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A workday on the canal for the Braunston Canal Society (see pages 34—35)

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

5 th	Braunston	Holy Communion	10.30
12 th	Ashby St Ledgers	Holy Communion	10.30
	Welton	BCP Holy Communion	09.00
19 th	Braunston	All Age Service	10.30
26 th	Welton	Holy Communion	10.30

SINGING FOR WELLBEING



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First Saturday of each month.
3-4pm. Braunston Church
parish room.

Rector's letter

I've just had the pleasure of a garden filled with families with children ranging from 1-11. We used all our senses as we looked for signs of spring, planted seeds, found the colours of the rainbow in a variety of plants, made a pond for wildlife to drink from, ate sausages and toasted marshmallows. This month's theme for Outdoor Family Church was "New Life", and it was all around us. The ground, the sky, the plants - all pulsating with the energy of spring. I've told the story of the Resurrection of Jesus many times, but it's best told outside on a sunny day when the meaning of life over death can be sensed so immediately.

There are 2 big questions about the resurrection of Jesus. The first is "did it happen?" I'm confident it did for many reasons. My first degree was in history, so I appreciate the sheer volume of evidence. I also believe in the value of science as a human tool for understanding the natural world. It can't explain everything, though. To try to force science to explain the super natural is, I think, an abuse of science. But of course, to believe in the resurrection will still take faith alongside the historical evidence.

Once the first question is answered, if you can believe that God can interrupt God's own created order, then the second question is "so what?" If love is stronger than hate, and life is ultimately stronger than death, then the resurrection of Jesus changes everything. It brings hope. The life-force that we experience surging up from the ground in

spring is also available to bring new life within each one of us. And if Jesus rose from the dead, it proves that what he said about himself is true, and that attaching ourselves to him is the way we can experience this spiritual spring.

This has definitely been my experience. If you'd known me 20 years ago, you'd see what I mean. But there might be other people around you that have similar stories. You might have one yourself. On the 18th May, Braunston Church will be hosting some pilgrims from Peterborough for lunch and a sing. I believe one of them might even be a bishop (if he manages the walk – but certainly one of his colleagues). They and I and a few of us from the church will be celebrating our stories of new life with some of our favourite hymns. We'd love you to join us for a good old sing and some of these stories. If you'd like to book in for lunch, please email me at revkathryn@outlook.com, or just turn up for a singalong at 1pm.

May you know the new life we celebrate too.

Every blessing,

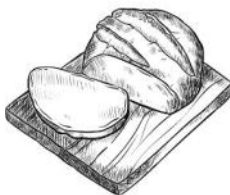
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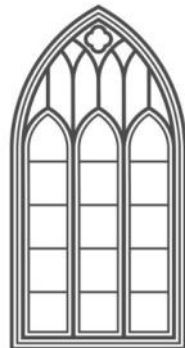
SONGS OF PRAISE

& stories of faith

SATURDAY 18TH MAY
12:20PM
BRAUNSTON CHURCH



Lunch at 12:30
(please RSVP)
Singing from 1pm



CONFIRMATIONS

Confirmations will take place on
Sunday 19th May at 10:30am.

To discuss confirmation and for details on preparation,
please speak to Rev Kathryn



see: www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmation

Benefice Prayer Chain

To join (or rejoin) our email
prayer group, or
to request prayer,
please email

Jenni Burton:

jenniburton00@gmail.com



Floodlighting

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".

Floodlighting 2024

The **April** list so far ...

1st - * Janet & John's Wedding Anniversary

3rd - * Happy Birthday Pat

5th - * Love to all the family, from Geoff & Jean

5th - * In loving memory of Brian & Margaret Phillips, love Jane, Tim & pups xx

9th - * Happy Birthday Rosemary 9th April. Always In Our Thoughts xx J & K

13th - To Granny. Happy birthday. Love, Evan, Henry and Lochie x

14th - Missed every day since 14 April 2010 Jayne. Much love. Mum, Dad and Vicki

21st - Dear Jayne should be here to celebrate your 40th Birthday. Mum, Dad & Vicki xxx

24th - In memory of my darling Chick two years from his leaving me

26th - * Julie's Birthday

27th – In loving memory of our beloved great granddaughter Ava-May on her 14th birthday

28th - In loving memory of Mum & Dad, Laura & Eric Kibblewhite, who were married on the 28th. April 1954. With love from the family

The **May** list so far ...

1st - Remembering a very special day 25 years ago

4th - For John

5th - * Rowena & Mark's Wedding Anniversary

5th - * Brian and Marty's Wedding Anniversary

20th – Darling Phillip taken too soon. My Forever Love, Light and Soulmate. Sandy x

21st – Happy 14th Birthday Katelyn. Love Mum, Dad, George, Alicia & Stanley xx

* = Friends of All Saints – **A huge Thank You**

Please take note—These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline—18 th April 2024
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Hitting the high notes

Readers of a certain age will remember The Singing Nun, The Singing Postman, and even The Singing Detective (though that was only make-believe).

Here in Braunston, we have our own addition to the roll call of unlikely warblers – The Singing Vicar, who decidedly is not make-believe.

Now hang on, you may say, vicars are always singing, and quite often we rather wish they wouldn't.

Yes, but what they *don't* do is perform in opera. And what they don't have is a classical training as a professional singer.

Braunston's very own Kathryn Evans, rector of this parish, does indeed have such credentials – and next month we shall witness her talents when she joins the soloists in *Songs for a Summer's Evening* at All Saints' Church.

Kathryn, who hails from Australia, trained with the Sydney Conservatoire and sang professionally at the Sydney Opera House, although she modestly insists "That was only with a choir."

Music brought her to this country – and eventually Braunston – with the professional Sydney Chamber Choir 22 years ago.

"I briefly flirted with professional singing" she says "and occasionally earned some money at it".

The semi-professional singers of *Voci Vivo* return to Braunston by popular demand on Saturday 8 June and Kathryn is joining them for the evening.

Tickets are now on sale, with an "Early Bird Discount" price of just £10, at the Village Shop and other outlets throughout the village.

An eclectic mix of music is promised, from opera classics to favourites from the musicals. There may even be a few surprises – and not just discovering a vicar who really can sing.

John Foster

Secretary, The Friends of All Saints

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Voci Vivo return to Braunston with

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The Friends of All Saints

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Membership costs £2 a month, or £20 a year (minimum subscription). All members are entitled to have the spire floodlit at no extra charge on a date of their choosing. To subscribe, please contact the treasurer, Ralph Maltby, at 8 Mill Close, Braunston.

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



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SATURDAY, 15th JUNE

12.00 noon – 3.30pm

Village Green & Village Hall



*Prizes

*Barbecue

*Tea & Cakes

*Raffle

*Stalls

*Children's Activities

A very big Thank-you

A very big THANK YOU to Rev. Kathryn Evans and the whole of the All Saints Church Family for my baptism on Easter Sunday and my wonderful welcome into the church community at the age of 81. A lifetimes' ambition finally achieved. Mavis Grace Eley



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.

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.



This year, members of our churches will be doing sponsored activities in May to raise money for Christian Aid. Please keep an eye out for details.



Parish Council Information and News



Clerk: Steve Rolt

c/o Braunston Village Hall, The Green,
Braunston, NN11 7HW

t: 0800 002 9783 (Freephone)

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	07753 210625
Church Road and Barby Road	Pete Morgan	07805 677559
Dark Lane	Sue Harrison	07769 589459
Eastfields	Jo Glover	07973 278052
The Green	Graham Newman	07710 290265
Greenway and Closes		0800 002 9783
High St (Old Plough to The Green)	Caroline Gibbons	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:

11 th May	Annual Parish Meeting - 2.30pm
13 th May	Full Council Meeting - 7.30pm
3 rd June	Full Council Meeting—7.30pm

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website at:

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Braunston Parish Councillor

Sue Harrison

Like many others I first came to Braunston by boat. I ran a shop from my boat and opened the Boat Shop at Bottom Lock.

I was a teacher for over 30 years and I am very much involved in our family farming business here in Braunston. We now run a Wedding Venue on the farm as our diversification. Both our daughters have returned to live in Braunston with their families.

I joined Braunston Parish Council in 2015 because I consider the Parish Council should be the expression of local views to influence local policy. I hope that by listening to the opinions and ideas of other residents, it is possible to achieve this.

I am also involved in the Braunston Twinning Association. A group of us will be visiting our friends in Quincy-Voisins this May and will be presenting them with a painted Buckby can to commemorate our 40 years of Twinning and friendship. If you would like to know more about our activities please get in touch.

We have a vacancy on the Parish Council and I would encourage anyone who wants to be engaged in making decisions that help to shape the environment in which we live, to consider applying.

A successful Council needs diversity in outlook, experience and age of members. Training is given and is very useful, but we need members who can bring a common sense approach and look for viable outcomes.

If you are considering the role and have some questions, do give me a call and I will be happy to help. 07769 589459

Parish Council Meeting

Don't miss the chance to come and hear what your Parish Council and other groups are doing within the village. You may find an area where you would like to contribute. Join us at the Village Hall at 2.30pm on Saturday 11th May.



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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

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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 Tues 10-12
History Society	Jenny	07943 792977	3 rd Tues 7.30-9
	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	Gill	07963 821052	2 nd Thurs 7.30-9
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Children were taught and shown that reverence is a profound respect and love and that this is demonstrated through our behaviours, attitudes and feelings.

Despite being a short term, we endeavoured to provide rich opportunities for our children in order that they were able to 'Learn for life in all its fullness'. John 10:10. This included numerous sporting events, with a particular highlight in winning our basketball heat and moving onto the finals and on a separate note, a whole school visit from our MP, Mr Chris Heaton-Harris.

Our Year 6 children also went on their residential, we enjoyed a Book Fair, FOBs Easter Egg Hunt and the whole school watched a performance of The Railway Children. We all believe that these experiences are so important for the children, and I am grateful that the staff share this vision and work hard for our school community.



Mrs Vanessa Chamberlain retired after working with us for thirty-one and a half years. She has been an invaluable member of our team. Many of our parents remembered Mrs Chamberlain when they were

students at our school, and we cannot begin to count how many members of the school community she has supported. Mrs Chamberlain will be greatly missed. Chris Heaton-Harris MP congratulated Mrs Chamberlain on her long service to the school and our community.

Lianna Willis (Headteacher)



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To enquire or to book call 07984 412921. Pre-booking essential, preferably with 24 hours notice.

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The Hive



OUR MAY MEETING is on
Wednesday, May 1st, at 2.15 pm. In the Village Hall

A chance to hear about the History of Weedon Depot
- a part of our heritage. -

Open Meeting. - Visitors welcome £3

COFFEE MORNING - WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 10.30 am.

The Wheatsheaf



SATURDAY, MAY 18th, at 7.30 pm.

Do come and join us for a happy, energising evening !

Return Visit to Braunston Church

RUGBY MALE VOICE CHOIR

Tickets:£8 inc. wine/juice, available from Village Shop, Cafe

Contact: Valerie. 891975

Braunston Friendly Club

We meet in **The Gallie Room at the Village Hall, 2pm to 4pm.**

Throughout 2024 we will be celebrating our 60th birthday. We are a growing village group and enjoy meeting new friends, so do visit us on any of the dates shown below.

We enjoy tea, cake, fruit and a variety of activities that are organised through the year. Come along and find out more about what we do. We have extra cups, cake, chat and a cheery smile ready for visitors arriving at their first meeting.

Both of our April meetings are ideal for you to see what we are getting up to these days at the Friendly Club.

Monday 13th May - River Nene Boat Trip – Meet in the bus bay at 10am. Home by 4.00pm.

This activity is for those who have prebooked with Kate. Please remember to bring your own lunch, soft drink and weather appropriate clothes. We will provide tea, coffee and cake.

Monday 27th May – Bank Holiday – no meeting.

Monday 10th June – Garden visit to Bragborough Hall –2pm to 4pm as usual.

We are delighted that members will have the opportunity to visit Odette and Geoff's lovely garden. Friendly Club will be providing a scone tea in the garden. Open to members only.

We have booked a DACT bus to take us to the garden. Community Car passengers will be collected, as usual, to take you to the Village Hall for 2pm. At 4pm the Community Car will pick you up from the Village Hall to take you home.

Please note that anyone can visit Bragborough Hall Gardens on **Sunday 9th June** when they are open to the public to raise money for **Macmillan Cancer Support.**

THANK YOU

We are fortunate that other village organisations enjoy linking with the Friendly Club.

We would like to thank **Bill, Denise, Colin and Richard from Braunston Bowls Club** for organising a wonderful afternoon in April. We thoroughly enjoyed having a go at Short Mat Bowls. They meet on Thursdays 2pm to 4pm, why not go along and try it for yourself.

For more information telephone **Kate 01788 890340** or email [**mawerk@hotmail.co.uk**](mailto:mawerk@hotmail.co.uk).

For Jenny telephone **01788 890186.**

BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

Saturday May 25th 7.30pm in Village Hall

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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 CAN (Climate Action Network)

We are a group of Braunston people who are promoting policies and taking local action about climate change. For example, we recently found out about a community heating scheme in a street in a part of Cornwall that reduced each householder's annual energy bills by an average of £628.

We have a busy and evolving project list including EV charging points, active travel, the tree trail and many more. We discuss projects and members choose to help with ones that interest them and that they can support.

You would be very welcome to join us. Please message 07989 421836 or 07554 264742 or use the contact information under climate emergency on the Braunston website.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st May in the Village Hall.

Braunston Heart

We are looking for volunteers to join our team. It would be great if we could find one or two more call handlers - we are fairly quiet but need to be able to cover for work, holidays etc. This does not mean manning a phone but simply keeping an eye on your emails and being prepared to deal with any requests. We also need a secretary – again – this is not an arduous role. Please phone and I will talk through the details. Thank you.

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.

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Jo Glover, Kindness and compassion

Braunston Gardens Community Shop

We have various types of compost to choose from whether you are sowing seeds, potting plants or conditioning the soil.

We sell a range of fertilisers to help plants grow. The shop also has bark chips, canes, twine, liquid tomato feed and volcanic rock dust to restore soil nutrients at competitive prices.

Visit the community shop at the back of the Village Hall on Sunday mornings from 11 to 12. We will also be open on Saturday morning 11th May from 9.30 to 12. Deliveries are available on request.

26th May is our last Sunday opening this year but do get in touch if you find you need items after that; we may have some left.

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Plant Sale

Saturday 11th May

9.30am to 12 noon

Braunston Village Hall NN11 7HW

All plants are priced between £1 and £5

BVGA Garden Store - OPEN

From 10am, visit
Braunston Bakes



and

The Jetty Field Workday

“Pop along to the Braunston Pop Ups”

Braunston Village Show– Saturday 7th September 2024

Yes, it's that time of the year again!

Planning is well underway for the annual Village Show which will be held, as usual, in the village hall.

The 2024 schedule is available on the BVGA Show pages of the Braunston website so do take a look to see what is happening.

Photography class titles for this year are:

Wood, Red, Still Life, Urban Landscape, My Family and Other Animals and Creative Fun.

Handicraft classes:

There are the usual favourites and open classes of patchwork, drawing, embroidery etc. also 'a collage for Christmas' and 'make a soft toy for a baby from any materials'.

Everyone is welcome to enter our show so please encourage your friends and family to enter.

There is a slight change to prizes this year, adults will no longer receive cash awards and children will be awarded medals as well as prize money.

The paper copy of the schedule will be delivered through your door during July so look out for that!

We look forward to seeing the brilliant entries in due course.

You can contact the Show Secretary, Gill Astley, via the email contact on the BVGA pages of the Braunston website or by phone – 07963 821052.



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BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday May 21st 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Tim Coghlan will talk about past rallies and the one to come this year to be opened by POIROT on 'Diana the Dredger'.

“TWENTY YEARS OF THE BRAUNSTON HISTORIC NARROWBOAT RALLY”

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The Twinkle Team

Duck Race. This will be held on Monday May 6th. The Admiral Nelson are kindly running this again for us. First race 10.30am. Buy your duck number at either The Old Plough, The Wheatsheaf or the Admiral Nelson. Refreshments will be available to purchase. The Canal & River Trust have a new policy relating to reducing plastic waste. To comply we have to keep hold of the ducks this year in order to reuse them in future.

Summer family day. Sunday 25th August. Braunston Paddock cricket team will again be helping out on the day running activities. Local group ReWire will be playing and All About Everything will be returning after entertaining us so well last year. An inflatable obstacle course suitable for all has been booked – sounds a lot of fun! We are hoping to have a bar too. More details to follow as confirmed. Make contact if you would like to run a stall or run an activity.

Twinkle on the Green. This will be on Sunday 1st December, so put the date into your diaries.

Would anyone like to join the Twinkle Team?

Monies raised from any event/fundraising activity goes to paying for community events and to support villagers.

Jo Glover

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Braunston Canal Society

March was the last opportunity for BCS to undertake vegetation control without disturbing nesting birds. Both task parties this month concentrated on offside and onside cutting between top lock and the tunnel entrance.



Considering how much rain we have had the crews were very lucky to have good weather.



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



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Scouts Prepared for summer

2nd Braunston

We've been busy during the Easter Break improving our Den and our equipment ready for the arrival of Squirrels and the camping season in Summer.

Thanks to community grant 5 tents have had all their damaged poles replaced and a new 6 berth tent is on its way. Cubs and scouts look forward to camping this Summer.

We have a mountain of craft materials sorted and ready for Squirrels, Beavers & Cubs.

A new hot water heater in our kitchen was just-in-time for spring cleaning. Outside the grass was cut. Our now famous 'Cub' garden at the front has been extended over a rough area ready for Squirrels and Beavers to join the gardening fun and delight passers by:





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Squirrels

2nd Braunston

On the 15th of April, 2nd Braunston scouts held their first ever Squirrels meeting for 4 and 5 year olds. A small group of children attended the first meeting, and all had lots of fun, and went home happy with a sticker, balloon, a cake, and of course, smiles on their faces! We hope to have more fun next week, and more children have been invited to attend.



For more information about Squirrels, please contact Jason at:
GSL@braunstonscouts.co.uk or call 07909 541141

Braunston Walkers

Dunchurch 7 miles Saturday 20/4/24

We set off from the car park of the Green Man pub in Dunchurch along the Southam Road with cars whizzing by and then turned right down to the relative peace of Toft House passing some curious Alpacas. The weather was bright, wall to wall sunshine with a slight chill in the air, almost perfect walking conditions. We had twelve out today and we arrived at a gate with views all the way across Draycote reservoir, with Staverton in the distance and also Shuckburgh and Napton. Fantastic!

Our route took us steeply downhill to reach the corner of the reservoir. A feature of this lovely walk is that despite dropping downhill there are no real uphill bits! The reservoir was opened in 1963 and is massive. We wandered along the path around the reservoir and I recalled that last time we walked here I was wondering what I would write about when the Battle of Britain flight, Spitfire, Hurricane and a Lancaster flew low over the lake. Not this time as we walked being frequently overtaken by joggers and cyclists enjoying the Spring day.

When we reached the dam we followed a path down to reach the road that leads to Draycote village but we turned right and then joined a path through Draycote Meadows nature reserve where the field was covered in bright yellow Cowslips gently nodding in the breeze. In amongst these were lots of small purple orchids and once one was spotted you couldn't miss them. A fantastic sight at this time of the year. We paused to enjoy Nigel's sweets before walking through the village of Thurlaston and on to Dunchurch and a great, good value lunch at the pub. A great day out!

Our next walk is 18 May when we walk in the Dockland Area of East London. The coach picks us up on The Green at 8 o'clock.

Then 15/6/24 probably Brixworth and 20/7/24 West Haddon

Other news

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.

2024 total so far - £1366.56

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 for May

Wednesday	1 st	Food and Garden
Wednesday	8 th	Food, Recycling and Waste
Wednesday	15 th	Food and Garden
Wednesday	22 nd	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	29 th	Food , Garden and Waste

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.

Braunston Village News

The BVN is published by Braunston Parish Council and All Saints' Church. There are 11 editions per 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.

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.

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