hard worker
it's forever a transporter

The road's a firework show,
every vehicle flashing
Ambulances, fire engines and
more,
because of cars crashing

The road's a multi tasker,
helping night and day.
So much going on,
it's even happening today.

The road's a goose chase,
At such a fast pace.
Never knowing when to quit,
when really it's not a race.

The road's a runner
never giving up, non stop.
Always going faster and faster,
repeatedly coming out on top.

The road's a leisure giver,
handing out holidays.
Getting stabbed with fun,
being loaded with amaze.

The Road – By Grace

The road is a deliverer
transporting everyday.
Up and down everywhere
Never here to stay.

The road's a night runner,
always sprinting fast.
Continuously flowing
While every second last.

The road's a family gatherer
having a staggering night.
Continuing it's enjoyment
to the maximum height.

The road's a life saver
helping out a nurse.
Scurrying along
before it gets even worse.

The road's a pollution place
all over the streets
Gas, smoke and rubbish
that all the animals eat.

The road's a holiday starter
making exciting trips.
Having lots of fun
before going on ships.

The Road – Anon

The road is a zig-zag
A day, a way
Through the open village it goes
Maybe it has a bill to pay.

The road is a journey
discovering new places
A flick, a tick
A new place he finds just under his
laces.

The road is a detective
Solving all the mysteries
Everyone wants him
That why he goes down in history.

The road is an azure thread
No crease its at its best
Weaving through the town and city
It seems quite blessed.

The road is a carousel
Around, around it goes
Carrying children along
Is it a friend or is it a foe.

The road is an aeroplane
As it drifts along the skies
People watch it fly above them
Sometimes its engine dies.

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 7 students at The Vale Academy shine in The Independent Learner project

Students at The Vale Academy have once again showcased their creativity and passion in this year's Independent Learner Project. The annual event gives Year 7 students the freedom to explore a topic of their choice and present it in any format they like—whether through a detailed research poster, a carefully crafted model, or even a hands-on demonstration.

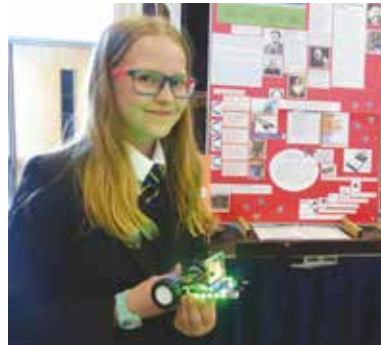
The school's hall was transformed into a vibrant exhibition as students proudly displayed their work to parents, teachers, and visitors. Guests were invited to view the display and vote for their favourites.

Principal Sarah Stokes

praised the students, saying, "This project allows students to develop their independence and creativity while diving into subjects they are truly passionate about. The quality of work this year has been outstanding!"

Topics this year included coding, beekeeping, Japanese culture, sport and many more. Congratulations to all Year 7s for their fantastic efforts!

Chair of AAB, Pat Kemshell said "I was struck by the buzz when I walked into the hall and walking around if I asked any questions about the student's exhibit, every one of them gave me answers. All very knowledgeable. It really was great to hear and see"



EYFS at St Mary's Primary ventured out into the community earlier this week with a visit to The Loft in Brigg

As part of developing their understanding of the world and local area, the children walked from St Mary's school to The Loft, navigating some busy roads with great confidence. They developed their knowledge of the local area by spotting familiar features, such as St Mary's Church, The Angel and even Cooplunds, before arriving at The Loft for a café experience.

The Loft were incredibly accommodating and had provided reserved tables for the children to gain that 'real' café experience. The visit was a hit with all involved and the pancakes went down well (and quickly!) The children were well-mannered, polite and charming and it was lovely to hear similar comments from members of the community who were dining at the same time.

A massive thank you to The Loft for taking the time to make this such an enjoyable experience for the children and adults. We'll see you again next year!



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Brigg Town Council garden competition

Once again we're holding our annual Brigg Gardening Competition. There are 4 classes to enter. Brigg's Best Front Garden, Brigg's Best Hanging Baskets, Brigg's Best Allotment and Brigg's Best Environmental Wildlife Garden.

There is also the annual Markham Shield for the best floral display by a Business in Brigg. This can be nominated by anyone including the business owners themselves, but we will need photos.

All you need to do is to send us photos of when your garden or allotment is looking at its best and

send us your entries via email to enquiries@briggmarkettown.co.uk or WhatsApp 07584315971 **by 1 July 2025.**

Don't forget to tell us what class you are entering and your contact details. If you are struggling with this then please let us know and we'll come and help you.

The entries are then looked at by a panel of independent judges and the coveted trophies are awarded at our August Market Stall. There are also prizes and certificates up for grabs. We had record entries last year, and now everyone knows about it through Brigg Times we should get even more.



Pictured above are some of the winners and runners up in the 2024 Competition

Yellowbelly Pizza



The Howell family are the new faces behind Yellowbelly Pizza, taking over the beloved local pizzeria. Longtime fans of the spot; Mark, Jayne, and their son, Ethan, who has worked at the pizzeria for many years, are excited to continue the tradition of delicious Italian sourdough pizzas with a Lincolnshire touch.

Jayne said "We've always loved everything about Yellowbelly Pizza. We can't wait to get started and look forward to welcoming all regular and new customers." The family is currently refurbishing the restaurant and plans to reopen by mid-May.

Pictured: Mark and Jayne Howell, with previous Yellowbelly Pizza owner, George Kendall.



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West Lindsey's 2025 Churches Festival

A celebration of rich architecture and heritage, of beautiful tranquillity and spirituality, and a welcoming oasis of peace that all our churches offer.

This year 100 churches are participating over the two weekends and we are also pleased to include a few neighbouring churches across the border in Brigg and the surrounding area.

The first weekend takes place in the west of the area and what a treat our churches have in store for you. Tower tours at St Andrew's, Kirton in Lindsey, a family friendly 'mouse hunt' at St Genewys, Scotton, and Viking Graffiti at the cruciform Anglo-Saxon Minster church of St Mary at Stow.

Travel across the Trent to Epworth, birthplace of

Methodism and visit the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, built as a lasting memorial to John Wesley, considered the father of Methodism and his brother Charles, composer of over 6,500 hymns.

Highlights during week two include 'Value it, Flog it' at St Edmund's, Riby, where you can receive expert advice on your treasured items. St Peter and St Paul, Middle Rasen enjoy 'Holiday Memories', Holy Rood, Market Rasen celebrate 'angels' and St John the Baptist, Nettleton depict the 'Colours of The Rainbow' through vibrant floral decorations.

Our churches showcase our communities' histories through the ages. As well as delightful 14th-15th century

pew ends, Ulceby, St Nicholas has a rood screen linked to nearby Thornton Abbey. Hainton, St Mary's, remembers the Heneage Family through its collection of nationally important monuments, spanning five centuries from brass memorials of 1435 to modern day memorials of 1954. And 11th century Glentworth, St Michael shares its links to the Mayflower Pilgrims that sailed to American from Boston.

All Saints, Tealby displays information of the village links with Victorian poet Alfred Lord Tennyson. Scampton, St John the Baptist proudly recognises its close association with the RAF, with windows dedicated to personnel from RAF Scampton and 617 Squadron and interactive screens

exploring the lives of people buried in the military and war graves in the churchyard.

Finally, the Brigg churches are opening for the second weekend (17-18th May) including for the first time St John the Evangelist Brigg, Brigg Methodist Church, All Saints Cadney and St Mary's Wrawby.

Cadney All Saints has an Exhibition on former vicar of Cadney Revd E A Woodruff Peacock. He spent 29 years living in Cadney, and was a renowned botanist, while walking around Cadney and nearby Howsham, he would always carry a special notebook for collecting plant specimens and recording all the details, where he collected the specimen from, what the soil was like,

what time of year it was etc. He had a collection of over 8,000 plant specimens. Much of his collection is now in the Natural History Museum.

St John's has an exhibition planned to reveal the stories behind the War Graves of Brigg. At Brigg Methodist Church there will be an opportunity to learn how Brigg Methodist Church has a prestigious eco award, a planned eco community garden and learn how to take simple steps to save money while helping to create a more sustainable future for everyone.

For opening times and detailed information on each church please visit the Churches Festival website: www.churchesfestival.info

St John the Evangelist church Brigg

Our contribution to the **VE celebrations** will be an exhibition from the Commonwealth War Graves **'More Than Just A Name'** that were on display in Brigg cemetery last November. These will be in the church until the 6th of June.

St John's is, for the first time taking part in the West Lindsey **Open Churches Festival** and will be open the weekend of 17 & 18 May. More information can be found at www.churchesfestival.info

Louth Male Voice Choir concert in St John's Brigg on Friday 6 June 7.30pm. Doors open at 6.45pm. This is a choir of around 30+ and sing a range of material from musicals and popular songs to spiritual pieces and hymns. Tickets £10. Refreshments and raffle during the interval. Tickets available from the church hall café on Thursdays 9.30am -12noon & Farmers Market Saturdays 9.30am - 2pm, or by emailing.

Flower Festival 12 – 15 June 2025 Our theme this year is **'Anniversaries'**, so plenty of scope.

There is no charge to enter a display for this event but if you could bring a table, no larger than 100cm square, to display your arrangements on that would be helpful. The church does have a few pedestals that can be used on a first come basis. Set up days will be Tuesday 10 & Wednesday 11 June. Space is limited so get back to me as soon as you can.

Contact Maria on st.johnsff@talktalk.net by 28 May to register your interest to participate. There will be a Flower Festival Preview Evening on Wednesday 11 June 7pm with a concert by St John's Singers, refreshments and raffle. Tickets for this are £5.00 available from Brigg Wool shop and St John's church or pay at the door.

The church is now open every Sunday. Our services start at 9.30am usually

followed by tea/coffee & biscuits, sometimes cake, in the recently redecorated hall.

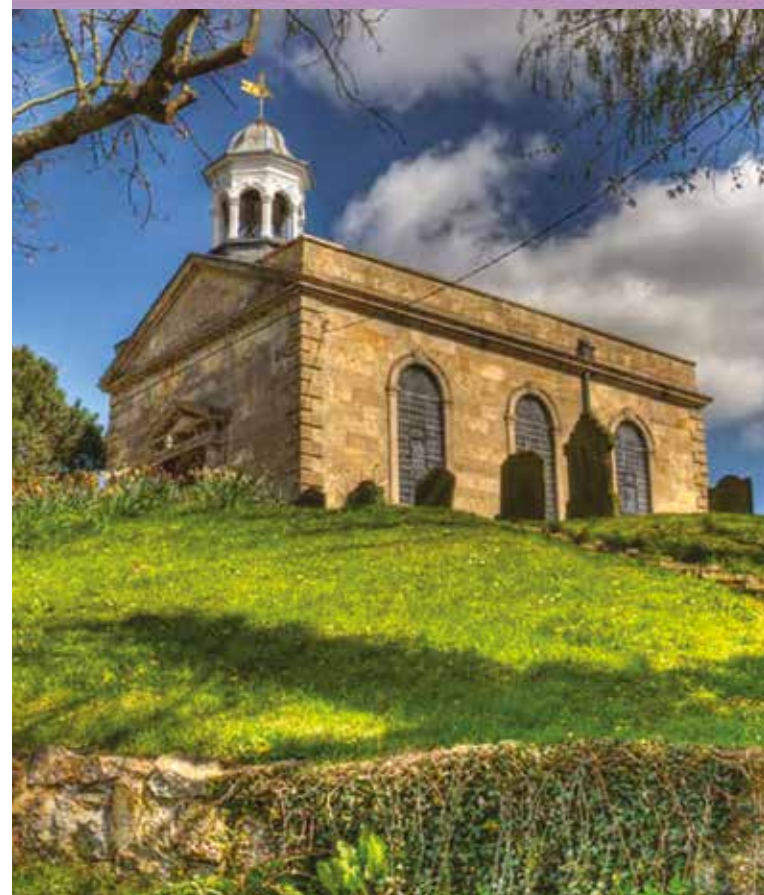
Baptism enquiries are dealt with on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11.15am in the church hall. Contact Revd Julie Waring Priest-in Charge on 07368 514486.

We have a Café every Thursday in the hall from 9.30am -12noon. A lovely space to meet up with friends and make new ones.

As well as our normal Farmers Market Refreshments and Stall in the Hall events we have 3 further craft events in June, August & September on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

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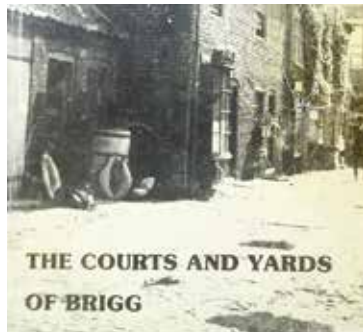
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NOSTALGIA

When most Brigg families lived in town centre cottages



Most of today's Brigg residents will be unaware that the majority of townsfolk once lived in rows of small cottages located between Wrawby Street and what is now Barnard Avenue.

However, it is still possible today to learn about the history of cottage-dwelling life within the town centre decades ago, as it was recorded for posterity in a charming book, now a collector's item.

Our library, within the Angel Hub building, has a reference copy available to the public. Other treasured copies are still owned today by some residents with an interest in local history.

The Courts and Yards of Brigg was published by the Scunthorpe Museum Society in 1983. It was edited by history teacher Nick Lyons, then working at Sir John Nelthorpe Comprehensive School and formerly a master at Brigg Grammar. The book resulted from research carried out, over two years, by Brigg adult education class members - a few of whom still live locally.

Back in the early 1980s, class members spoke with senior citizens to obtain decades-old personal memories, and some pictures, of everyday life in courtyard properties.

Collecting oral information was very important, Nick Lyons stressed in his

introduction to the book. Throughout the 19th century, courtyards off Wrawby Street housed scores of town families.

Progressively, however, relocations became possible as Brigg Urban District Council built homes to rent between the two world wars on the Woodbine and Newlands estates. Some 19th century courtyard cottages were still in use after the Second World War, but they became fewer and fewer as the UDC built homes on its Springbank estate to rehouse more cottage-dwellers.

Living conditions in the old cottages well into the 20th century were primitive by modern standards. This fact is highlighted in the book by a detailed, reconstructed plan of a typical cottage which had two bedrooms and a tiny box room upstairs.

On the ground floor was a kitchen with a gas cooker, alongside a living room with coal fire and a range with oven and side boiler. In keeping with many other courtyard cottages, there was a solitary cold water tap adjoining the front door, under which a metal pail was a permanent feature.

In the backyard was a metal 'copper' to boil-wash the family's clothes, a fuel store for coal and an outside toilet. This 'privy' had a bucket beneath and

a hatch at the side through which it could be removed via a side passage, to be emptied by the 'night soil men' who tipped the contents into a 'Dilly Cart' to be taken away, along Wrawby Street, for 'disposal'. Thankfully, this unsavoury but necessary task was usually carried out after dark on Friday evenings.

The book's plan of the cottage was based on information provided by Brigg resident Mr J. Kitchen. Some of the most densely populated courtyards, with many cottages crowded together, did not even have the 'luxury' of a toilet with bucket. Instead, they had to make do with communal blocks of basic privies, shared with neighbouring families.

From the 1930s onwards, Brigg UDC bought up old, derelict properties and parcels of land within the courtyards as these became available from various owners. As a result, during the 1960s there was a large area of wasteland, overgrown with shrubbery, beneath which were crumbling remains of a few walls and the foundations of long-demolished courtyard properties.

This sizeable site was eventually cleared and tided, making way for the now familiar Old Courts Road public car park in 1970.

In 1973/4 Nick Lyons supervised some of his senior history pupils from the Grammar School as they carried out archaeological 'digs' beneath vacant land near Old Courts Road, prior to redevelopment.

Pits and trenches sunk a few feet into the soil revealed old pottery, clay pipes (some with stems still attached) and glass shards which the knowledgeable Nick was able to date. Also unearthed

were some oyster shells.

Although expensive luxury food today, centuries ago oysters were cheap and plentiful and were eaten by the poorest members of society. Barrel-loads of oysters used to be brought to Brigg by boat, along the River Ancholme, to be sold to the masses.

Among the interesting pictures featured in The Courts and Yards of Brigg book is one showing two boys and a three-wheel trike at the northern end of Cressey Yard around 1950, outside a row of still-in-use cottages.

It features Keith Portess, still living locally, standing alongside the trike-rider who was visiting a neighbouring property.

Keith's family later moved to a council-built rented house on the Springbank estate. Keith is also pictured here recently in Brigg, looking at The Courts and Yards book with Jackie Brock, who had been a member of the adult education class which undertook local research for the book in the early 1980s.

Her name appears in the 'thank you' credits section written by the editor.

If future redevelopment or surface repair work take place in the area once occupied by Brigg's long-demolished courtyard cottages, perhaps archaeological 'digs' could be considered, with permission from the landowners.

Resulting 'finds' might perhaps add to knowledge of town life long ago.

Just a few courtyard cottages survive to this day, within Chapel Yard, having received praiseworthy restoration and updating to modern requirements.

T'ai Chi at Wrawby

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Welcome support for BASH

Brigg Amateur Social Historians (BASH) attracted good support for their March meeting, held at St John's Church Hall, on Bigby Street.

Josie Webb delivered a very interesting illustrated talk, The History of the Religions of Brigg, looking back to the 19th and 20th centuries when there were Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, Congregational and Salvationist places of worship within the town.

Josie was assisted by Paul Johnson who projected

images of various churches and chapels down the decades (see picture here, taken during the session).

Members of the Elwes family converted to Catholicism in the 1870s, establishing a church near Bigby Street and funding a local priest.

The Elwes family provided Lords of the Manor of Brigg for many generations and owned a wide range of land and property in and near the town before opting to live on another of their estates, in Northamptonshire, early in the

20th century.

BASH's meeting at St John's Church Hall on Wednesday, April 2 saw speaker Marilyn Roberts address the question: Was Jack The Ripper Queen Victoria's Grandson?

On Wednesday, May 7, at the same venue, from 2pm, local journalist Nigel Fisher will outline The History of the Lincolnshire Times which had an office in Brigg town centre until this weekly newspaper, established during Queen Victoria's reign, closed in July 1985. Original copies of

the Times will be on show, together with a range of old pictures.

That session will conclude BASH's programme for the opening months of the year.

Admission to the group's meetings is free, with a raffle being held to help with costs.

Everyone is welcome and there is no requirement to book places in advance.



History group leaving no stone unturned



Efforts are being made to locate once-familiar features of Brigg town centre which were removed decades ago.

It is hoped they can be found and returned in time to help mark an important milestone for the town.

During a recent meeting of the Brigg Yellerbellies history group, attention was drawn to a picture from the 1930s or 1940s showing dredging underway on the Old River Ancholme.

The image showed the southern side of the County Bridge, on top of which was an inscribed stone tablet carrying the structure's name and the year it was completed, 1828.

Further pictorial research has since confirmed that another tablet, with the same information, was also present on the northern side of the bridge.

It is thought the inscribed stones were removed in the early 1960s when the careworn balustrades were

replaced with metal railings, on safety grounds.

Were both date-stones taken away for safe storage?

Lincoln-based Lindsey County Council was then the highway authority.

The Yellerbellies are hoping that one, or both, inscribed

stones can be found and brought back to the town in time for the County Bridge's 200th anniversary in October 2028. The stones might be put on public display.

This group continues to hold free-to-attend monthly meetings at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Market Place, when people remember and chat about 'old Brigg'.

These two-hour Tuesday afternoon sessions - conducted on an informal basis - are open to anyone with an interest in local history.

Dates and other details are publicised through posters and on social media.

The next meeting will take place at the Lord Nelson on Tuesday, May 20, with another following on Tuesday, June 17 (both from 2pm-4pm).

More information can be obtained by emailing yellerbellies2024@gmail.com or calling 07502 330484.

New book about Brigg on the way

A new book is being planned about Brigg - past and present.

Author Michael Bell is a former pupil of Brigg Grammar School who takes a keen interest in local history and the town as it is today.

He attended a recent meeting of Brigg Town Council, held in the Angel Suite, to outline what the book will offer.

Michael, pictured, took along copies of two acclaimed Brigg books penned by veteran local journalist Edward (Ted) Dodd, published in the 1970s and 1990s.

He suggested the time was now right for another along similar lines to Ted's earlier works.

Michael said he hoped many local residents would share their personal reflections and memories with a view to inclusion in the third Brigg book.

Councillors were interested to hear about this project, with Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Penny Smith, describing the new book as a brilliant idea.

Brigg Times readers wishing to contribute, or find out more, can contact the author by emailing mikebell2@btinternet.com

It is too early to say when the book will be printed and available to interested local residents.

Also educated at Brigg Grammar School, Ted Dodd, who worked in the town for both The Star

and Lincolnshire Times weekly newspapers over many decades, published his initial book in 1974.

That year saw Brigg Urban District Council (established in the 1890s) being phased out as part of local government reorganisation across the UK.

Ted's first Brigg book covered many topics including licensed premises, shops, sport, local groups and societies, notable residents and major factories like Spring's (preserves), Corah's (clothing) and the sugar factory.

The second book in 1994 - also called Brigg - was published at a time when many historic town centre properties were being refurbished as part of an extensive regeneration project supported by Glanford Borough Council.

The Princess of Wales (Lady Diana) was pictured on the front cover during a royal visit to Brigg, related to regeneration.



SPORTS

Busy season ahead for Town cricketers



Brigg Town Cricket Club will be playing in several competitions during the forthcoming season, from early May through to late August.

The first teamers will be taking to the field on Saturdays in Lincolnshire County League division three, under captain Dan Bradley (pictured).

Their opening game at the Recreation Ground, off Wrawby Road, will be on Saturday, May 3 in the Supplementary Cup against Louth 3rds (1pm). The league programme will begin on May 10 against Scothern 2nds at The Rec.

Shorter format matches are coming up for Owen Dunderdale's squad in

the North Lindsey Midweek League division two. The first of these will be at The Rec on Thursday, May 8 against Outcasts Development (6pm).

Brigg 2nds have also entered the North Lindsey League's Mick Walker Knockout Cup and been drawn away to Broughton 3rds in the first round on Sunday, May 18 in what should prove to be an interesting local derby.

Prospective new players and interested sponsors can contact our local club by emailing briggstowncc1@gmail.com or calling 07708 949456. In preparation for the 2025 campaign, Brigg players have been attending indoor practice 'net' sessions over a number of weeks.

Groundwork will lead to a new era

Brigg Town Football Club has certainly not let the grass grow under its feet as far as ambitious refurbishment of the ground is concerned!

Announced some months ago, this extensive project includes the installation of a 3G all-weather floodlit football pitch to replace the traditional turf and also improved changing room facilities at the EC Surfacing Stadium, close to Hawthorn Avenue.

Work began in early March immediately following the last home game being played on grass - a midweek first team fixture against Louth.

This came some weeks before the end of the Zebras' 2024/25 campaign in Toolstation Northern Counties East Division One, resulting in

Brigg switching late-season 'home' fixtures to Winterton Rangers FC and Bottesford Town.

With all-weather pitch installation progressing, Brigg Town FC says: "The club envisages installation of the 3G pitch to be completed by late summer 2025."

The club's various teams will be utilising the 3G, which will also be available for community and local school use.

Brigg Town Council presented £10,000 to the club last year, to help with its forward-looking plans.

Brigg Town FC was founded in 1864 and is the seventh oldest surviving football club in the world.

Hundreds of home games have been played at various venues within the town, including behind the old Brocklesby Ox pub (Bridge Street) and at the present ground since 1960 (known for many years as The Hawthorns).

All these matches were on traditional grass in Brigg, so the new all-weather surface will herald a new era.



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SPORTS

New event added to programme



Brigg is to see a new event added to the sporting calendar. The well-established Linc Squad group is organising a Duathlon on Sunday, 1 June. This will see competitors undertake a 5k run, followed by a 30km road cycle and then a 9.8km road run.

The full name is the Keyo Brigg Bomber Duathlon, supported by the well-known company with an outlet in the town.

Linc Squad says: "The event will run alongside the Keyo Brigg Bomber Quadrathlon and will start with competitors being set off in waves."

The Quadrathlon consists of a 1.5km river swim in the Ancholme, 30km by bike and a 9.8km run. A Keyo Brigg Sprint Distance Quadrathlon will be held on Sunday, September 7.

Ancholme Leisure Centre, Scawby Brook, is used as the event headquarters, with the cycling and road runs involving areas of Brigg. For further information, email LincSquadEvents@gmail.com.

Ancholme Valley Way parkrun – WE NEED YOU!



To continue to make Ancholme Valley Way parkrun to be successful we need regular volunteers – therefore if you're interested in helping please email us at ancholmevalleyway@parkrun.com or if you want to find out more just come along and have a chat one Saturday morning. We meet at the underpass near Lidl at around 8.20am every Saturday morning.

Brigg Hockey Club



Brigg Hockey Club continues to go from strength to strength. The 00 year old club has over 150 members covering all age groups from 7 to 74 (our oldest member) playing in a variety of leagues across Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.

The club have always had a strong colts set up and the boys and girls train on a Monday night.

This season we've introduced a 4th ladies team making 8 adult teams in total, amazing considering the size of the town.

Saturday games are played on our purpose built pitch at the Brigg Recreation ground and there's always a great social atmosphere when we head to the Lord Nelson for an after game drink.

We always welcome new members whatever age you may be. Training is Monday for ladies and Colts and Wednesday for men

If you want any further information please contact chairman Adrian Pym on 07506797796 or just turn up at training.

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VE Day

- victory
- soldier
- europe
- VE day
- allies
- surrender
- street party
- Churchill
- home front
- celebrate
- speech
- flag
- world war



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