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Braunston Remembers: Crosses with the names of every person on the Braunston War Memorial were planted for Remembrance by the uniformed organisations. For full report, see p34

All Saints' Church Information



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BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

30th September William Hamer Burial of Ashes

31st October Lilian Allsop Burial of Ashes

17th November Doreen Bavington Funeral/Burial

Additional weekly services (Check website for any variations)

Wednesdays 18.30 Evening Prayer Ashby St Ledgers Church

Thursdays 09.30 Morning Prayer Welton Church

Saturdays 10.00 Celtic Morning Prayer Braunston Church

CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

2nd	Braunston	Service for Remembering Loved Ones	4.00pm
3rd	Braunston	Holy Communion	10.30am
10th	Ashby	Holy Communion	10.30am
15th	Braunston	Brass Band Carols	7.30pm
17th	Ashby	BCP Holy Communion	9.00am
17th	Braunston	Family Service	10:30am
17th	Welton	Carols by Candlelight	4.00pm
19th	Ashby	Lesson and Carols	7.00pm
23rd	Braunston	Lessons and Carols	6.00pm
24th	Welton	Holy Communion	10.30am
24th	Ashby	Crib Service	2.00pm
24th	Braunston	Crib Service	4.00pm
24th	Welton	Crib Service	6.00pm
24th	Ashby	Communion by Candlelight	9.00pm
24th	Braunston	Midnight Communion	11.30pm
25th	Braunston	Christmas Communion	10.30am
31st	Ashby	Café Church (village hall)	10.30am

Rector's letter

And we're off! The non-stop, edge-of-your-seat run towards Christmas:

Have you started baking? Shopping? Written your gift list? Noted the last posting dates? Worked out who is coming for food and when and what they can and can't eat? Have you bought the booze? Do you know if, this year, you are visiting Auntie Sharon or if Auntie Sharon is visiting you? Have you decided if you are going to a church event this year to sing some carols? Are you ready?

I don't know about you, but I'm exhausted just thinking about all that. The cost. The busyness. The expectations. And actually, those of us facing these stresses are the lucky ones. Blessed to have people to feed and family to visit.

It's easy to forget the joy and humility at the centre of it. But there is joy at the centre. And there's humility. There's a baby, wrapped in very simple cloths in a makeshift crib. A baby that grows up to be an adult who tells us we are loved, whether or not our Christmas lives up to what the advertisers are selling us. Who tells us to come to him when the burdens are too much. Who tells us there is hope. Whatever Christmas throws at us this year, let's keep our eyes open for the baby who knows the full range of ups and downs that life can bring. For those of you struggling with loss around Christmas, you're welcome to come to a service for remembering loved ones. A gentle place to stop and acknowledge loss before we carry on through the rest of the season.

In the new year, there'll be an opportunity to explore the story of Jesus a little more. Over 6 Thursdays, beginning on 1st February, I'm offering the chance to learn and discuss the Christian faith. This is for anyone who wants to find out about the Christian faith for the first time or revisit it after some time, with no strings attached.

However, you celebrate, I wish you all the love, hope, and joy of the season. And I hope that love, hope, and joy, will follow you into January.

Every blessing,

Kathryn

HRISTIMOUS

A Service for Remembering Loved Ones



New time:

Saturday 2nd December at 4:30pm

Braunston Church



DRUMING TOP

Friday 15th

7:30pm Brass Band carol evening

Saturday 23rd

6pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 24th

4pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Morning

10.30am Holy Communion

CLSHBY

Tuesday 19th

7pm Carol Service

Sunday 24th

2pm Crib Service 9pm Communion by Candlelight

WELTON

Sunday 14th

6pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 24th

10.30am Holy Communion 6pm Crib Service



Floodlighting

The complete **November** list

8th In loving memory of our beloved great grandaughter Ava-May. Always in our hearts

12th * Happy Anniversary Mick, with love

14th * For Victoria Garfield's Birthday

14th Loving Memories of Philip Binding: missed by Theresa, Rachael, Tom & families

28th * In memory of Chris Woods, friend & ringer

The **December** list so far...

3rd * In Loving Memory of Our Mum

5th * Remembering with love my darling wife Thelma on her birthday - Bob

6th In loving memory of Judith Old

7th In memory of Sheila

9th Remembering Alan Cope on his 90th Birthday. Love Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt xx

24th Carl Grant. Birthday Memories. Always in our thoughts. Sharon, Kyle, Siann & families

25th Happy Birthday Carol Middleton on Christmas Day. Love, Angela, Steve and family

25th Remembering Ron Middleton at Christmas time. Love, Carol, Angela, Steve and family

25th Treasured memories at Christmas of Alan Cope. Love Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt xx

25th Averil, John and son John. Sadly missed at Christmas. Love from all the family xx

27th * In memory of Philip Hutchinson

27th In loving memory of Bruce on his 80th Birthdav. Always with me. Liz

30th *Peter & Chris Grossart's Wedding Anniversary

The January list so far...

6th Birthday memories. Always in our thoughts.

Audrey, Dave, Jane, Sharon & families

8th * Lit by Bryan & Janet Stuart, to Commemorate our son Jonathan

8th Happy Birthday big brother Ryan. Love you. Little Sis, Diane x

13th * In memory of Peter Wenham, friend & ringer

20th * Happy Birthday Martin. Love Debbie

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline of 18th November 2023

* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

The current fee to light All Saints' is £7 per evening, although you can give more, and we ask that you try to keep the length of the dedication for inclusion in the BVN to not more than 12 words. The completed message with the donation can be left at the Post Office, but note that requests are only collected from the Post Office on the 18th of each month. Please mark the envelope "Church Floodlighting".

Friends of All Saints'

The Friends are dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the church building and its contents. We play no part in funding the clergy, staff or religious activities. We were formed when the building's future was threatened through lack of maintenance. We remain committed to preserving one of the village's most iconic buildings. Membership costs £2 a month, or £20 a year (minimum). Members are entitled to have the spire lit at no extra charge on a date of their choosing. We welcome new members and are looking for people to help us with events. Please contact the treasurer, Ralph Maltby, at 8 Mill Close, Braunston.

John Foster, secretary.foasb@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk



Facing issues with your laptop or tech?

I can get your devices back up and running in no time. My name is Tim Banks, and I am an IT support specialist based in Kilsby. With 30 years of experience in this industry, I have the expertise and knowledge to offer IT set-up and solutions for your homes or business. I offer my services in Rugby, Daventry and surrounding villages. I accept payments through BACS, PayPaI, cheque and cash. Whatever your IT requirements or problems are, I am here to help. After an initial phone consultation, home visits can be arranged or I can connect remotely to solve simple problems.

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Braunston Community Larder

This is a valuable resource for the village and visitors. It is on the left as you go into the church at the back. Donations can be left and those in need are welcome to access it as needed.



Tiny Treasures

Parent /carer and toddler group for preschool children. Tuesday mornings during term time 9.00am to 11.00am



We meet in the Parish Room, All Saints' Church, Braunston. The Church door will be open. Just come on in. Come along and enjoy playtime, stories, craft time and singing.

Singing for Wellbeing

SINGING FOR WELLBEING
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
Saturday 2nd December 3pm
All welcome for this informal singalong





CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

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Parish Council Information and News



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Chair: David Cary, Vice-Chair: Graham Newman

This list shows which councillor to contact for the area you live in:

Archer Avenue and Cross Lane	Alan Mawer	01788 890340
Ashby Road	Gordon Kemp	0800 002 9783
Church Road and Barby Road	Pete Morgan	07805 677559
Dark Lane	Sue Harrison	07769 589459
Eastfields	Jo Glover	07973 278052
The Green	Graham Newmar	07710 290265
Greenway and Closes	Adrian Honeybill	07787 556078
High St (Old Plough to The Green)	Caroline Gibbons	s 01788 899107
High St (A45 to Old Plough)	David Cary	07775 514840
London Rd, Hill Row, Old Rd, Marina	John Pomfret	07817 234727
Spinney Hill and Closes	Carrie-Ann Biggs	07796 712408
Welton Rd, School Cl, Maple Cl		0800 002 9783

Councillors can also be contacted by email. Addresses are councillors' names separated by a full stop and followed by @braunstonpc.org for example alan.mawer@braunstonpc.org

Forthcoming Meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the following meetings at Braunston Village Hall.

Forthcoming meetings:

4th December Full Council Meeting 8th January Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website at: https://www.braunston.org.uk/org.aspx?n=Braunston-Parish-Council

Parish Council Surgery

Councillors David Cary and Gordon Kemp will be in the meeting room at the Village Hall from 3pm to 4pm on Monday 4th December to discuss any questions or issues parishioners would like to raise.

Parish Councillor David Cary

I live on the High Street with my wife and our 2 border terrier dogs. We enjoy what the village offers and the canals. We have moored our 51ft narrowboat locally since 2017 which was how we discovered Braunston as a great village in which to live and the perfect base for our narrowboating.



Since living in Braunston, I have been involved in different activities relating to our community and areas of interest. I am passionate about the environment and changing our relationship with it to treat it as we would like it to treat us. I joined the Braunston Climate Action Network and serve as Treasurer of that group. I have also joined the committee of the Moorer's Association at Ventnor Marina where our boat is moored and am serving in the role of treasurer of that association. I enjoy the wonderful gardens that Braunston boasts and hope to encourage this in my role of Co-Chair of the BVGA.

I joined the Parish Council during lockdown when we were conducting virtual meetings. I look after the High Street from the A45 to The Old Plough (the area in which I live), so if any residents in that area want to discuss anything I am happy to do so. Please use my Parish Council email address which is david.cary@braunstonpc.org or just stop me when you see me walking our border terriers around the village, on the towpath or in Jetty Field. There is nothing like walking a dog to start up a conversation or raise your profile in a community and let you see for yourself what is going on. You can also pop in to the monthly PC Surgery at the Village Hall. I am one of the councillors at this month's event on the afternoon of 4th December with Gordon Kemp.

I am now Chair of the Parish Council and am the representative for the playing fields, Electric Vehicle charger points for the village and other sustainable energy provisions that can better provide for our children's future needs whilst seeking funding to provide this where possible.

When moving here, I was impressed by the community spirit and have continued to support events and activities to keep our village vibrant, and to serve the needs of our residents.



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This year's beneficiary – Braunston 2nd Scout Group Including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Post Boxes:

The Village Café – 31 High Street

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The Wheatsheaf - 10 The Green

Coffee Club – Wednesday to Friday 10.00am-1.00pm

Bar hours, weekdays from 4.00pm

Weekends from 12 noon

Collections: Saturday 9 December
Saturday 16 December
Friday 22 December



Suggested donation per card 10p
Any queries to:
keren.andrews@outook.com

Village Hall Information

Braunston Village Hall provides a facility for use by the inhabitants of the Parish of Braunston and the neighbourhood, As well as accommodating Braunston Preschool, it is used by many village organisations and regular users are listed below.

Wi-fi is available in the Village Hall. The network name and password are shown on the notice boards in the entrance corridor and the library.

To hire the hall visit the website: www.braunstonvillagehall.org.uk

Contacts for Village Hall activities

Please check with contacts listed below for information about holidays

Braunston Preschool - Monday to Friday 01788 891891 braunstonpreschoolcio@gmail.com

Pop Mobility	Lorraine	01788 890846	Tues 2.30-3.30	
The Hive	Valerie	01788 891975	1 st Weds 2.15-4	
Art Group	Alan	01788 890526	Weds 2-4	
Yoga	Sheila	01788 891831	Weds 7-8	
Short Mat Bowls	Bill	01788 891145	Thurs 2-4	
	David	01788 891183		
Brownies	Clare	07544 936589	Thurs 5.30-7	
Friendly Club	Jenny	01788 890186	2 nd and 4 th Mon 2-4	
Learn to Crochet	Gill	07711 742575	1 st and 3 rd Tues10-12	
History Society	Jenny	07943 792977	3 rd Tues 7.30-9	
Tilstory Society	Liz	07890 072487		
Climate Action	Abigail	07989 421836	1 st Weds 7.30-9	
Braunston Quilters	Laura	01788 890102	4 th Thurs 9.45-1	
Gardens Ass'n	Kate	01788 890340	2 nd Thurs 7.30-9	
Cinema Club	Arthur	01788 890508	Last Sat 7-10	



Sheaf Street Health Store, 20 Sheaf Street, Daventry, NN11 4AB 01327 312037





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Braunston C of E School

I write this at the end of a very busy week. We have welcomed many visitors into school – some new and some familiar. Hamish, our Pets as Therapy dog, continues to join us once a week to hear children read. This is something that the children absolutely love to do and Hamish seems to like it very much too – he loves to listen to readers with his eyes shut, whilst focusing on listening!

The week started with an odd socks day and children were invited to wear odd socks to show that it is okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination. This was the very start of Anti-Bullying Week which this year had the theme of 'make a noise about

bullying'. The children took part in a range of activities to mark this week.

On Tuesday, Mrs Bedi visited and shared lots of information about Diwali. The children learnt a great deal and were amazed at the length of material used to make a sari.

We held our school Remembrance Service on Wednesday. The School Council had organised and prepared the service. We also welcomed Regimental Sergeant Major Aidan O'Brien and Pete Morgan to lead it alongside Braunston School Council. We were joined by several visitors from the local community. Those children



who belong to uniformed organisations, such as scouts and guides,



wore their uniform for the day. The children showed great respect as they remembered the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. The week ended with a visit from Leah Peters from The Lighthouse Trust who shared an assembly linked to Anti-Bullying Week and that we are all different but we need to talk to each other to find out about our differences and celebrate them.





Jo Glover Naturopathic Herbalist

Opening for consultations 7th December

"This moment is all there is"

Rumi

To book and for further information and events

See herbalblessings.co.uk or phone 07359 110339

Braunston Marina

Clubs and Groups

Braunston Short Mat Bowls Club

CRASH, THUMP, 'Yeh!' 'Teatime!'

For a lot of laughter, some (very gentle) exercise and tea and biscuits, try the Braunston Short Mat Bowls Club.

No equipment needed.

Nearly every Thursday afternoon 2-4 pm at the Village Hall.

To check details, call Bill Adams on 01788 891145 or just turn up!

Braunston Ex-forces Breakfast Club

We meet at the Wheatsheaf, second Thursday 10.30am every month. Meeting dates: December 14th January 11^h

If you would like to enjoy a few hours with old comrades and new friends: phone George on 07512 707239 or email: geosue1@gmail.com

The Hive



Our QUILT RAFFLE for the COMMUNITY CAR, held on 14th October at the Village Shop, raised a brilliant total of £230. A big thank you to all who contributed and to Jay for having us. The lucky winner lives in Kilsby.

Do try our QUIZ which will hopefully keep you, friends and family entertained (or frustrated!) until the New Year. QUIZ SHEETS £1 are available now in the Village Shop and Your Café. Quiz First Prize is £25 and the closing date for entries is January 19th, 2024.

No meeting in the Village Hall in December as the Hive members are off for a Christmas lunch at Draycote Reservoir on 6th December marking the end of our second successful year.

First meeting of the New Year will be on Wednesday 10th January at 2.15 pm in the Village Hall. Contact: Valerie 891975

Braunston Village Charity

At Christmas, the Charity aims to provide a small gift to any villager who meets one of the following criteria:



- is over 90 years of age
- is a child under 18 with a physical, sensory or learning disability
- has a life-threatening/terminal illness or
- is in hardship emotional and/or financial

This year, the Charity has set aside a small budget for one-off grants for villagers in short-term hardship for food and toiletries. The Charity also has a small number of quilts available to distribute.

If you would like to suggest someone who might be eligible for a gift or for help please contact the Charity via the page on the Village Website or by using a copy of the application form from Kim Donald in the Village Shop.

A webpage for the Charity is hosted on the village website - https://www.braunston.org.uk/org.aspx?n=Braunston-Village-Charity

To be eligible, recipients must live in the village and the grant or gift cannot be to provide something that should be provided by the state.



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BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

Saturday December 30th 7.30pm in Village Hall

"Fisherman's Friends: One and All"

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Following the unexpected success of the band's debut album "No Hopers, Jokers and Rogues", we re-join them almost a year later, struggling with the pressures, pitfalls and temptations of their newfound fame, second album syndrome, and performing on the pyramid stage at Glastonbury.

Saturday January 27th 2024 7.30.pm in Village Hall

"The Full Monty"

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The original film with a multi-talented cast of actors.

Six unemployed men decide to put on a striptease show to raise money. The friends discover their inner strength to bare it all in front of the world.

A funny and heartfelt comedy to cheer us up in January.

You are welcome to bring your own picnic and your favourite drink & a glass

Tickets £4.50 members/£6.50 non-members

Please book in advance or tickets may be available on the door

Tel: 01788 890508 or: braunstoncinema@gmail.com

Braunston History Society



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday December 16th 12 noon for lunch at 12.30pm.

This year our Christmas get together will be in The Wheatsheaf, so no driving for anyone. There will be a lovely homemade beef casserole and crusty bread with mince pies and cream to follow.

Vegetable casserole if required.

Please let Jenny Coy or Liz Fraser know by Dec 8th if you wish to attend so I can let the Wheatsheaf have numbers. Individual payment on the day.

January 16th 2024 in the Village Hall as usual, 7.30 pm.

AGM to start. Election or re-election of officers. Volunteers welcome.

The Archives will be open and the recently donated Duncan Gallie Diaries will be available to look at, read and discuss. Mr Gallie was a well respected teacher at Braunston School, one of the rooms in the Village Hall is named after him. They date back to 1944 until his death in 1990. They are hand written and describe day to day life in Braunston. letters received, walks taken, trains and buses used, visitors and the occasional reference to world events.

Please can members renew their subscriptions.



Braunston Heart

We are here for you to contact when you are unable to collect your shopping, medication, change light bulbs or even to walk your dog. We will try to help with most things and will signpost where we cannot. 0800 002 9066 please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Braunston Walkers

Saturday 18/11/23

After meeting up at the village hall we were pleasantly surprised that it was dry as eleven of us strolled steeply up Ashby Road and onto the slightly muddy track. This track is a bit of a roller coaster and was muddy but by dodging the puddles we kept dry. There are brand new gates on the path which is part of the Jurassic Way and also the Via Beata pilgrimage route. Both of these paths pass through Braunston.

We paused at the top by the old well and in Nigel's absence I handed out some fluffy boiled sweets, well past their sell by date, that had lain for some time in my rucksack. We crossed the road and followed the field path down to the main road and into the picturesque village of Ashby St Ledger. The pub there is shut but the rest of the village is still very attractive. We passed the thatch roof with the thatch airliner once owned by a pilot and turned along another small road towards lunch. Staying on the roads avoided any more mud which helped us remain presentable when we reached the cozy White Horse at Welton. We were soon tucking in to steamy bowls of French onion soup and chips. A great lunch!

The beer was also fantastic as was the service. After lunch we followed the road out of the village and joined the canal towpath over the tunnel and home. We lost a couple of members at The Admiral Nelson. A great walk and again the weather was super.

For our Christmas Walk this year we will do a short stroll and retire to The Wheatsheaf for a chilli and that will be Saturday 9/12/23

Ray Scrivens. (<u>Rayscrivens@btinternet.com</u>)



Braunston Community Car

The Braunston Community Car is for you! It is a service operated by volunteer drivers for the benefit of any adult resident of Braunston (including in the marina).



Funded purely by donations, it is available for journeys for hospital, doctors and other medical appointments for all residents and to enable the less mobile to attend local clubs, the village hairdressers and to go shopping. Whilst priority is always given to health appointments, trips can be considered for other reasons but please be aware we are not a replacement taxi service.

To enquire or to book call 07984 412921.

Pre-booking essential, preferably with 24 hours notice.

As always our grateful thanks to Zak of Vinetree Automotive and also the Braunston Community Cafe for their continuing support.

Twinkle on the Green Sunday 3rd December 4-6pm.

Planned timetable of events:

Daventry Brass band from 3.55 – 4.15pm Lights are turned on. Daventry Brass Band continues until 4.55pm Papa George band plays for an hour.



Santa will be on The Green and tickets will be £3.50 per child, paid on the door. We have a fairground ride aimed at the under 10's which will be £2 a go. The Wheatsheaf will again have a stall outside selling mulled wine and hot chocolate. Food this year is a BBQ provided by the cricket club and the chip shop.

Inside the village hall will be the Braunston Singers, and dancers from Rhythmic Expression dance school to entertain whilst you browse a variety of stalls to purchase gorgeous Christmas gifts. There will be silk scarves, pottery, glass, candles, resin art, jewellery, rock art, Christmas decorations, felt art and not forgetting tables run by the Church and the Brownies; there should be something for everyone. Sue will be face painting and Hayley from EPL Bakery will be trying to tempt you with mince pies and other goodies. She will also be doing takeaway tea and coffee. Oh – and the raffle!

Unfortunately, Annie Burbage is unable to take dog Santa photos as planned. She will however be present to chat to and will be donating a photograph session as a raffle prize.

The roads will be closed again from 3.30pm for safety reasons and people manning the barriers (volunteers still needed). We will open up as soon as possible after the event to minimise disruption. Please do not park in the village hall car park (unless you are a stallholder) after 3pm as you will not be allowed to leave via The Green.

Any monies raised will go to paying for the event and other Braunston Heart activities. Merry Christmas from all of us at Braunston Heart and the Twinkle Team!

Jo Glover Kindness and Compassion

The Village Café

Firstly, a very big thank you to all our customers, supporters and volunteers. We have had an exciting year with upgrades to our kitchen equipment which have allowed us to expand our food offering, new volunteers, two new trustees and a change to the operating structure resulting in an even more happy and welcoming cafe for our customers. Our visitors' book has entries from as far afield as Australia, Canada and the USA with some wonderful comments about us and Braunston. A few famous faces have also dropped in for 'a cuppa'.

We have been able to help with funding for the Community Car, Scouts, Friendly Club, the lovely people who mow the lawn at the cemetery and of course the wonderful volunteers at the Braunston Canal Society who work so hard to keep the canal - our main artery - working and looking great.

Look out for a new bench on The Green which we have paid for, due to be installed care of the Parish Council. An incredible £558 was raised at our MacMillan coffee morning in September, exceeding last year's figure. If your club/society is seeking funding for a project or event, please get in touch as we may well be able to help. However, grants are only issued for use in Braunston.

If you have a happy and positive approach to life and would like to join our eclectic band of volunteers and can spare some time each month, drop in and have a chat.

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Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

AGM

How can Braunston respond to the climate crisis? Do you sometimes feel a bit powerless or overwhelmed by the scale of the challenge? Do you want to join with others to do something practical and local?

Why not come along to Braunston Climate Action Network's AGM to find out what's happening and get involved in shaping future projects. We're meeting at The Boathouse pub, where the installation of two EV chargers has recently been completed.

Wednesday 6th December, 7.30-9pm The Boathouse meeting room

Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions beforehand or need a lift please email abigailathome@gmail.com or call 07989 421836.

In other news...

We took part in an excellent and well-attended 'Green Libraries' event in Long Buckby on farming and wildlife conservation. We're also working with the newly formed Kilsby Residents Climate Action Group. We're meeting with representatives from the WNC Highways team and Sustrans to discuss opportunities for safer local cycling routes and infrastructure. And we're hoping to support Braunston School's ambitions to create a cycle/scooter shed and to monitor weather and air pollution.

January meeting

Our next meeting is in the old library at the Village Hall and open to everyone:

Wednesday 3rd January 7.30-8.30pm.

Active Travel

The long delayed public consultation on the Daventry Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan is finally underway and will be open until mid-January. You can find it and take part here: https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com.

Braunston Canal Society

The two BCS task parties in October were focused on clearing vegetation from the five lock bypass weirs. This, along with associated hedge trimming, offside mowing and clearing of accumulated debris, completed this year's lock maintenance schedule.







Before and after: Lock 1 bypass behind the drydock





The Society is always keen to welcome new volunteers so if you would like to come along and have some fun you can email us at braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com or phone/text us on 07817 435911. If you would like to see our previous activities check out our website at www.braunston.org.uk/bcs

Braunston News in the Daventry Express

I write in the Neighbourhood News column in the 'Gusher' about anything of interest from Braunston. If you or your organisation are doing something that might appeal to a wider audience, for example raising money for charity or winning an award, please let me know. I send my copy on Sunday evening for publication the following Thursday. Either email chris@multiplex.me.uk by noon on Sunday or put it through the door at 36 Welton Road.

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Braunston Friendly Club

We meet in **The Gallie Room at the Village Hall, 2pm to 4pm.**Members enjoy tea, cake, fruit and a variety of activities that are organised through the year. Please come along and join us to find out more about what we do. We have extra cups, cake and chat all ready for people looking to come along to their first meeting.

Sunday 10th December – Daventry Town Football Club Christmas meal. Booking essential and arrange your own transport. Please speak with Kate.

Monday 11th December – Christmas celebrations – 2pm to 4pm Music by The Fossils, Christmas Hamper raffle (Tickets £1. Buy as many as you like). Also Christmas cake, mince pies and Shirley's charity Christmas cosies will help us get into the Christmas mood. Please remember to bring a small present, gift wrapped, suitable for a man or woman. Today is the meeting where some members like to exchange cards. However, there is no expectation that you need to bring any cards.

Tuesday 12th December – Braunston School Christmas performance. Arrive for 1.15pm. Members only. Book your place and any transport arrangements with Kate.

Wednesday 20th December – Braunston School Songs around the tree. Arrive for 9.50am. Members only. Book your place and any transport arrangements with Kate.

Monday 25th December – no meeting today!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a Happy Christmas. We thank everyone who has supported the Friendly Club during 2023, Community Car drivers, our table team, Members' helpers, family and friends, Pre-school staff, Village Hall Committee, Braunston School, DACT volunteers, fund raisers, speakers, activity organisers. We appreciate the time that you have given.

Monday 8th January – How did we get here? – 2pm to 4pm Kate will be finding out how we all came to be in Braunston, be ready with your stories!

Monday 22nd January – A quiz afternoon – 2pm to 4pm More details to follow in the New Year

For more information telephone Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340 or go to our page on the Braunston website.

Braunston Community Café (Your Café) GRANTS FUND

Although the original community café known as "Your Café" ceased trading in July 2021, we have continued to allocate grants from the remaining funds to village groups and societies for projects. Since the Steering Group first began awarding grants from the surpluses in 2015, there have been 59 successful applications totalling £26,874 over the past 9 years. This is a tremendous legacy and there are still some funds available.

At the end of 2022 we had a balance of £4793 available for further grants (excluding two grants committed but undrawn totalling £1600 making a bank balance of £6393). During 2023 we have paid out three grants totalling **£2199** contributing to the new toilets at the Preschool, a projector screen for the Scouts and a Troll Bridge for the School's new playground. We currently have a total of £4194 in the bank of which **£359** is still available for grants. The maximum grant is £1000 and we support applications where there is some investment being made, typically for the purchase of capital items with longer-term benefit.

Our constitution is on the Braunston village website along with the grant application form. You can find us by searching under 'Clubs & Societies' and we are listed in various sections including charities, community, and volunteers.

Once these remaining funds have been allocated in full, or at the 1st December 2024 latest, the Steering group will be wound up and the bank account closed. Any remaining funds will be given proportionally (50/50) to the two bodies who provided finance for the opening of the original café; namely the PCC for All Saints' Church and the Parish Council.



Braunston Village Gardens Association

The BVGA are holding the AGM on Thursday 7th December at 19:30 in the Village Hall. Anyone interested in gardening and maintaining an attractive village are welcome. We also need people to help on the committee or at BVGA run events in various roles. It doesn't have to be an arduous task or take up much time and is a good opportunity to have a chat with other village residents with an interest in gardening and what works in a changing climatic norm.

David Cary, Co-Chair BVGA

Braunston Community Garden Shop

We have re-stocked the shop at the village hall. Our regular Sunday opening will start in March but please get in touch if you would like to buy compost, fertiliser, canes, bark or twine before then.

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Alan: 01788 890340 a.mawer@virgin.net









Sunday 12th Nov Thanksgiving & Remembrance

Young People from Scouting & Guiding paraded in uniform with flags to All Saints' Church for a short service giving THANKS for good things, as well as solemn remembrance

Rev Kathryn was delighted to see so many people filling the church and led a reflection on "why do we do this every year?"

Promises were renewed by the Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Guides & Scouts.

The service then moved outside to the war memorial where a scout read the Kohima Epitaph:

> "When you go home Tell them of us & say, For your tomorrow, We gave our today."

and extract from The Fallen

"they shall not grow old....we will remember them."

Wreaths were placed. Then the traditional placing of crosses bearing the name of every Braunston resident killed in both world wars. The names of each was written on the back of the crosses.

The silence was then observed and ended with a poem and blessing:

"Go out into the world in peace....may the road rise to meet you......"







Braunston Village Scout group is constantly maintaining & improving our meeting place as well as our equipment. Following the Thanksgiving Service we would like to thank:



The Community Cafe (& previous incarnations) for supporting: us 'going electric' all our camp lamps are rechargeable battery operated, a projector screen for movie nights and this hand kart for moving stuff at camp:



Cummins Daventry As part of their community program a team spent a morning decorating & improving our building. Also they have made a substantive cash grant to enable us to make our building more wheelchair accessible.





Features

Braunston Then and Now Theatre Project

December marks the end of our year-long project. It has been an amazing year in your friendly and welcoming community. We have met writers, researchers, performers and stage crew and we hope they will all continue to make theatre locally. Three plays have been written and staged with input from pupils of Braunston School and adults who live in Braunston and Daventry, a tremendous output in just 10 months. Give yourselves a big pat on the back. This is a quote from the feedback we got when we asked what the best bit of taking part was:

"The buzz of putting on a show, acting and seeing it come together, everyone playing their part, meeting new people and becoming a sort of supportive family all with the same goal."

The starting point, was the centenary of the boatmen's strike, but thanks to local history researchers and various national archives we gathered wider stories about Braunston in the 1920s and beyond. We'd hoped to contribute to the village archives and we want to add material we sourced, including a copy of *A Cut Through Time* with the lyrics to the Braunston Pub Song.

As for the future – Braunston Players are planning a Murder Mystery, written for the company by one of our writing workshop graduates. Fancy being in it or helping out in some way? Another one of the local actors who took part said the bit they enjoyed most was:

"getting out of my comfort zone and trying something new"

Maybe 2024 is the year you try something new? Get in touch and we'll pass your details on.

At the time of writing there were still a handful of *Braunston Then and Now* Calendars for sale in the village shop for £6.99. The money raised from the show raffle and the calendars will support local good causes as well as support the costs of putting on the show. For example we have helped Braunston Preschool buy some sensory play equipment for working with toddlers with special needs, and supported Braunston Brownies pack who have taken their fire safety badge.

We would like to thank the editors and readers for all their support during 2023. Braunston – we will miss you!

Joanna and Kate

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The death of Cephas Goddard RN at the Battle of Jutland – 1st June, 1916.

In Braunston, the huge loss of life amounted to 32 dead, disproportionate to that of similar villages and we don't know how many returned to Braunston, severely wounded or mentally scarred by having seen the horrors of it. One of these stories is the short life of Cephas Goddard RN,

Cephas's service record began on 13th November, 1908 when he was 12 years old. He is recorded as having a height of 5' 8"— tall then for a boy of that age



- with a 35.5 inch chest, dark brown hair, blue eyes and a 'fresh complexion.' He was a cadet at HMS Victory, a collective name for the various training establishments in Portsmouth..

His next and final posting was to HMS Hecla, renamed HMS Fortune, commencing on1st January,1914. In 1916, under the command of Lt Crd FG Terry, they engaged at the Battle of Jutland, the only full clash of battleships in WWI. It took place over two days, on 31st May and 1st June in the North Sea, near Jutland, Denmark, and involved 250 ships.

Cephas was killed in action on the second day of the battle. By this time, he held the rank of Engine Room Artificer 2nd Class. The ship was one of a destroyer-flotilla of four, screening the rear of the British Grand Fleet. In the fog of war, at 11.20 am on 1st June, the flotilla encountered unknown ships and went to investigate. At 11.30 they came under heavy fire from what transpired to be a fleet of German battleships, including SMS Westfalen. HMS Fortune soon went down on fire. Working in the engine room, Cephas never stood a chance, and would have died a horrible death. He was then aged twenty. Only one man from HMS Fortune survived, and he was rescued by the German Navy.

Fourteen British and eleven German ships were sunk in the Battle of Jutland, with 6,094 Allied and 2,551 German servicemen killed. Both sides claimed victory, but the result put an end to the German plan of destroying a substantial portion of the British fleet and unlocking its blockade on German ports. That continuing blockade, played an important part in the final implosion of Germany in 1918.

Cephas Goddard's name is remembered with honour on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, and also the Braunston War Memorial, which has recently been restored again, sponsored by Braunston Marina.

Other news

Braunston Village News

The BVN is published jointly by Braunston Parish Council and All Saints' Church. There are 11 editions each year from February to December.

Please submit material for the BVN by the 18th of the previous month to bvn@braunstonpc.org or hand in on paper to the Post Office counter.



Wanted - Used stamps postcards and old coins

Any stamps old or new any age, any coins old English and foreign or notes. All accepted to raise money for animal charities.

2023 total so far - £4413.20

Thank you. Please keep sending to Val Ward at 51 High Street Hope we can reach £5000 by the end of the year.

Bin Collections

Each year West Northamptonshire Council issue a calendar of bin collection dates that runs from December to November the following year. At the time of the BVN going to print the calendar starting in December 2023 had not been put on the WNC website.

Small electrical items and batteries can be recycled by putting them in a carrier bag and leaving on the lid of the black waste bin.

Batteries must not be put in any bin.

Delivering the BVN

Please contact Deb Hope if you would like a little exercise delivering the BVN in the village. There may be a regular round available or you can be a 'temp' for when someone is away or ill.

deb21low@gmail.com





BVN Deadline - February 2024 Edition

The next newsletter will be published on 1st February. Please submit to bvn@braunstonpc.org or the Post Office by noon on 18th January.