



# BRIGHTWALTON NO BRICKLE

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Brightwalton School taking part in the act of Remembrance at The War Memorial this morning. Four children from Year 6 played The Last Post on their trumpets, which was very moving. In the centre is military veteran Colin Bell from the village and his granddaughter stands proudly next to him on his right.

## Carols by Candlelight at Catmore



We are pleased to announce that due to the overwhelming success of the Carols by Candlelight Christmas Eve service at St Margaret's Church in Catmore, Rev Miriam Keen will offer two services this year. The two services will give as many people as possible the opportunity to enjoy this magical start to Christmas Eve that has become a significant event in our calendar due the ongoing commitment of David and Carolyn Gardiner.

Services will be held at 2pm and 3.30pm and tickets need to be booked via: [visitchurches.org.uk/Christmas](http://visitchurches.org.uk/Christmas). Everyone attending will need to bring proof of booking.

If you are unable to book online please contact the Churches Conservation Trust on 01179291766 or email: [west@theccct.org.uk](mailto:west@theccct.org.uk).

This year marks the centenary of Remembrance Day. First observed in 1919 throughout the British Commonwealth to commemorate the armistice agreement that ended the First World War in 1918 —on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

On 7<sup>th</sup> November 1919 King George V issued a proclamation calling for a two-minute silence, where "all locomotion should cease, so that, in perfect stillness, the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead."

American academic Moina Michael returned to the US after working in Europe during the Great War. Inspired by the poem "In Flanders Field" by John McCrae she vowed to wear a poppy every year on Armistice Day, raising funds for servicemen, a tradition leading to the first sale of poppies by the British Legion in 1919.

In tribute to that poem Moina Michael wrote "We shall keep the Faith".

*Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,  
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!  
We caught the torch you threw  
And holding high, we keep the Faith  
With All who died.  
We cherish, too, the poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led;  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies,  
But lends a lustre to the red  
Of the flower that blooms above the dead  
In Flanders Fields.  
And now the Torch and Poppy Red  
We wear in honor of our dead.  
Fear not that ye have died for naught;  
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought  
In Flanders Fields.*

This year we raised £ 3202.16

Thank you to all the collectors and everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to all who turned out to help at the annual village working party, as always we had a wonderful and hard working team. A huge amount was achieved at the War Memorial, Dunmore Pond, the Play-ground and around The Village Hall. Thank you - **Brightwalton Parish Council**

## The Brightwalton Walk

A surprisingly large number of families turned up on the day with 120 walkers in total. There was a terrific atmosphere at the village hall with burgers, drinks and delicious cakes waiting for those who braved the wet and windy conditions. A big thank you to the organisers, stewards, chefs, servers and clearer-uppers. We will be able to announce the total amount raised shortly, when the match funding has been finalised.



From Clive Hooker, your District Councillor  
(no room here for everything—please see website)

I was fortunate as the Council's Vice Chairman to open West Berkshire Councils first **Climate Change** Conference which was held at Newbury College on the 28<sup>th</sup> October and introduce our local MP, The Rt Hon Richard Benyon, and invite him to give the opening address. I then had much pleasure in introducing the keynote speaker Tom Heap, well known for his appearances on BBC Countryfile. Tom gave a passionate presentation on the Challenges of Climate Change for West Berkshire.

**Market Street** in Newbury is set to close for up to five weeks from Monday 28 October. The closure will enable important infrastructure work required as part of the multi-million pound regeneration of the Market Street area. One of the first tasks required is to install a new sewer to serve the 200 new homes, and businesses, coming to the site. West Berkshire Council has granted a work permit to Cappagh to install the sewer and as a result the road will be closed between Mayors Lane and West Berkshire Council offices from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October and around 1 December.

**The M4** will be closed between junctions 6 and 8/9 over the weekends of 15-18 November and 29 November-2 December for the demolition of bridges and associated works.

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### Christmas Services in the Downland Villages of the West Downland Benefice

United Benefice Carol Service	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Chaddleworth	6pm
Carols by Candlelight at Catmore	Christmas Eve	2pm and 3.30pm by ticket only – <i>see separate notice for details</i>	
First Communion of Christmas	Christmas Eve	Leckhampstead	10pm
BCP Holy Communion	Christmas Day	Brightwalton	8am
Family Holy Communion	Christmas Day	Fawley	10am

Details of all services in the remaining parishes of Great Shefford and Welford with Wickham are available on the 'A Church Near You' website. And if you're away for Christmas you'll find services information for churches across the UK there too.

Revd Miri Keen writes...

#### *"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas ..."*

What are you dreaming of in the run up to Christmas 2009? Is it a gift or time spent with someone you love, a huge Christmas tree, or a more prosperous New Year? Whether we feel frivolous or serious this is the time of year when many of us believe it's OK to dream and that sometimes those dreams will come true. I'm pretty sure that's why *White Christmas* is still so well known, even in parts of the world where there will never be snow on 25<sup>th</sup> December! The story taps into our belief that at Christmas goodness, generosity and love will win the day and our dreams will come true.

That's exactly what happened at the first Christmas when the baby Jesus was born in Bethlehem. God's people had been dreaming that God would rescue them from the Roman occupying forces. God in his goodness, generosity and love did so much more. He sent his Son on a rescue mission to save all people everywhere from the oppression of sin and death. The dream of everlasting freedom became a reality. The Bible tells us of many occasions where God used dreams to show people the truth about themselves and about situations. When Saint Matthew told the story of Jesus' birth he showed that God used dreams to guide people. Joseph dreamed that an angel came to him and told him the truth about Mary's baby, that he would be called 'God with us' and that he should be named Jesus which means 'The Lord saves us'. He dreamed that he should take Mary and Jesus into hiding in Egypt so that Herod could not kill Jesus. The wise men were warned about Herod's plan in a dream and went home without returning to the palace. Dreams played an important part in helping those people to play their part in God's rescue plan.

Sometimes God uses our dreams and our hopes to help us to find our path through life towards him. So what are you dreaming of? Where does our good, generous and loving God fit into your dream?

May God bless you with his joy and his peace this Christmas.

#### BRIGHTWALTON PRESCHOOL NURSERY



This Autumn term I am pleased to say the Preschool has seen a steady growth in numbers. Our topic this term is transport and we have been learning about different signs and traffic lights. We held a 'traffic light' snack café and the children made traffic lights on their

toast with strawberries, banana's and green grapes. This month we have been busy making poppies and a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day and we visited Brightwalton memorial and held a minute's silence. We are now busily practising for our end of term Christmas show 'The Snowman' which we are performing on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Please join us on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 7pm for our Ladies Shopping evening to raise funds for Brickleton Babes and Brightwalton Preschool. A glass of Prosecco on arrival. We'd love to see you.

To enquire about places available for your 2,3 or 4 year old in the New Year, please contact Sarah Wheatley-Hince

#### BRIGHTWALTON SCHOOL



The school has been given the maximum award of five stars by Environmental Health for it's Breakfast Club, which enables children to be dropped off from 8.00am to help working parents. The school also now runs a Tea Time Club.

The school is also very proud to announce that they have again been awarded the Gold School Games Award. This award is given to schools which demonstrate the highest levels of participation, competition, pupil leadership and links with local sports club. The award was presented to Mrs Clarke by Olympic rower Katherine Copeland MBE. Congratulations Brightwalton School. We are very lucky to have a local school which offers such a wide variety of sports and after school clubs including cross country running, football, cricket, tennis, swimming to name a few.



With Christmas on its way, the **Loose Ends Homeless Charity** in Newbury would welcome some gifts for those who otherwise might not have any.

The items they are collecting are:

Boxes of chocolates, Pairs of unisex thermal gloves, Packs of cards, Travel- size board games, Mini torches

If you would like to give something, please put it the basket just inside the church door. The church is open, and these will be collected on Friday, 6 December. Thank you very much for your kindness



#### JUDO SUCCESS 2019

When Jack took up Judo we never imagined Olivia would take it up too let alone compete for their country.

**Jack Delahunty 2019** – January he decided to go for his black belt, we entered him into a Dartford competition to gain points, he won everything and eventually won his line-up and gained blackbelt in one event. He then went on to gain his Level 1 Coaching and is now qualified to coach Judo from 5 – Adult. He was then selected to compete for England at the Commonwealth Judo Championships in Wolverhampton, competing against his own country and others. After an amazing performance he came away with Bronze. Jack is now a Junior and fights 18-21 year olds but will be concentrating on his A levels for the next few months.

**Olivia Delahunty 2019** – Olivia has competed in a vast amount of competitions home and away for Regional England Development Squad where she has medalled every time. We entered her for the Commonwealth Judo Championships because she was a pre-cadet and only Cadets (class above) were selected. We knew it was going to be hard, but also after an amazing performance she won Gold. She has now gone up to Cadet and is at the bottom again, she has just had her first competition in Wales and came away with Bronze out of the 22 competing in her weight group. She is now being invited to train with the England Talent Development squad.

Both will be competing in December at the British National Championships Olivia as a Cadet and Jack as a Junior, its going to be a tough one but they are training hard and will do their best.

# Brightwalton School Christmas Fair

Saturday 14th December 2pm to 5pm

*Festive Fun for all the family*

- \*Santa's Grotto\*
- \*Grand Christmas Raffle Draw\*
- \*Crafts & Gifts Stalls\*
- \*School's Class Craft Stalls\*
- \*BBQ & Bar\*
- \*Face Painting\*
- \*Tea/Coffee/Cakes\*
- \*Kids Activities\*
- \*Mulled Wine\*
- \*Mince Pies\*
- \*School Choir Carols\*
- \*Free Entry\*



Common Lane, Brightwalton RG20 7BN



## BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

*See the Brightwalton website for a full copy of the minutes, plus other news and events – [www.brightwalton.org.uk](http://www.brightwalton.org.uk)*

The meetings of the September meeting were agreed and signed as an accurate record. There were no declarations of interest.

**ASPIRE Update:** J Draper reported that the revised plans, removing the construction of the gallery and room behind have been submitted to DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee). The committee are hoping for an answer before the New Year (although this currently seems unlikely) ready for a January launch of the fund raising events.

**PCC Update:** The Brightwalton Carol Service will be held 15<sup>th</sup> December. Ticket arrangements were still be discussed with regards to the Candlelit Christmas Eve Services at Catmore Church, details will be announced on the Facebook page and on the village website. Details to also be shared with Cllr Hooker for distribution in West Ilsley. Details of the Christmas Day services are still to be confirmed.

**WBC Update:** Cllr Hooker submitted a report prior to the meeting including a write up on the October Climate Conference. The event was attend by over 300 people from across the district and WBC were pleased to be joined by neighbouring local authorities. Tom Heap opened the conference and his address can be found on the WBC website <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/climateconference>. The report also stated a more positive outlook on the 20/21 budget and shared news on the latest highways updates. S Youldon to upload the full report to the village website.

**Matters Arising: Playing Field Benches & Goals:** S Youldon confirmed that a Parish Plan Grant of £1,185.52 was still available for this financial year and could be used towards the replacement of the goals. The Councillors agreed that the VHC should be asked to pay for the benches, S Youldon provided a quote of £250 for a recycled plastic option, this to be shared at the next VH Committee meeting (early December). Councillors reviewed the goal designs and requested a quote for mobile combination goals like West Ilsley has. S Youldon to look into and confirm back on email.

**Playground Maintenance:** Following the tidying work at the Working Party it had been noted that the woodchip around the small climber should be topped up. S Youldon has taken measurements and will confirm the required depth and provide details of requirement on email to the Councillors.

**2020 Mowing Contract:** Scofell had been asked to provide a price to continue the grounds maintenance contract for another 2 years. Price had been held at the 2018 level with an additional cost of £136.50 for the cut and clear the week of the fete. It was agreed that Scofell had been providing a reliable service and the price remained competitive. Councillors agreed the extension to the contract.

**2020 Meeting Dates:** The following dates were agreed for the 2020 meetings: 13<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> September and 9<sup>th</sup> November. S Youldon to book the Village Hall.

**Highways Update: Salt Bins** - S Youldon reported that 3 of the 4 salt bins were full ready for use, with the bin opposite Keepers Cottage half full. Councillors agreed the purchase of 120kg to top this up at the cost of £28.14 plus VAT. S Youldon to organise.

**B4494 Vehicle Activated Sign** – S Youldon had met with another Senior Highways Officer who has now taken on this project. It was agreed that the sign would have to be placed on the Byway side of the road for the Newbury bound traffic as there is not enough verge space on the other side. However the officer believed that the sign could only indicate the byway turn not the drive-ways on the blind bend and that it could only activate at 10% over the current speed limit. It was felt that this would limit the effectiveness of the sign, the Highways Officer has gone away to investigate further. S Youldon to keep in touch.

**Brickleton News Articles:** Suggestion of interviews with two local Judo stars, S Youldon to pass on to Mike. J Draper to provide details on the Christmas Church services, S Youldon to write up working party, Miranda Cooper is putting something together regarding the school open day and School remembrance service.

**Planning: 19/02656/CERTE Sheardon, Pudding Lane** – A Certificate of Lawfulness ref 15/03083/FULD had been requested with the applicants stating that work had commenced allowing for the 2015 planning permission to remain in place. The PC has to confirm if they believe the statement to be correct, Councillors agreed that the site should be viewed in person to confirm that work done was in line with the planning granted. S Sayers agreed to attend a site meeting, S Youldon to make arrangements. **The Old Rectory** – Councillors had met with the new owners in October to view their plans and current windows onsite, two planning applications had subsequently been submitted: **19/02753/HOUSE** Replacement of existing glazing units and secondary glazing insertions with slim line metal casement and timber units. Councillors agreed a response of No Objections. **19/02757/HOUSE** Installation of a ground source heat pump to provide an environmentally sustainable heating system for The Old Rectory and Coach House. Councillors agreed a response of No Objections. It was stated for the record that the applications submitted since the last meeting had been responded to as follows: **19/02102/HOUSE Hope Cottage** – Construction of Detached Oak Frame Garage – No Objections response sent 30/09 – WBC Granted. **19/02281/HOUSE West Glebe** – Construction of detached garage, two storey & single storey extension – No Objections response sent 14/10 – WBC Granted. **19/02388/HOUSE Old Trees** – Single storey rear extension and new porch to front – No Objections response sent 17/10. **19/02398/HOUSE 46 Brightwalton** – Thatch first floor extension, two storey rear extension and dormer window – No Objections response sent 21/10

**Finance:** Current account balance as of the 11/11 £8,672.55; business savings account balance £5,356.34. This includes the following transactions: Second Precept Payment £3,347.50; S/O HMRC Q2 PAYE £104.80; S/O S Youldon Q2 Clerk Wages £418.84; Chq 200043 06/10 Scofell September Mowing £223.70 (inc £37.28 VAT); Chq 200044 06/10 Imprint September Brickleton News £65.00; The following cheques were signed at the meeting: Chq 200045 11/11 Scofell October Mowing £223.70 (inc £37.28 VAT); Chq 200045 11/11 M Ananin Brickleton News Annual Expenses £79.99 (inc £13.33 VAT). Councillors agreed a transfer of £2,500 from the Current Account to the Savings Account. Confirmation had been received that there were no CIL payments due for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30 September 2019. 2018/19 CIL spending report has been submitted to WBC as required. S Youldon reported that the spending forecasts expects an under spend of £250 and a carry forward of £10,967 savings/contingency for the new financial year. S Youldon confirmed that the 20/21 budget will be circulated for the January meeting. Councillors suggested the following projects for the new financial year – tree planting in the corner of the playing field where the Cricket Club sheds were, and replacement of the cricket nets. S Youldon to also check on outstanding tree work; also consideration to be made for the replacement on the small climbing frame.

**The 2020 Meetings will be held 13<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> May (AGM), 13<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> September and the 9<sup>th</sup> November**

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