

BRIGG TIMES

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Brigg's No.1 Heritage Destination! Located on the first floor at the Angel.

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1940s and Classic Car event



We're really looking forward to the 1940s and Classic Car event next month. The event on Sunday 20 that will take place in the Market Place and Wrawby Street is one

for the whole family to enjoy for FREE!

Brought to you fully funded by Brigg Town Council there is music and dancing entertainment from

1.15pm - 6pm in the Market Place.

There will be static war time displays and vehicles from the era. Young or old there is something for everyone.

Wouldn't it be great if everyone could dress up 1940s style and all the shops and businesses to do the same - This is of course optional but there will be a prize for the best 1940s dressed shop in Brigg!

Most of the food and drink establishments are remaining open that afternoon, to serve you delicious afternoon teas, roast dinners and more.

Please support our local businesses.

We have also booked a few food trucks to keep you all fed, so that you can enjoy the full afternoon, there is no rationing at out 1940s day! You are also welcome to bring a picnic, as we are setting up picnic areas in the Market Place.

The Classic Cars and Motorbikes will be along Wrawby Street, encouraging everyone to meander for the afternoon. Have a look on Page 2 for the full itinerary. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day.

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Upcoming events in Brigg during August to November. **Page 5**

Brigg shows support for extra trains



People in Brigg support additional trains if our station received an improved service on a regular basis. **Page 18**

Free parking keeps Brigg open for business

North Lincolnshire Council's free parking scheme is helping residents spend less while making it easier to enjoy everything Brigg has to offer, from its independent shops and markets to cafés, services and community activities.

The council provides one free two-hour parking session on weekdays, with parking free all day on Saturdays and Sundays.

For residents and visitors, that means fewer barriers to calling into the town centre, whether they are picking up essentials, meeting friends, attending an activity or taking time to browse.

Across North Lincolnshire, more than 1.24 million parking stays were free during 2025, with fewer than one

in seven motorists paying to park. The average saving was around £1.80 per visit, worth about £95 a year for a family making one town-centre trip each week.

The scheme also supports Brigg's businesses by making it easier for customers to stop, shop and spend locally. Removing an extra cost helps encourage more people into the town and gives them time to explore what local traders have to offer.

Residents can claim their free weekday session at council car parks including The Angel and Old Courts Road using a parking machine. A free session must still be obtained, and it applies separately at each site, so cannot be transferred between car parks.

With convenient parking close to shops, services and activities, the council's commitment continues to keep money in residents' pockets while supporting footfall and a thriving Brigg town centre.



New Scouting roles for former Brigg Scout Leader



After over 20 years of Inspirational Service, Scout and Explorer Leader Simon Price bids farewell. **Page 19**

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PROGRAM

12.45pm - 2222 Sqn Band will assemble in Bridge Street. Leading the Parade from Bridge Street to the Market Place, with RAF Cadets from 2222 Sqn, with Steve Howlett's "Winston Churchill" and the Mayor of Brigg. Everyone is welcome to follow the Parade
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1pm - 2222 Sqn musical interlude finishing with The National Anthem
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1.15pm - 1.55pm - Singing Larks Duo - Vintage Swing 1940s Singers

2pm - 2.45pm - Ancholme River Jazz Band - Popular Local Jazz Band
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3pm - 3.40pm - Singing Larks Duo
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3.40pm - 4.15pm - Smoke and Mirrors Dancers - Swing Dancing in the Market Place
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4.15pm - 5pm - Ancholme River Jazz Band
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5pm - Finale with Johnny Victory - International Singer with a 1940s repertoire featuring wartime songs and classic sing-alongs from the era

★ **20 SEPTEMBER** ★
1 PM – 6 PM

- **Sqn X Living History Group - RAF re-enactment**
- **Burton upon Stather Heritage Group with a WW2 Anderson Shelter showing videos and footage from the war era.**
- **Blodwen and Friends - a 1940s bus**
- **Green Goddess 1940s Fire Engine**
- **Cars from the 1940s**
- **1940s Ambulance**
- **Classic Cars in Wrawby Street**
- **Market Stalls selling memorabilia from across the eras.**

Correct at time of print - may be subject to change.

As we go to press it's been confirmed that The Atrium will be serving Cream Teas all afternoon, Shipleys Curiositeas will be serving Cream Teas, St Johns Church Hall will be serving refreshments and cakes. Smoke and Iron at The Hop will be serving food. Local Food and Drink Establishments who have confirmed they will open for business are The Vault, Henrys and The Dog House at The Exchange, Woolpack, The Hop, Costa, Black Bull, Lord Nelson, White Horse.

Food Trucks attending - Phat Patties Grill, Tuckers Ice Cream, For Heaven's Cake and the 2222 Sqn will be serving hot dogs and burgers from the grill.



Introducing Hearing Care at O'Brien's Opticians, Brigg

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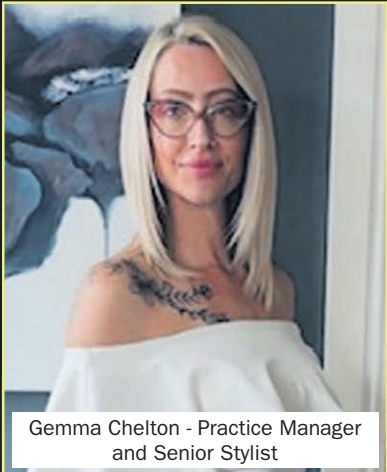


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Glyn Alexander BHC Manager.

Manager's Update...

At Brigg Heritage Centre we certainly felt the effects of the early heat waves of 2026. We welcomed visitors and have been delighted with how people are pleasantly surprised how wonderful BHC is. It is fantastic to receive positive feedback (even if it includes comments about my array of summer shirts

or compliments on my moustache). We love to engage with our community, adding further insight to the stories of the permanent collection, by way of 'micro community showcases'. Sited in Gallery 2, the Angel carving is now accompanied with Angel Hotel related objects. Thanks to PJ for providing the A.I. image of 'digital-me' with the Angel.

I would like to thank all those who've collaboratively worked with us and all those who've acknowledged efforts made by the BHC team. Ancholme Valley Heritage Trust (AVHT) works tirelessly to run and keep Brigg Heritage Centre 'afloat'. Fundraising is integral to our survival – special thanks to all those who've supported us with donations. We hope to continue to expand our offering with the Angel Suite venue as part of our 'heritage spaces' portfolio by way

of rentals, weddings and events! We continue to offer community rates for 'core hours' to community groups and not-for-profit organisations.

We are exploring possibilities of looking at best ways to maximise on visitor experience (VX) and are periodically trialling alternative opening hours. Announcements relating to operational trials will be made available on our website home page and social media. We hope that trying something different will make a positive impact for VX and address economic needs of the charity.



What's on... Let's get creative:

2026 Farmers' Market Crafts (drop-in, fees apply):

- **22 AUG: Oh...** I do like to be beside the seaside.
- **26 SEPT:** Vegetable 'buffet' printing.
- **24 OCT:** Remembrance (lest we forget).
- **Our festive themes/activities will be announced later in the year.**

2026 The 'Create' Escape Workshop (booking required £15):

- **12 SEPT:** Whispers in the Wind is the final 'TCE' Workshop in this year's programme. Design and assemble a unique, beautiful and melodious piece for your home or garden, using a variety of materials like wood, beads, metal tubes/shapes and glass.

Remember... our website provides more detailed information and downloadable schedules!

Spotlight on... People Power!

Focus here is to emphasise the importance of **PEOPLE POWER!** BHC is run by Ancholme Valley Heritage Trust Ltd. (Charity No 1157731). Following initial local authority set up in 2012, AVHT was set up in 2014, operating with one employee (BHC's Manager). Throughout the years, the Trust has run BHC with dedicated Trustees, Managers and Volunteers.

New Trustee Opportunities:

We would like to express our desire to welcome new Trustee applications, to individuals who think they may have a particular skill set that could enhance our 'heritage sector' charity. If you think you would like to get involved as a AVHT Trustee, please express your interest by contacting us by email via: briggheritage.centre@northlincs.gov.uk (with subject line: Interested in AVHT Trustee Role). Within your email, please include some background information about yourself, experience and why you'd like to become a member of the board of Trustees. From here, we can invite you to chat to other Trustees who will be willing to guide you through the application process.

New Volunteer Opportunities:

Without Volunteers, we would be unable to do what we do best. We rely on Volunteers who want to be part of our charity, to promote the heritage of the wider Ancholme Valley. As a new Volunteer you would be encouraged to master the fundamentals required to consistently create a positive and memorable visitor experience in a safe and welcoming environment – working with the BHC Manager on operational aspects of the organisation.

Further 'in-role' opportunities are available to get involved with us on display projects, events, education and crafts. If you would like to get involved and become part of the 'Heritage Angel' team, please contact us – via email (with subject line: Interested in BHC Volunteering Role), or use the 'contact us' form on our website. Alternatively, pop in for a chat with myself (Glyn) – I will spend

time with you to take you on an orientation tour of the facilities and chat about BHC and Volunteering. Due to operational parameters, we can only offer Volunteering roles to individuals aged 18+ (induction applicable). More information is available on our website in the 'About Us' section: History/ Our Vision.

To best represent Volunteering experiences, current 'Heritage Angels' have expressed their thoughts about their involvement with AVHT/ BHC:

Paul J – AVHT Trustee/Volunteer "I have Volunteered at BHC since 2015 and became a Trustee of AVHT in 2020, to help support the charity responsible for managing the centre. I have attended regular meetings and been part of necessary decisions - to keep this valuable community asset going. It has been a pleasure to work with my fellow Trustees, our Manager, and to be part of a dedicated team."

Janet H – BHC Volunteer "As a long-standing Volunteer at Brigg Heritage Centre, I really enjoy my role welcoming our visitors from the local area and further afield. It's a chance to help them appreciate and explore the wealth of history we have on display from the Ancholme Valley in our heritage centre."

Lynda W – BHC Volunteer "My initial concerns that my local history knowledge is pretty non-existent were immediately quashed by the empathetic, enthusiastic and inspiring BHC Manager. There is always a knowledgeable colleague to advise. Meeting the varied visitors is extremely interesting, as are the constantly changing temporary exhibitions."

Helen C – BHC Volunteer "Despite being a Volunteer for over fourteen years, I still enjoy welcoming visitors to our fabulous heritage centre. It is wonderful to be part of the education team, enthusing schoolchildren about local history. I have seen many improvements and changes making BHC into a 'little gem' of Brigg."



Did you know?

Admission to Brigg Heritage Centre is FREE: Admission to Brigg Heritage Centre is FREE:

We are 'not for profit' and receive no regular structured funding – your support is vital. We accept cash and card donations.

If you, or your company, would like to show us support, please consider a donation (gift aid will also boost this), nominate us (to be a recipient at an independent funding event), or sponsor us, or one of our projects.

Collaborating: We love to 'work in partnership with', 'host' and 'collaborate directly with our community' on projects which enrich the Ancholme heritage narrative.

Little Shop @ BHC: We have a varied selection of gift ideas, Lincolnshire fayre, activity-led, educational and crafting items. Please support us by 'shopping heritage'.



Displays

Thank you: BHC would like to express gratitude to NLC Museum Services who were willing to enhance the recent Barton Camera Club's (BCC) Annual Summer Exhibition 2026 by displaying photography equipment through the ages. We were proud to host BCC (18 June to 1 August). It is great to showcase such talent!

Upcoming Displays in the Churchill Room: We are working with North Lincolnshire Museum Services to bring touring exhibits to BHC. Further details will be announced soon via our website and Facebook group.

- PERMANENT COLLECTION
- POP-UP EXHIBITIONS
- CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
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What's on in Brigg

Friday, 14 August:

Brigg Town Mayor's Charity Golf Day, Elsham Golf Club (registration at 11am, first tee at noon).

Tuesday, 18 August:

Brigg Yellerbellies History Group open meeting, Lord Nelson Hotel, Market Place, 2pm. All welcome - no need to book. Free admission. Chat about 'Old Brigg & district' people, places and events. Share your memories and pictures from the past.

Saturday, 22 August:

Brigg Farmers Market, town centre, from 8.30am. Buy produce and goods from the people who make them.

Saturday, 22 August:

Brigg Town Cricket Club v Caistor 2nds, Brigg Recreation Ground, from 12.30pm. Following this final home game of the season, a nostalgic reunion is planned, from 7pm, in Brigg Town FC's clubhouse. Open to any former cricketers of the Town club, regardless of the number of appearances made. Call 07502 330484 for more details.

Friday, 28 August:

Lord Nelson Hotel Bike Night, from 6pm.

Wednesday, 2 September:
Brigg Amateur Social Historians (BASH group)

illustrated talk, St John's Church Hall, Bigby Street, from 2pm. All welcome, free admission - raffle to help with costs.

Sunday, 6 September:

Keyo Brigg Spitfire Sprint from 8.30am to lunchtime featuring pool swimming, cycling, kayaking and running sections. Organised by the Lincsqad triathlon and quadrathlon group. Presentations to be made at Ancholme Leisure Centre (early afternoon). For further information, visit www.lincsqad.co

Tuesday, 15 September:

Brigg Yellerbellies History Group open meeting, Lord Nelson Hotel, Market Place, 2pm. All welcome. Bring along your old picture of local people and scenes to share with others.



Sunday, 20 September:

Classic Car & 1940s Event, Brigg town centre, 1pm-6pm. Singing, dancing and entertainment. Free to attend - all welcome. See pages 1 and 2 for more information.

Friday, 25 September:

Lord Nelson Hotel Bike Night, from 6pm.

Saturday, 26 September:

Brigg Farmers Market, from 8.30pm, featuring a wide range of stalls selling produce of all kinds.

Wednesday, 7 October:

BASH group illustrated talk, St John's Church Hall, from 2pm. Free admission - raffle to be held.

Sunday, 11 October:

Ancholme Rowing Club's annual Ancholme Head event. Headquarters at The Boathouse, off Manley Gardens, Brigg. Races along River Ancholme course to the north of the town will start at 11am and 2.20pm.

Tuesday, 20 October:

Brigg Yellerbellies 'meet & chat' local history session, Lord Nelson Hotel, from 2pm, free admission.

Saturday, 24 October:

Brigg Farmers Market, from 8.30am, town centre.

Sunday, 25 October:

Brigg Poppy 10k & Military Challenge running race from the town centre via Elwes Street to Cadney and back. Starting times in the town centre 9.30am and 9.45am, event finish in the Market Place. Organised by Curly's Athletes. Maximum 1,200 entrants. Supporting the Royal British Legion through donations. Visit www.curlysathletes.co.uk for more details.

Tuesday, 3 November

to Saturday, 7 November:
Brigg Amateur Operatic Society performances of the musical Come From A way, Plowright Theatre, Scunthorpe. Nightly shows at 7.30pm, plus additional Saturday matinee at 2pm. For tickets and additional information call 01724 330874.

Wednesday, 4 November:

BASH history group illustrated talk, St John's Church Hall, free admission - raffle to be held.

Sunday, 8 November:

Remembrance Sunday commemorations - parade through the town centre, service at St John's Church, followed by wreath-laying at the Monument war memorial at 11am.

Tuesday, 17 November:

Brigg Yellerbellies local history chat session, Lord Nelson, from 2pm, free admission. All welcome.

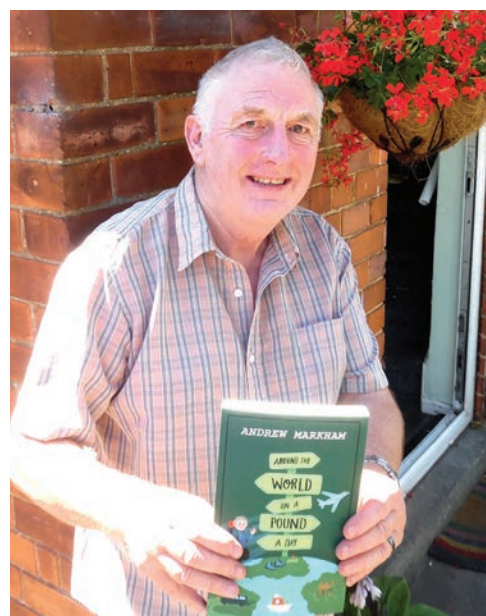
Friday, 27 November:

Brigg Christmas lights switch-on and accompanying Festive Fair with various stalls. Town Mayor to switch on the illuminations at 6pm from the Bandstand in the Market Place. All residents welcome from 4pm. Some shops will remain open into the evening, offering an opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Saturday, 28 November:

Brigg Farmers Market, from 8.30am. Wide range of produce and goods available.

Brigg man recalls his 'trip of a lifetime'



A new book by a Brigg author is now on sale and creating plenty of interest. Andrew Markham travelled around the world, often hitch-hiking rides courtesy of passing motorists, on a budget of just £1 per day!

While globetrotting over several years on this epic trek, he met a host of interesting people and visited some fascinating places spread across 23 countries. The most distant spot reached was in New Zealand. Andrew - still widely known by his boyhood nickname 'Sass' - was born in Glanford Brigg Hospital in 1957.

A chapter in the 348-page book

recalls early life in our town, where his family lived for some years on a post-war prefab bungalow estate off Elwes Street. Andrew's "trip of a lifetime" began in November 1984 after enjoying a final pint of beer in a Brigg pub.

He eventually returned home in May 1988. In Australia, Andrew met a former Brigg Town footballer who had emigrated down-under. While in Canada, he visited a district of Ontario called Glanford where many settlements adopted the names of places in Lincolnshire during the late 18th century.

Around The World On A Pound A Day has been produced by local firm Daisa Publishing (an imprint of Partnership Publishing).

Our picture shows Andrew outside his home at 24 Woodbine Avenue, from where copies of the book can be obtained (priced at £14.99p). Alternatively, email sassmo1957@gmail.com or call/text 07880 348449.

For decades 'Sass' planned to write a book about his global trip, and retirement has seen this ambition finally being realised.

It is an absorbing read, illustrated with many pictures taken on his travels.

Making Space

For many people, August brings a welcome change of pace. Schools have broken up, holidays are underway, and even if we're not travelling far, the longer days encourage us to slow down. There is something refreshing about stepping away from the normal routine, whether that's a trip to the coast, time in the garden, with the family or simply enjoying a cup of tea with nowhere particular to be.

Of course, the summer holidays pass quickly. Before long, September arrives with the start of a new school year, familiar routines return, and autumn begins to colour the landscape. October follows with shorter days, harvest celebrations and the quiet beauty of changing leaves supplying us with an array of colour.

Perhaps that is why these summer weeks are such a gift. They give us the chance to pause, appreciate the difference and ask ourselves what really matters. In the busyness of life, it is easy to fill every moment without making space for the people we love, for quiet reflection, or for God.

The Gospels often tell us that Jesus stepped away from the crowds to pray. He understood the importance of being still and reconnecting with his

Father. We, too, need these moments of stillness—not because life stops, but because they remind us that our value is not measured by how much we achieve or how busy we are.

As we move through these coming months, my hope is that we will carry something of that summer spirit with us: time for conversation, kindness to neighbours, gratitude for the beauty of God's creation, and a willingness to notice those who may need a helping hand.

Whether you are returning from holiday, preparing for a new school term, celebrating Harvest, or simply looking for a quiet place to gather your thoughts, you will always find a warm welcome at St John the Evangelist especially in our café held on Thursday mornings 9.30am-12pm or during the farmers' market on 4th Saturday, 9.30am – 2pm, along with bacon butties and craft stalls.

The café will also be open during the Brigg Community Partnership Art Festival on Saturday 8 August, 10am-2pm. Other events at St John's and our other churches, St Mary's Wrawby and All Saints, Cadney-cum-Howsham are as follows (see Facebook and posters for details).

Sat 22 Aug, 2pm
(All Saint's, Cadney) **'Viking Lincolnshire' – Celebrating 50th anniversary of Viking Way.** A fascinating talk on the evidence for the Vikings in Lincolnshire Booking advisable: howsham.cadney@gmail.com or call 07721 380223.

Fri 11 Sept, 7pm
(St John's Hall) **A fun, family-friendly Bingo Night.** Doors open from 6.30pm Raising money for the roof of All Saints, Cadney. Booking advisable: howsham.cadney@gmail.com or call 07721 380223..

Sun 4 October - Celebrating Harvest: Bring a contribution towards Brigg Foodbank. 9.30am, St John's - Harvest Service.

11am, St Mary's - Joint Methodist/ Anglican Harvest service

3.30pm, All Saints - Harvest service followed by an auction and 2-course Harvest Supper (£10). . Booking required: howsham.cadney@gmail.com or call 07721 380223.

Sat 14 Nov, 7pm
(St John's Church) **Who'd Be a Soldier? Remembrance Concert by 'De Mowbrays'** Tickets £10 (+ charges) from Eventbrite. Queries to Peter.Barnard@me.com

May God bless you and those you love in the months ahead.

Revd Julie Wearing Priest-in-Charge, Brigg, Wrawby and Candey-cum-Howsham.

Who'd be a Soldier

Concert of songs, tunes and stories for Armistice

- with de Mowbray's -

Who'd be a Soldier – a concert of songs, tunes and stories for Armistice – performed by talented local musicians Kate Billmore, Jonathan Pearson, Nicholas Konradsen and Peter Barnard who are de Mowbray's.

The music will range across several centuries as they tell of the horror, misery, heartache and also the humour associated with wartime.

You will hear squeeze boxes, strings, woodwind, brass, percussion and bagpipes, as well as solo and multiple part songs. This is a concert not to be missed.

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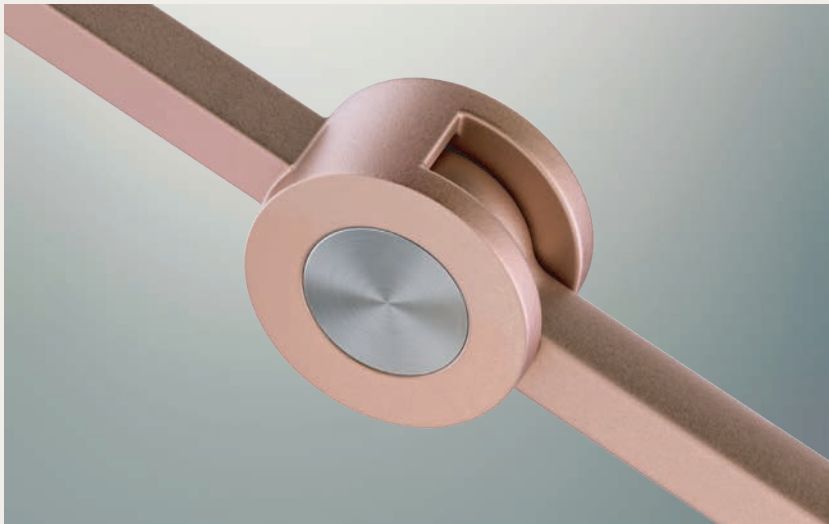
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Brigg Live Arts Autumn 2026/27 Programme



Our recent production of “As you like it” performed by the Illyria Outdoor Theatre company was an outstanding success with an audience of over 178 treated to a powerful amusing and energetic performance.

Future Events

October 2nd at 7.30 Bowtie and Petal, Ralf Shaw and Catherine Embleton at St John’s Church in Brigg. (DN20 8EJ)

A sentence that possibly best sums up Bowtie and Petal is “A little bit classy, a little bit Jazzy, and sometimes a little bit silly.”

Both are professional musicians. During the evening, they will demonstrate their wide repertoire covering the American songbook, instrumental jazz standards, show tunes, folk, classical comedy and pop Bowtie & Petal make each song their own.

“Everyone will get something from this delightful and inspiring duo” Tickets £10, will be available from the Loft and our new outlet, Jaylaurs Sewing Studios from the end of August. Further details on our website Brigglivearts.org, look out for posters and Facebook.

November 30

The inaugural Rock & Pop Youth Band to perform for the first Time Venue and times to be notified later.

We are waiting confirmation of hosting the Salvation Army

in the marketplace in December further information will be on our website once confirmed nearer the time.

Our first new year 2027 event will be in January, date to be confirmed will be the Coleby Plough Jag which was a free event in the Market Place and again in the Lord Nelson, which we thank for hosting the performance.

The group is looking for people who would like to take part in next year’s event, and they would like to run a workshop for potential players. If you are interested, please contact steve.hindley@lineone.net.

To find out more or if you are interested in joining us, please visit our website Brigglivearts.org and we are also on Facebook. We can also be contacted via our website or telephone 07706087340.

The Ancholme River Jazz Band

The Ancholme River Jazz Band was founded in 1987. The band rehearsed at the home of its leader, John Thompson, in Manley Gardens, 50 yards from the river. Hence the name of the band. The aim of the band is to play traditional jazz in an entertaining style and produce music which the general public, who may not necessarily be jazz buffs, can dance, sing and listen to.

The band made a conscious decision to play a wide range of tunes, composed over a period of time from the 1920’s to the 1950’s, to have an appeal to as wide an audience as possible.

The band’s repertoire includes:

Near Orleans marches, rags and blues of the 20’s including Bourbon Street Parade, At the Mardi Gras, Basin Street Blues, St Louis Blues, Four Leaf Clover, Margie, Sheik of Araby. Ideal music to have a decorated umbrella parade to.

Popular tunes from the 30’s include All of Me, I’m Confessing, Isle of Capri, Love Letters in the Sand, Red Sails in the Sunset, Over the Waves and Baby Face.

Popular tunes of the 40’s include Rum and Coca Cola, Say Si Si, Sentimental Journey, You Always Hurt The One You Love, China Town, Georgia and My Blue Heaven. Later popular tunes include hits from films such as Hello Dolly, Mack the Knife and I Wanna Be Like You.

If you are not tired by now, how about a little rock and roll to tunes including Jambalaya, Blueberry Hill, Kansas

City and Music, Music, Music. In addition the band plays religious music, often in churches or church halls to raise funds. Tunes include What a Friend We Have in Jesus, The Old Rugged Cross, Gloryland, Royal Telephone, Walking With The King, Take Your Burden To The Lord and The Saints.

The members of the band are:

John Thompson, leader - trumpet and vocals, **Howard Brears** - clarinet and saxophone, **Chris Taylor** - trombone, **Bob Stephenson** - banjo, **Simon Styles** - bass. Drums position currently vacant.

Our Lady vocalist is Lulu White. She has sung in Preservation Hall, the world renowned venue for the birthplace of Jazz in New Orleans.

The contact for booking the band is John Thompson. Telephone: 01652 652166 Email: johnthompson35@btinternet.com.



Brigg Singers



Following on from their successful Summer Concert, Paul McCormick of Brigg Singers presented a cheque for £100 to Stewart Green and Mike Hughes of Men In Sheds, Brigg as a donation towards their running costs.

Brigg Singers is a community choir which meets every Monday, 7.15pm at Brigg Methodist Church and all are welcome. (No audition required).

So if you enjoy singing and have some free time on a Monday evening, come and join us. The next session is Monday, 7 September 2026 at 7.15.

Hestia School achieves Quality Mark for Holocaust Education



Hestia School recently welcomed guests to mark its achievement of the Quality Mark for Holocaust Education, recognising the school's sustained commitment to high-quality and meaningful teaching in this area.

The award builds on several years of dedicated work, following the school's successful application to join the UCL Centre for Holocaust Education's Beacon School Programme in 2020. Since then, staff and pupils have been actively engaged in developing teaching and learning, with representatives attending national events, contributing to professional dialogue, and supporting wider educational initiatives. This has included participation in a UCL residential programme in London, involvement in a podcast alongside Robert Rinder, and contributions to a forthcoming UCL online course focused on assessment

in Holocaust education.

The photograph shows guests gathered in front of a pupil-created display, which now serves as a permanent feature within the school. At its centre is the UCL Centre for Holocaust Education plaque, symbolising both the achievement of the Quality Mark and the school's ongoing partnership with UCL. Surrounding the plaque are a series of portraits and symbolic elements created by pupils. The artwork has been deliberately designed to place individual human stories at its heart, reminding viewers that the Holocaust was experienced by real people with identities, families and

futures.

The use of stars and fragmented text reflects themes of identity, loss and the impact of persecution. Through creating the display, pupils have been able to engage with these ideas in a thoughtful and accessible way, ensuring that the learning is both personal and reflective. Rooted in the school's ethos of 'every child a chance', the exhibit stands as a lasting reminder of Hestia School's commitment not only to understanding the past, but to helping young people develop respect, empathy and a sense of responsibility in the world today.

Update from the Mayor

Just a quick note from me, to give an update on what I've been up to in the first quarter of my second term as Mayor of Brigg. I'm very proud that my fellow Town Councillors put their faith in me to represent the town for a second year.

I was pleased to present cheques to the two charities my Town Mayor's appeal supported last year. Oikos and Alzheimers Society.

This year the Town Mayor's appeal is supporting Oikos and Lindsey Lodge. Both charities are dear to my heart and to many of you in Brigg. To kick start this year's appeal I received a generous donation to the appeal when I was invited to speak at the Brigg Trefoil Group, about being the Mayor of

Brigg. I hope ot was informative and entertaining.

My next fundraiser is the annual Brigg Town Mayor's Charity Golf Match at Elsham Golf Club. This is kindly organised by my fellow Councillor (and Deputy Mayor) Paul McCormick. If anyone would like to make a donation to the Brigg Town Mayor's Appeal please do get in touch with the clerk clerk@briggtowncouncil.gov.uk.

Looking forward to the year ahead, I will be proud to represent Brigg at the Civic Services across the region and also hosting our own Civic Service in October. I am looking forward to presenting the prizes for the annual Brigg in Bloom Garden competition in August and particularly excited about



leading the parade at the start of the 1940s Day on 20 September, along with "Winston Churchill". Fun Fact - The original Winston Church once stayed in Brigg at the Exchange Hotel!



I wish you all the best for what's left of the summer and hope to see you all at the 1940s and Classic Car event in September. Let's hope for a lovely Sunny Sunday afternoon.

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The premises has recently been redecorated.

HEWSON HOUSE NOSTALGIA

Offices served the public well for decades



Recent demolition of the former council offices adjoining Station Road and Bigby Street, will leave many Brigg residents with personal memories of this local government complex on the edge of the town centre down the decades.

Some will have worked there as council employees, while others attended meetings, inquired about rented council-owned houses or called in about domestic rates bills.

Local government administration began here during the 1930s. Brigg Rural District Council (RDC), which then employed relatively few staff, acquired use of a former domestic property, Arley House, fronting Bigby Street.

The RDC provided council services to various nearby villages, while Brigg Urban District Council (UDC) did likewise within the town boundary.

As a result of local government services expanding across the UK to meet the needs of a growing population, particularly for housing, Brigg RDC needed to expand its base.

Our picture from the mid-1960s shows the official opening of extensions.

Wearing his chain of office, Cllr Reg Harrison, second right, as chairman of the council, is seen unveiling a plaque to mark the occasion.

Brigg RDC did not have a Mayor for ceremonial duties,

as was also the case at Brigg UDC.

Cllr Reg became a Justice of the Peace, hearing cases 'before the bench' at the magistrates' court on Wrawby Street.

Brigg's Robert Crosby, who held the top administrative post - clerk to the RDC - is standing fourth from left.

He went on to become clerk and chief executive at Glanford Borough Council within the same office block.

The Rev David Evans (right) was a local vicar whose other roles included being Chaplain to the RDC's chairman and a teacher of religious education at Brigg Grammar School.

Behind the buildings facing Bigby Street was a council depot, or yard, adjacent to Station Road, with a large building housing council vehicles. A small bungalow nearby provided accommodation for a council employee, possibly the caretaker, for some years.

Glanford Borough Council took over this site upon its creation in 1974, following local government reorganisation undertaken by order of Parliament. The rural and urban authorities were abolished, with Brigg Town Council being formed at the same time.

Glanford Borough Council had to manage, maintain and let a large stock of homes-for-rent within Brigg, Barton, Broughton and various villages.



It also dealt with planning matters, administered the rating system, kept an eye on environmental health, managed some playing fields and sports grounds (including Brigg Rec), collected the rates (equivalent to today's council tax), had responsibility for Brigg Corn Exchange as a social venue, and built a leisure facility close to the town (now named Ancholme Leisure Centre) with adjoining sports hall.

Chief officers of the council, serving alongside Mr Crosby in the early 1980s, were Alwyn Robson (planning), Brian Lait (treasurer), Ken Horton (engineer and surveyor), John Maplethorpe (housing) and David Foster (environmental health).

Glanford councillors voted to add another extension to the premises during this period. Following a further local government review, North Lincolnshire Council was created in 1996.

As a 'unitary authority' it took over all local services previously provided by Humberside County Council (notably education and highways), Glanford Borough Council, Scunthorpe Borough Council and Boothferry Borough Council (for the Isle of Axholme).

With an influx of staff to meet this workload, North Lincolnshire Council further extended the complex in Brigg and also decided the premises should have a name.

The authority's choice was Hewson House, honouring a long-serving Brigg resident and councillor. George Hewson (pictured) became a councillor soon after Second World War service with the Royal Navy - being one of the first men in Brigg to be called up to play his part.

His business interests included a convenience shop on Colton Street.

George was initially elected to Brigg UDC and later served on Lindsey County Council, Glanford Borough Council, Humberside County Council, Brigg Town Council and the North Lindsey Water Board.

He was also a keen supporter of many Brigg groups and societies.

On Christmas Day, for many years, he visited patients at Glanford Hospital, on Wrawby Road.

Brigg Town Council used an office near Bigby Street during the Glanford and later North Lincolnshire eras before eventually moving to the Angel Suite, off Exchange Place.

Back in the 1980s, Brigg Town Council's monthly meetings were held in the same impressive debating chamber used by the Glanford. The council chamber had ornate tiered sections rising gently in rows from the Mayor's podium at the front to bench seating adjoining the rear wall.

Generally in attendance at meetings in the early 1980s

were reporters from the Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph, the Lincolnshire & South Humberside Times, the Brigg Star and sometimes the Market Rasen Mail.

Each member had a wall-mounted 'pigeon hole' in the members' room where printed copies of the following meeting agendas were left for them. Copies were also collected by local press reporters.

This arrangement saved the 'public purse' a huge amount in postage, as all 41 Glanford councillors served on every committee.

These sessions took place in a six-week cycle, culminating in a 'full council' meeting over which the Mayor, in full regalia, presided and various important documents were signed. Brigg returned three members to the Glanford authority.

During the early 1980s they were Cllrs Bill Smart (Westrum Lane), Derek Lawtey (Mill Lane) and Herbert Forman (Bigby High Road).

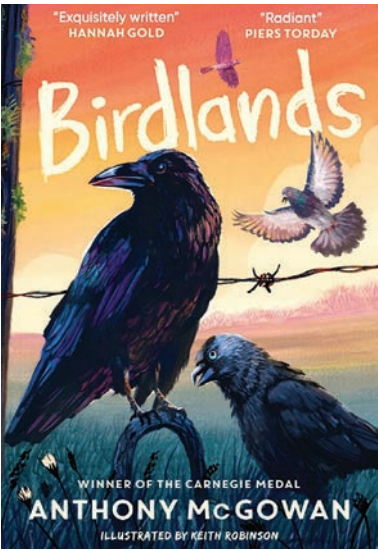
Prior to demolition, Hewson House had been empty for several years.

It was constructed as the 'New Town Hall' in the late 1960s for Brigg UDC which, by then, had outgrown cramped accommodation within the Buttercross, where council meetings were also held.

Staff then worked under the direction of 'Mr Brigg' - long-serving town clerk Joseph J. Magrath OBE



All Things Wild!



North Lincolnshire Libraries has created a new group to reconnect children and families with nature, by exploring our local habitat and learning about the wildlife within it. The newly formed group meets every other Thursday week in Brigg Library. 4 to 5pm term time and 1.30 to 3pm during school holidays.

Thanks to Tesco's Stronger Starts funding we can provide food for a healthy snack and

resources to support learning.

We are grateful to Brigg Town Council who have kindly allowed us to use the Millennium Green to explore the local wildlife and provided funding for the building of hedgehog houses and bird boxes. This ensures that young children and families are familiar and take pride in taking care of Brigg communities' local green spaces.

All Things Wild Group has already explored resources to identify birds, trees, insects and plant life. Experienced talks from Andrew Taylor, Natural Environment Specialist.

Hosted a Hedgehog care talk with guest speaker, Debbie Davidson from Andrew's Hedgehog Hospital

Carried out river dipping and insect identification with Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust.

The group members learn about All Things Wild and to help create areas where wildlife can survive and thrive.

The sessions are fun and everyone is welcome to join us. To book your places for All Things Wild please email your name and age to library. enquiries@northlincs.gov.uk with All Things Wild in the subject line.

Heard an author talk from Anthony McGowan on his new book Birdlands



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Brigg's Amazing Transformation

In 2025 we set about creating a garden out of the grassed area to the side of Brigg Methodist Church. This under the leadership of our Youth Worker, Grace Smith. From this space there has been the development of two raised beds, pathways wide enough for easy wheelchair access, and a number of distinct areas that create differing habitats. Grace subsequently started a Gardening group on a Thursday afternoon.

From the outset this was an eco-community project

Community because the plot is visible from Wesley Road and there are no restrictions to access so we wanted members of the community, including the youth groups, to feel as though they could contribute to its development. Delighted to say that this has been the case with folk offering plants, bulbs, blackcurrant bushes, grape vines and rhubarb crowns, bird boxes and bird feeders etc... Members of the Markham family have kindly provided a bench in memory of Brenda and Hubert.

- Eco because the church already has an eco-church silver award and development of the plot demonstrates our continuing commitment to environmental matters. The plot now has
- Beds of wildflowers
- A wild grass area with cornflowers and poppies together with apple and plum trees and the newly donated gooseberry bush.
- Composting facility
- A number of habitats promoting wildlife
- A rich number of pollinator plants
- Bird feeders. I'm no bird expert but understand we have had blackbirds, robins, thrush, blue tits, greenfinch and bunting
- Bird boxes and a hedgehog box provided by Men in Sheds
- Planting of a buddleia for additional butterflies, which will come into its own next year
- A small dead hedge area promoting slugs and snails and with it the birdlife



And in order to encourage involvement members of the congregation are all invited to bring used tea-bags that are then emptied out onto soil for the enrichment of the carbon content. Does this make them tea gardens; in which case we have Typhoo, Yorkshire tea beds etc...

To enable all this the church has installed a garden shed to house tools etc... This in part funded by

a generous donation from North Lincolnshire Council.

The development is ongoing and we hope to install a number of water butts. Maybe if we catch enough water it may also help minimise the occasional flooding around the traffic lights at the intersection of Barnard Avenue and Wesley road as well as our own car park which drains into that system!!

New Generations Church Brigg to launch this autumn with a vision for faith, family and community



A new chapter in Brigg's community life begins on Sunday 27 September 2026, when Generations Church Brigg officially launches, bringing a fresh expression of Christian worship, friendship and service to the town.

The new church will be based at The Angel Suite with the meeting starting at 3pm, a location that has already become familiar to many through community activity and connection. The launch follows a season of intentional relationship-building in Brigg, with Generations becoming increasingly involved in local events and creating opportunities for people to meet, connect and discover more about the vision behind the new church.

For Pastors Jo Read and Jo Parkin, the launch of Generations Church Brigg is not simply about starting another weekly gathering. It is about investing in the town, building relationships across generations and creating a place where people can explore faith, find belonging and encounter God.

The story of Generations began through the ministry already established in Louth and Grimsby. Over recent years, the church has developed a reputation for being outward-looking, community-focused and passionate about making faith accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds.

The name "Generations" reflects a core part of the church's identity: a belief that every generation matters, and that communities are strongest when children, young people, families and older generations journey together. That same vision is now being carried into Brigg.

"We believe every community has a unique story, and Brigg has a wonderful heritage, strong community connections and a real sense of identity," said the church leadership team. "We want to become part of that story; serving, listening and building friendships as we grow."

The journey towards the launch has already included several opportunities for Generations to meet local people and become involved in town life.

Serving Brigg through community events

Two of the first major opportunities came through the June Farmers Market, where there was free candy floss, face painting and tattoos plus a Generations favourite, the Duck Race, where the winner gifted his ice cream coupon to a local family together with lots of introductions and chats. Then at the Brigg Services event on Saturday 25 July 2026 where Generations Church Brigg took part in the event alongside other local organisations, celebrating the people who serve the town and helping create a space where residents could connect with those working to strengthen the local community. This event provided an opportunity for the church team to introduce themselves, share their vision and begin conversations with people who may not yet have been familiar with Generations.

For the team, being present at events like this is central to their approach. Rather than waiting for

people to come through the doors of a church building, Generations aims to be present where people already gather, listening to the hopes, questions and needs of the community.

A picnic bringing generations together

On Sunday 16 August, Generations will host a community picnic at Brigg Recreation Ground, providing a relaxed opportunity for families, friends and neighbours to spend time together.

The picnic will reflect the heart of the church's vision: creating spaces where relationships can grow naturally. Food, conversation and community are simple but powerful ways of bringing people together, and the event was designed to be welcoming to everyone, regardless of their background or previous experience of church.

For many people, their first connection with a church community is not through a service but through a conversation, a shared activity or a friendly invitation. The picnic is another step in building those connections.

Meeting the community at the Farmers Market

The next stage of the journey will take place on Saturday 26 September, when Generations will have a presence at the Brigg Farmers Market, just one day before the official launch. The market provides another valuable opportunity to meet residents, share information about the new church and invite people to join the launch celebration. Being part of established community events is important to Generations because the church believes that faith should be lived out in the heart of the places where people live and work.

A new church with a growing story

Although Generations Church Brigg is a new chapter, it is built on the experience and relationships developed through the church's journey in Louth and Grimsby. Those communities have shaped the values that the team now hopes to bring to Brigg: a commitment to welcoming people, supporting families, encouraging faith and serving the wider community. Pastor Jo Read, together with Jo Parkinson, describe their vision as one centred on hope, belonging and transformation. Their desire is to create a church where people can ask honest questions, discover the Christian faith and grow together.

The launch on 27 September will mark the beginning of that next chapter.

The team hopes that people from across Brigg and the surrounding area will feel welcome, whether they have been part of church life for many years, have not attended church before, or are simply curious to find out more. The launch service will celebrate the start of Generations Church Brigg and the beginning of a new journey with the town. For those involved, the message is simple: everyone is invited.

Generations believes that communities flourish when people know they belong, and its hope is to play a part in helping Brigg continue to thrive, spiritually, socially and relationally. As the church prepares to open its doors, the focus is not only on what will happen inside Oikos on Wrawby Street, but on the relationships that will be built throughout Brigg in the years ahead.

A new generation of faith, friendship and community is about to begin.

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Unique train spotted in Brigg

A unique train running along the Brigg Line attracted many spectators to the town’s station platforms and other vantage points.

This ‘sold out’ railtour in May gave railway enthusiasts from Crewe, Stoke and Derby an opportunity to ride along the Brigg Line, which features lengthy Kirton Tunnel (built by the Victorians). All seats in the nine carriages were eagerly snapped up.

But the main attraction locally was the sight of FOUR diesel locomotives providing the motive power - surviving members of a popular class of more than 200 built for British Railways between the late 1950s and the mid-1960s.

Two coupled together at the front of the train as it chugged through Brigg carried the dark green livery favoured by BR when the initial English Electric company Type 1s were introduced. The two pushing at the rear were painted in a later livery. A passenger train featuring four locos was a first for Brigg station, despite its very lengthy history. This special excursion took a circular route through various counties before returning to the Midlands.

Called The Worksop Whistler, it made a lunch-time refreshment stop in this North Nottinghamshire town to mark the 175th anniversary of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway completing its cross-country mainline to Grimsby via Worksop, Kirton and Brigg. After passing through our town, the train reversed at Barnetby and took the line through Market Rasen towards Lincoln.

Some Type 1 diesels (later re-designated Class 20s) used to visit Brigg, decades ago, to shunt freight wagons when the station still had an array of sidings.

Plan your journey with these helpful bus timetables

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Brigg White Horse		▼		▼		▼		▼		▼				1832	1924	2049	
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Humberside Airport entrance			0858		1101		1301		1501		1701						
Kirmington Limber Road			0901		1104		1304		1504		1704						

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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 _b 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 ^a _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	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	

4 bus times towards Brigg • Scunthorpe Sunday and Bank Holidays							
Service number	4	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 Barton - Brigg Mondays to Fridays except public holidays						
Service number	96	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	

96 bus times towards Brigg - Barton Mondays to Fridays except public holidays						
Service number	96	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	
Bonby Sheepdyke Lane	0922	1052	1352	1532	1732	
Saxby The Old Rectory	0926	1056	1356	1536	1736	
Horkstow Main Street	0930	1100	1400	1540	1740	
South Ferriby School Lane	0932	1102	1402	1542	1742	
South Ferriby Blacksmiths	0933	1103	1403	1543		
Barton Market Place	0940	1110	1410	1550		
Barton Rail Station	0942	1112	1412	1552		

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Darnall	d	0945		Grimsby Town	d	1327	-
Woodhouse	d	0950		Barnetby	d	1347	-
Kiveton Bridge	d	0957		Brigg	d	1353	-
Kiveton Park	d	1000		Kirton-in-Lindsey	a	1403	-
Shireoaks	d	1004		Gainsborough Central	a	1421	-
Worksop	d	1009	1015	Retford platform 2	a	1437	1459
Retford platform 4	d	1018	1025	Worksop	a	1449	1510
Gainsborough Central	d	-	1040	Shireoaks	a		1514
Kirton-in-Lindsey	d	-	1053	Kiveton Park	a		1519
Brigg	a	-	1104	Kiveton Bridge	a		1523
Barnetby	a	-	1109	Woodhouse	a		1529
Grimsby Town	a	-	1129	Darnall	a		1534
Cleethorpes	a	-	1145	Sheffield	a	1512	1542

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Oikos Offers Food & More to the Community



There’s a fresh look and an even broader welcome waiting for visitors at Oikos on Wrawby Street, as the community hub continues to evolve its services while remaining firmly rooted in its mission of caring for local people.

A New Name Reflecting a Bigger Vision

One of the most noticeable changes is the rebranding of the Oikos Food Bank, which is now known as **Food & More**.

While food provision remains at the heart of the service, the new name reflects something that volunteers have long recognised, that those seeking support often need much more than groceries.

Visitors are welcomed with dignity and compassion, and the service aims to provide practical help alongside conversation, encouragement and signposting to other forms of support where appropriate. The new name better captures the wider vision of meeting people where they are and responding to a range of needs, whether practical, emotional or spiritual.

The change also reflects the growing emphasis on community. Rather than being seen solely as a place to collect food parcels, Food & More is intended to be somewhere people can feel welcomed, listened to and valued.

As living costs continue to place pressure on many households, initiatives that offer both practical assistance and genuine human connection have become increasingly important. The rebrand is a reminder that caring for a community extends beyond filling cupboards, it is about helping people feel seen, supported and hopeful.

Encouragement for Every Home

Alongside the practical support available, Oikos has also expanded its range of Christian gifts with a new collection of inspirational scripture wall plaques and decorative wall hangings.

Featuring carefully chosen Bible verses and uplifting messages, the collection offers attractive pieces designed to bring encouragement into everyday life. Whether purchased as gifts for birthdays, baptisms, housewarmings or simply to brighten a home, the items combine thoughtful design with timeless words of hope.

Many customers appreciate gifts that carry lasting meaning and the new additions have already attracted interest from regular visitors looking for something both beautiful and faith-filled.

The expanded range complements Oikos’s existing selection of books, cards, devotionals and Christian gifts, making it an increasingly popular destination for those searching for meaningful presents that inspire and encourage.

In a world where many people are looking for reminders of hope and reassurance, the new displays provide simple yet powerful messages drawn from Scripture, offering comfort long after a special occasion has passed.

A Cool Welcome During the Heatwave

The recent spell of exceptionally warm weather presented another opportunity for Oikos to serve the local community in a practical way.

Recognising that prolonged high temperatures can be particularly challenging for older residents, young families and those without easy access to cool indoor spaces, Oikos opened its doors as a welcoming cold space.

Visitors were invited to come inside, enjoy the cooler environment, sit and rest for a while, and take a break from the intense summer temperatures.

To make the visit even more refreshing, volunteers also handed out free ice lollies, bringing smiles to children and adults alike.

Sometimes the simplest gestures can have the greatest impact. A cool drink, a place to sit, friendly conversation and a free ice lolly may seem small things, but during extreme weather they can make a real difference to someone’s day.

The initiative reflected the community spirit that has become a hallmark of Oikos, responding quickly to local needs with warmth, generosity and practical care.

More Than a Shop

Although many people first encounter Oikos as a Christian bookshop and gift shop, those involved are keen to emphasise that it has grown into something much broader.

The name, Oikos, the Greek word for household or family, captures the vision of creating a welcoming place. Whether someone comes in to browse gifts, seek practical assistance, enjoy a conversation, or simply escape the weather for a while, they are met by volunteers who are committed to serving the local community with kindness and respect.

Over time, this welcoming approach has helped Oikos become a valued part of Wrawby Street, with many visitors returning time and again..

The recent developments are all part of that continuing journey. Food & More reflects a broader understanding of community care. The expanded Christian gift range offers fresh opportunities to share encouragement and hope. The cold space initiative demonstrates a willingness to respond practically to changing circumstances.

Looking Ahead

As Oikos continues to develop its services, its focus remains unchanged, to serve the people of Brigg with generosity, compassion and hope..

For anyone who has not visited recently, there has never been a better time to step through the doors on Wrawby Street and discover everything that Oikos now has to offer.

Whether you’re looking for a meaningful gift, practical support, a friendly face or simply a warm welcome, whatever the season, you may well find exactly what you need.

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Brigg shows support for extra trains

Brigg has demonstrated that many people would be likely to support additional trains if our station received an improved service on a regular basis.

When the Northern company ran extra trains on two recent Saturdays, for special reasons, they were

used by lots of locals who boarded in Brigg. These additional passenger trains were the first to operate along the Brigg Line at weekends for three years, following the removal of a six-train Saturday service which had operated for decades. On Saturday, 16 May dozens of local people,

from children through to seniors, took advantage.

There was a choice of four trains to Grimsby and Cleethorpes and four to Sheffield via Gainsborough and Worksop. These were spread throughout the day from 7.24am to 10.33pm. The lunch-time 'Seaside Special' service to the east coast proved particularly popular (see picture) as did the early evening return run.

Credit is due to Northern for anticipating heavy demand and deploying two trains coupled together, doubling the seating capacity. Most of the passengers boarding in Brigg opted to spend more than five hours enjoying sea, sand and fish & chips in Cleethorpes. Others went to Grimsby, including a party from the Brigg Yellerbellies Local History Group who visited the Fishing Heritage Centre and enjoyed a guided

tour of its Ross Tiger trawler, moored in the adjoining dock.

Sadly, the weekend train services which operated in mid-May and late June seem very unlikely to be repeated on a regular basis over the coming months. The extra service provided on 16 May happened because the main route linking Sheffield with Cleethorpes (via Scunthorpe and Doncaster) was closed due to week-long engineering work.

TransPennine company trains, on the Saturday, were replaced by Northern's substitute service. On other days while the Scunthorpe line was out of action, buses (not via Brigg) were provided to transport passengers.

Northern went on to run an extra Saturday service along the Brigg Line on 27 June for the Cleethorpes Armed Forces Weekend - a major community event for this region. This time there was one Saturday train from

Sheffield, departing Brigg station at 9.20am (see picture) and arriving back here from the resort at 7pm. Northern currently provides one late morning Monday-Friday train from Sheffield to Grimsby and Cleethorpes, which sets off on its return journey early in the afternoon - giving passengers relatively little time to spend at their chosen destination.

Various calls for additional trains to be added to the regular timetable have been rejected due to cost and anticipated low demand. But the support shown on those Saturdays in May and June suggests an improved Brigg Line service would prove popular with local people. 'Super Saturday' (16 May) also saw some passengers taking the trains from Sheffield, Worksop and

Gainsborough to visit Brigg and see what our town offers by way of niche shops, eateries and licensed premises.



New Scouting roles for former Brigg Scout Leader



In Summer 2025, after over 20 years of Inspirational Service, Scout and Explorer Leader Simon Price bid farewell to 1st and 2nd Brigg Scout Group.

After two decades of dedicated service, the much-respected leader stepped down, leaving behind a legacy that touched the lives of hundreds of young people and their families. Simon’s 20-year service had been nothing short of transformative.

From weekend camps and international jamborees to hikes, kayaking adventures, gliding and late-night campfire stories, Simon had been the guiding force behind a generation of Scouts and Explorers discovering confidence, resilience, and lifelong friendships. But it wasn’t just

the adventures that set Simon apart – it was how he empowered young people to lead. A true champion of youth-led Scouting, Simon encouraged Scouts to shape their own experiences. He gave them the tools and support to plan their own expeditions, run their own meetings, and take ownership of their journey. For many, this approach sparked independence and leadership skills that extended well beyond the group’s headquarters.

“Simon always made us feel like our ideas mattered,” said one former Explorer Scout. “He trusted us to take the lead and supported us every step of the way. That’s something I’ll always remember.” Under his leadership, the 1st and 2nd Brigg Scout and Explorer Troops flourished.

He played a central role in growing the section’s numbers, introducing innovative programs, and ensuring every child – regardless of background, ability or need – had access to enriching opportunities. From teaching navigation and bushcraft to mentoring Young Leaders and organising unforgettable trips abroad, Simon opened doors that many children might never have walked through otherwise.

Parents, too, felt the impact of his unwavering commitment. Many have expressed their deep gratitude for the countless hours he poured into planning, training, and simply being

there for their children. “Simon was a constant in our kids’ lives – supportive, reliable, approachable and always smiling,” said one parent. “He helped shape them into the young adults they are today. We truly couldn’t have asked for a better role model.” Simon’s departure marked the end of an era. His influence lives on in every young person who now believes in their own potential, thanks to the experiences he made possible.

As Simon hung up his Brigg Scout neckerchief for the last time, the parents of Scouts and Explorers past and present contacted him offering their heartfelt thanks for his extraordinary service. The adventures may continue, but they will forever carry the mark of a leader who gave so much, so selflessly, for so many.

As Simon’s service with Brigg came to an end, he continues to play a key role within both North Lincolnshire District Scouts and Humberside

Scouts. Last summer, he was the lead volunteer who took a group of Explorer and Network Scouts on their Explorer Belt expedition to Vietnam – a significant and inspiring adventure. Simon also serves as a lead volunteer for the District’s Top Awards Team, helping young people achieve Scouting’s highest awards. He is also the District lead volunteer for the 14-24 age group working closely with his son, Theo, who is the North Lincolnshire Scouts District Youth Lead.

At County level, he is a member of the International Events Team, currently involved in planning an exciting expedition to Germany in 2027. In addition, Simon has already volunteered to be on staff at Poacher 2026, the international jamboree hosted in Lincolnshire. His continued dedication across all levels of Scouting is a testament to his passion and commitment to young people and Scouting. Thank you, Simon Price!

Update from St Mary’s Catholic church

Having found the period after the festivities of Christmas somewhat of an anticlimax, in contrast, events and activities have been numerous since celebrating Easter.

Several feasts were moved from their weekday dates to the nearest Sunday and the choir worked hard with the inauguration of weekly practice sessions to prepare special music for them. Amongst these we had an episcopal visit from Bishop Patrick McKinney, of Nottingham, our diocese. Parishioners praised the quality of the music and said how much they enjoyed it.

The most interesting event was the arrival of two priests from Cameroon, Father Edmond and Father Julius. They stayed three months. They came to experience life in an English parish before being posted to parishes in Nottingham diocese.

Having two extra priests working with him in two churches was a great help to Father Lim and for parishioners a privilege to have three priests concelebrating Mass. Whilst they were here, they gave talks about life in Cameroon, cooked Cameroon food, were generally present at coffee after Mass and became wholeheartedly part of the parish community. We shall miss them.

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BASH meetings to resume after summer break



Brigg Amateur Social Historians will be hosting a programme of illustrated monthly talks, with guest speakers, at St John's Church Hall, Bigby Street, from 2pm (doors open at 1.30pm). These will take place on the first Wednesday of the month - 2 September, 7 October, 4 November and 2 December.

Speakers and their topics will be announced through Facebook. See B.A.S.H. (Brigg Amateur Social Historians).

BASH reminds Brigg Times readers there is no membership or admission fee involved, and that it's a case of "all welcome."

A raffle is held at each meeting to help with costs. BASH's spring programme concluded in May with an excellent talk by Josie Webb relating to the many Old Pictures of Brigg which were projected onto a screen.

This event was very well-

attended (see picture) and greatly enjoyed by the audience, bringing back memories of shops which traded decades ago, historic buildings and some notable local characters. Among the archive images Josie discussed was one from 1948 showing Sheila's Cottage, the Grand National winning racehorse owned by John Proctor, of Brigg's Lord Nelson Hotel.

We briefly mentioned this 66/1 outsider's famous triumph in the last issue of Brigg Times. BASH members were told the horse's delighted owner put £5 behind the bar of every pub in town that weekend so regulars could celebrate his good fortune.

Back then you could enjoy a pint of beer in Brigg for as little as one shilling (5p in today's currency). So John's gesture was very generous indeed! BASH always takes a break during the warmest months of the year before resuming in September. Josie Webb will be

kindly contributing 'Buildings Through Time' articles in forthcoming issues of Brigg Times.

She will be explaining the social history of some of Brigg's old and prominent buildings, recalling the people who built them and the lives of some who lived in them. The Brigg Yellerbellies local history group has continued to hold monthly 'come along and chat' meetings at the Lord Nelson during late spring and early summer.

Among topics recently discussed was 'The Briggensian Mourned by Hitler'. Jack Clifton Creasey, educated at Brigg Grammar School during the 1920s, died aboard newly-launched Royal Navy submarine HMS Thetis, built in Birkenhead, when a fault sent the vessel to the bottom off the north-west coast.

All attempts to raise her proved unsuccessful. This 'sea

trials' tragedy, involving more than 90 sub-mariners, happened in May 1939 - a few months prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. Telegrams and letters of condolence flooded in from 'world leaders' who had followed the saga as it played out. Among them was one from Herr Hitler, Germany's Fuhrer (leader). David Waite, of Sir John Nelthorpe School's teaching staff, sent a very detailed article about Jack

Creasey and the HMS Thetis tragedy for inclusion in the Briggensians Association's Annual Newsletter 2026. Feeling this poignant story deserved a wider audience, the Yellerbellies read extracts during a recent meeting.

The Yellerbellies meet on the third Tuesday each month at the Lord Nelson, from 2pm. Admission free. Some members of the group recently enjoyed a tour of Redbourne village, viewing places of historic interest.

New Connnect2 bus service proving popular

Many Brigg people are already using the new Connect2 community bus service introduced a few weeks ago by North Lincolnshire Council.

It is very handy for making trips within the local authority's district and is accessible to everyone. If you have yet to register to use the service, it's a quick and easy process, even if you are not an internet user or don't possess a mobile phone. Call 01724 297777 and staff at the council-run call centre will key in a few details to get you onto the system. This number can then be used to book journeys. Alternatively, download the Connect2 (North Lincolnshire) 'app' for IOS or Android, register yourself and use this method for bookings.

Smart new buses operate the Connect2 service and our picture shows one setting off on another trip after bringing passengers to Brigg

town centre.

Various pick-up and drop-off points operate across Brigg to suit customers' own requirements. The buses are available Monday to Friday from 7am to 7pm, and from 8am to 6pm on Saturdays.

North Lincolnshire Council says Connect2 is already proving a major success, with much positive feedback being received from passengers. Leader of the authority, Cllr Rob Waltham (Brigg & Wolds Ward), has highlighted the importance of flexible and reliable public transport for local communities.

"We wanted to create a service that is easier to use, more responsive and accessible for everyone, particularly those living in our rural areas, and Connect2 is already delivering on that promise," he said.

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FISHER'S FOCUS

New use approved for former Servicemen's Club premises



Brigg is experiencing a vibrant mix of new beginnings and nostalgic reflections, highlighted by a series of recent local developments across the town.

Most notably, planning permission has been granted to breathe new life into the former Brigg & District Servicemen's Club on Coney Court. Having closed its doors after decades of serving as a popular social hub and live music venue, the empty building is now set to be transformed by Demeter House Limited. Approved by North Lincolnshire Council with the backing of Brigg Town Council, the site will become an educational facility for 16-to-25-year-olds with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), helping them gain vital life and work skills. The community-focused space will also feature a coffee bar, cafe, and a mother and toddler playgroup, ensuring the historic town-centre property remains a bustling asset rather than standing vacant.

Scalinis



Meanwhile, local celebration is in the air for Wrawby Street favourite Scalinis, which proudly brought home the Lincolnshire Best Fish & Chip Shop Award from the England's Business Awards Show in Nottingham, while Holidays by Design Brigg was similarly honoured as the county's Best Travel Agency.

Ancholme Way



Outdoor enthusiasts and history buffs alike have also been taking in the sights along the Ancholme Way riverside path following the recent Lincsquad Keyo Brigg Bomber sporting event. The race brought competitors past the prominent wall-mounted 'Spring's Delights' sign on the B&M store – a lingering tribute to the town's historic jam factory that closed in 1980. Local observers have suggested adding an informative plaque to help younger generations understand the site's rich manufacturing heritage, which once sat alongside major employers like Falcon Cycles and the Brigg Sugar Factory.

Loverose Way

Local sleuths are still working to solve a charming street-naming mystery: the origins of "Loverose Way," a picturesque name appearing on online maps and station guides for an unnamed access road behind Albert Street, even as new horse-themed developments like Clydesdale Way and Connemara Way officially take shape off Wrawby Road.

Post Box to Heaven



Brigg continues to blend cherished community traditions with everyday local life, as highlighted during the recent Annual Town Meeting in the Angel Suite. Among the town's most deeply appreciated community assets is the 'Post Box to Heaven,' located in the newer section of the cemetery. Serviced free of charge by Brigg Town Council, this special post box offers residents a comforting, postage-free way to send letters and cards to departed friends and family members. Easily accessible from the main Wrawby Road entrance, it stands as a touching symbol of ongoing remembrance.

Davy Memorial playing field



Life in Brigg is equally vibrant for younger generations, particularly on the Davy Memorial playing field near King's Avenue. Here, local youngsters frequently gather for casual football matches using permanent goalposts provided by the council. This free-to-use facility is a far cry from the 1960s and 1970s, when local children had to mark out pitches with jumpers and coats, debating disputed goals without the benefit of crossbars or referees.

Brigg town centre being compact



Beyond recreation, Brigg's compact and welcoming town centre frequently sees locals guiding wandering visitors toward popular spots like the Market Place, Coney Court, and Wetherspoon's White Horse. These small acts of hospitality often support the local economy, a dynamic likely to repeat as football fans travelling to nearby regional clubs stop for refreshments in the town.

Finally, as Brigg grows with new housing developments, newcomers eager to explore the town's history will find plenty of resources. Excellent starting points include the Brigg Heritage Centre in the Angel building, the community hub's library reference section, and monthly meetings hosted by local history groups such as the Brigg Yellerbellies and BASH.

Nigel Fisher.

SPORTS

Big crowd as Brigg Town host Scunthorpe United

Historic Brigg Town Football Club's latest campaign is now underway. A series of pre-season first team warm-up fixtures included a midweek home encounter against Scunthorpe United.

This attracted a bumper 1,356 attendance to the EC Surfacing Stadium, near Hawthorn Avenue, on a hot summer's evening (see picture). Many fans of The Iron joined home supporters to watch the local derby.

Complementary comments were received about Brigg Town's all-weather pitch (now in use for its second season) and off-the-field facilities provided by our Community Interest Club.

Scunthorpe, from the National League, won 7-1, with Reece York netting a second half consolation goal for the Zebras. Brigg went on to host Bottesford Town a few days later in the annual Ian 'Chalkie' Whyte Trophy game, in memory of a well-known former coach and player, the visitors winning 4-1.

The current league campaign began on Saturday, July 25 - a home 'derby' against Scunthorpe side Appleby-Frodingham. Founded back in 1864, Brigg Town FC's aims for the 2026/27 season include the first team gaining promotion to the top flight of the Macron Northern Counties East League (NCEL).

The Football Association has undertaken a geographical review of various competitions, with a number of clubs in the region being moved between leagues. However, Brigg remain in NCEL Division One and will be playing 42 league games, plus cup fixtures.

Most of the other teams are from Yorkshire. But Lincolnshire sides, in addition to Brigg and Appleby-Frodingham, are Immingham Town, Crowle Colts and Winterton Rangers.

Twice winners of the prestigious FA Vase national knockout competition, Brigg have been drawn at home in this season's second qualifying round. The Zebras will host Hemsworth Miners Welfare or



Dearne & District on Saturday, September 12 (3pm). Brigg arranged a nostalgic reunion a few weeks ago for players and officials from the squads which famously won the FA Vase in 1996 and then again in 2003.

These finals were held at

the original Wembley stadium in London and at West Ham United's Upton Park ground respectively.

Brigg Town's other sides for the 2026/27 season provide games for juniors (various age groups), ladies and veteran men.

Brigg cricketers join the 100 Club



Brigg cricketers join the 100 Club. Relatively few centuries have been scored in Saturday league matches for Brigg Town Cricket Club since its formation back in 1974. But two were recorded in the space of a few weeks as Brigg made a flying start to the current season.

Ashrafal Alam stroked 108 in the Lincolnshire Premier League Division Three North victory at Holton-le-Clay 2nds. Abdul Aziz then hit 121 in the win over Haxey 2nds at Brigg Recreation Ground, as Town topped the table. 'Ash' (left) and Adbul (right) are pictured here.

An emphatic home win over Normanby Park saw Sayed Abu perform the hat-trick, three wickets being taken with successive deliveries - another rare achievement for our local club.

The Rec was selected to host matches in a new T20 tournament launched by the county's Premier League. Rather than donning traditional 'whites', the players took to the field in shirts depicting their club colours.

In the opening game, Bracebridge Heath 3rds defeated Scothern 2nds.

Brigg then defeated Scothern, but lost to group winners Bracebridge in the afternoon's final fixture. Despite failing to proceed to the next stage of this 20-over competition, the Town team (pictured here) enjoyed the 'short format' competition. It was different to the usual 45-over league encounters, the club noted.

The Rec's large changing room complex with showers - provided by North Lincolnshire Council - easily accommodated the visiting and home teams. Some cricket-lovers from the

Lincoln area travelled north to watch this tournament, joining Brigg's faithful fans beyond the boundary.

Brigg's Saturday first teamers look set to finish high in the table, with the season's final game being away to Grimsby Town 3rds on 12 September.

Meanwhile, a Brigg team in North Lindsey League Midweek Division Two has been offering other squad members regular cricket. A social reunion is planned for former Brigg Town cricketers following the final home game of the campaign on Saturday, 22 August.

See this issue's What's On Listings section for details.



SPORTS

Ancholme Valley Way Parkrun Needs You!

Ancholme Valley Way parkrun is a free, fun and friendly weekly 5k community event where everyone is welcome. Whether you choose to walk, jog, run, volunteer or simply spectate, there's a place for you.

Our event starts at 9.00am every Saturday morning on the beautiful Ancholme Valley Way alongside the scenic River Ancholme in the lovely market town of Brigg. Over the past four years we have proudly hosted more than 200 successful parkrun events, bringing together people of all ages and abilities while promoting health, wellbeing and community spirit.

Ancholme Valley Way parkrun has become an important part of Brigg's community, bringing together local residents and visitors every Saturday morning. We'd love more people to become part of the team that keeps this fantastic event going.

None of this would be possible without our amazing volunteers. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has given up their time to help make our events happen.

Unfortunately, like many community organisations, we are now finding it increasingly difficult to fill our volunteer roster each week.

A small group of dedicated volunteers regularly take on multiple roles, but we need more people to help share the load. Without enough volunteers, we may have no choice but to cancel future events, as safety must always come first.

Volunteering is easy, rewarding and a great way to meet new people. There are a variety of roles available, many of which require little or no experience, and full support is always provided. You don't have to be a runner to volunteer—in fact, many of our regular volunteers simply enjoy being part of the parkrun community and cheering others on.

If you're a regular participant, could you consider volunteering just once every four to six weeks?

If you're not a runner but would still like to get involved, we'd love to welcome you too. Every volunteer makes a real difference.



If you would like to help, or simply find out more, please contact us at: ancholmevalleyway@parkrun.com. You can also scan the QR code to view our future volunteer roster or visit our website: www.parkrun.org.uk/ancholmevalleyway

With your support, we can ensure Ancholme Valley Way parkrun continues to thrive for many years to come.

"Parkrun isn't just about the runners – it's powered by volunteers. Why not be part of the team that makes it happen?"

Chris & Julie Event Directors, Ancholme Valley Way parkrun.

Brigg Defibrillators



For the last few years a fantastic group of volunteers called Brigg defibbers have "looked after" and provided status reports to a national organisation called the "Circuit" that report directly to East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) if a Defib has been used or is out of commission. During this time Rotary Club of Brigg looked after any monies that were donated to a fund to buy new machines. Due to Covid it became increasingly difficult to buy spares for the pads or batteries as the manufacturer introduced a new updated Defib and stopped making replacement batteries and pads.

Brigg Town Council stepped in and agreed a budget that pay for the replacement parts needed to ensure that Brigg defibs and boxes are kept operating. So with Brigg Town Council, EMAS and Brigg Defibbers the town and its residents are kept safe with effective Defibs. We are at present

searching for the most cost effective new defibs, as they all have a limited life span. Brigg Town Council with the support of North Lincolnshire Council are considering the implications of costing the replacement for the soon to be out of date machines. In the meantime, reassuringly, all of the Brigg Defibs are functioning.

Once the needs are agreed and new machines have replaced the outdated ones, we intend to run training sessions in conjunction with EMAS on market days in the market place. We will be also distributing cards with all of the positions of where the defibs are. If you think that someone needs a defibrillator RING IMMEDIATELY 999 and ask to be put through to the ambulance service and tell them where you are ringing from and they will give you a code to open the box and directions for the nearest Defib box. It's really good practice to know where the Defib boxes are. We have 7 around Brigg.

Please remember to ring 999 who will give you the nearest box and code. A big thankyou to the Brigg Defibbers, John, Anthony, Julie and Hayley. If you want any further information please contact the Clerk at clerk@briggtowncouncil.gov.uk Chris Darlington - Brigg Defibs coordinator.

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Our parkrun can't happen without you!

Even volunteering once every 4-6 weeks makes a huge difference.

You don't have to volunteer every week – just helping occasionally helps keep **Ancholme Valley Way parkrun** going for everyone.

parkrun events are run entirely by volunteers.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

MARSHALS
Cheer, encourage and keep everyone safe.

TIMEKEEPERS
Help time our participants each week.

BARCODE SCANNERS
A vital role to ensure everyone gets their time.

COURSE CHECK
We need someone to check the course regularly to keep it safe and clear.

IF YOU WANT OUR PARKRUN TO CONTINUE... PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

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Thank you – you really do make it happen!

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