



# BRAUNSTON **Village** NEWS

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Welcome back to the paper edition of the BVN. Please see page 15.

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21<sup>st</sup> May - Ian Simpson

26<sup>th</sup> May - Graham Carne

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on page 4

## All Saints' Church is to remain closed

The government have announced that it is possible for churches to open for private prayer, however, we are unable to meet all the conditions and so, sadly, the building will remain closed for the time being.

We are having to rethink what it means to be church and how we do church when we are not able to meet together.

The church community continues to love and care for one another and we are joining with others to care for our village.

**Sunday Worship at Home:** We cannot meet for Sunday worship but there will be a short pre-recorded Morning Prayer and talk from Rev. Nat and an all Age Worship service posted on our YouTube channel – All The Saints Online Church and Facebook page each Sunday morning:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNzK6YCHjao8ad4IPVx4cdg>

<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsBraunston/>

A hard copy of the service can be mailed to those who prefer it, or who are not able to access online resources.

In addition, the Church of England will live-stream a service each Sunday at 10am and then available to watch afterwards. There are other prayers and resources on the website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/>

**Mid-week Communion Service:** Rev Nat will lead a short eucharist service using Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Please contact Nat for details of how to log-in.

**Keeping in touch:** We are holding a weekly coffee and chat at 11.30am on Sunday mornings via Zoom and the pastoral team are in regular telephone contact with all who would like it. Maggie, our parish nurse, is still working with members of the community and available to support those who need her help. Please contact Rev Nat if you'd like to keep in touch in this way.

**Supporting the Village:** The church community are closely involved with Braunston Heart (pages 24 - 25) and the Food Share and Care (page 23), providing food and support to those who are in particular need during the pandemic.

Peterborough Diocese have a daily 'Thought for the day' available each day at 9.30am:

<https://crosskeysmag.org.uk/?p=3306>

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## Vicar's letter

### Try praying

According to a recent survey, 3 million people in the UK have turned to prayer since the lockdown began, sales of Bibles have gone up by 55% for just one online bookstore and more people are now viewing church services online or on the TV than would normally attend.

It appears then, that the Covid-19 crisis has caused many of us to think again about issues of life and death, whether there is more to life, or maybe it's just that we realise we need resources outside of ourselves to help us.

I believe in the power of prayer. I believe in God who created us, and continues to care for us. Prayer is a conversation with God. We do not need to use fancy words, liturgy or set prayers, although these can help. We can pray out loud or silently. We can pray anywhere and at anytime. Pete Greig, from the 24-7 prayer movement says that 'God wants to meet with us more than we want to meet with Him.' He is always there, never slumbers or sleeps (Psalm 121:4) and will reach out to us when we talk to Him.

Have you tried prayer? Would you like us to pray for you? If you would like to talk to me further about this, please do give me a call or pop by the Rectory. Alternatively, you can find help at [www.trypraying.co.uk](http://www.trypraying.co.uk)

Whatever you are doing to help you get through this difficult time, I pray you will know that God is with you and be blessed.

Rev Nat



## **Hi, Maggie here - your parish nurse,**

Braunston is a wonderful village and it has shown its true values throughout this crisis. Braunston Heart emerged with support from the Parish Council and many others, leading to so many of you volunteering to support your neighbours. I hear so many stories too of how individuals are helping each other - and of course the cake fairies!

I am so grateful to be employed by a church who are outward looking and are very much committed to the well-being of the village. The help for vulnerable families and the Food Share for anyone in need are just a small part of some of the practical help provided. Now, being able to access the church services online is amazing, especially for those who are housebound but derive great benefit from their local church, hearing and seeing the services from their own vicar.

You also may be weary of hearing about coronavirus and I realise it has given rise to anxiety in many. I have enclosed the link to the 'Every Mind Matters' website. I would encourage you to take the little 5 point quiz, newly released from Public Health England, which generates a personal mind plan with different options to choose.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/your-mind-plan-quiz/>

I want to be there to support you in any way I can, so please get in contact with any issues you would like to have a chat about. I'm available 2 days per week, usually Wednesdays and Thursdays. You can leave a message by phone or email below, and I will reply when I am back at my desk.

As usual, if you have any medical concerns, contact your GP or 111 if out of hours and 999 if an emergency.

If you think you may have coronavirus symptoms such as high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, please contact the NHS coronavirus website  
<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

If you don't have access to the website, telephone 111.

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## Church Floodlighting

As there was not a full distribution of the BVN in April, May and June, we are republishing the dedication lists from those issues and updating with recent entries.

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

### March

- 13<sup>th</sup> - \* In memory of Chris Woods, friend & ringer.
- 15<sup>th</sup> - \* In memory of Ada Littlemore, Boatwoman.
- 15<sup>th</sup> - To celebrate Gez and Colin's 45th wedding anniversary.
- 20<sup>th</sup> - \* For Richard, with love on his birthday.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Remembering our caring and wonderful mother Gladys Elizabeth Wood – Your loving family.
- 26<sup>th</sup> - \* Wedding Anniversary for Judith & Nigel Sykes.
- 27<sup>th</sup> - \* Pat and Alison's Wedding Anniversary.
- 28<sup>th</sup> - \* Our Wedding Anniversary. Jean & Brian Branch.
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Remembering Pat Edwards on her birthday.

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \* Janet & John's Wedding Anniversary.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \* Happy Birthday Pat.
- 5<sup>th</sup> - \* Love to all the family, from Geoff & Jean.
- 6<sup>th</sup> - \* In memory of our dear friend Nen. From all Friendly Club members, at home, but together.
- 9<sup>th</sup> - \* Happy Birthday Rosemary.
- 15<sup>th</sup> - To celebrate Barbara and Richard's 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.
- 19<sup>th</sup> - (Primrose Day) - \* In loving memory of my wonderful parents, Alan and Nancy Matthews on this their 76<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Rest in Peace, together again.
- 26<sup>th</sup> - \* Julie's Birthday.



## May

3<sup>rd</sup> - Dad, Tony Gilbert, forever in our hearts and in our thoughts, Love always. Steve, Jo, Daniel and Jessie.

5<sup>th</sup> - \* Rowena & Mark's Wedding Anniversary.

5<sup>th</sup> - Birthday memories of Roger Thompson. Love & miss you Bro.  
Sally xx

23<sup>rd</sup> -Thinking of you Braunston, from all at LNBP Narrow Boats.



## June

9<sup>th</sup> - \* On our Anniversary.

12<sup>th</sup>-\* With love to the Morgan girls and their families.

13<sup>th</sup>- \* Patsy & Colin wish to send love to all Friends and Family.

24<sup>th</sup>-\* Happy wedding anniversary Trevor and Angela.



## July's floodlighting so far ...

6<sup>th</sup> July - \* John & Sally's Wedding Anniversary.

8<sup>th</sup> July - \* Jeff & Tracy's Wedding Anniversary.

Unfortunately, as noted in the May and June editions, the lighting system developed an electrical fault prior to 9<sup>th</sup> April. We are sorry for the disappointment that this will have caused to all those who enjoy seeing the spire lit and especially to those who have requested it to be lit to celebrate a special occasion. At the time of going to press, it has still not proved possible to get an electrician to fix the fault.

We will honour all requests for lighting that should have taken place during the time that the lights have been inoperable with a floodlighting at a suitable alternative date after the lights have been repaired.

## Parish Council Information and News

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### **Parish councillors and areas of responsibility:**

Alan Mawer, Archer Avenue and Cross Lane	t: 01788 890340
Chris Johnson (Chair), Greenway and closes	t: 01788 891597
Graham Newman (Vice Chair), Marina, London Rd, Hill Row, Old Road	t: 07710 290265
Pete Morgan, The Green	t: 07932 362768
Jo Glover, High St from Old Plough to The Green incl Chapel Court	t: 07973 278052
Vacancy, High Street from A45 to Old Plough	t: 07956 682733
John Pomfret, Eastfields	t: 07817 234727
Peter Hawsworth, Ashby Road	t: 01788 891900
Robert Davey, Spinney Hill and closes	t: 01788 891591
Sue Harrison, Dark Lane	t: 07769 589459
Sandra Stapley, Welton Road, School Close, Maple Close	t: 01788 890475
Tom Sabin, Church Road, Barby Road	t: 01788 891797

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

Members of the public are invited to attend meetings. Unless indicated, they are held in the Meeting Room at Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm. Distancing advice may require meetings to be held electronically. Please contact the clerk if you wish to take part.

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July

Full Council Meeting

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are at: [www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc](http://www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc)

and on the Parish Council notice board at The Green.

## **Personal financial hardship**

There are two opportunities to receive assistance if the economic impact of the pandemic has caused you financial hardship. Braunston Heart may be able to help. Please see their notice on page 18 and the Food Share information on page 17 or contact councillor Jo Glover. Alternatively, the Village Charities may be able to help. Councillor Pete Morgan is the secretary. Contact numbers are on page 7.

## **Can you help monitor planning documents for Braunston?**

Planning permission is granted if an application conforms to the Local Plan. Our Local Plan is made up of the Braunston Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), Daventry District's Settlements and Countryside Local Plan and documents prepared by Northamptonshire County Council, all of which must be prepared within the government's National Planning Policy Framework. From 2021 the new West Northamptonshire Unitary Authority will adopt these policies.

The Braunston NDP was prepared and written between 2012 and 2017 by a team of parish councillors and other members of the community who worked in groups. There is a requirement to monitor the NDP. This involves checking that the plan is relevant to the circumstances of Braunston and that there are no inconsistencies between it and the other parts of the Local Plan.

The Parish Council would like to establish a Local Plan Monitoring Group consisting of councillors and other members of the community. The work of the group will consist of being familiar with the planning documents and helping to make decisions about the NDP. Daventry District Council provides guidance on this.

We envisage that the next monitoring of the NDP will be carried out in the autumn. This may show that a full review is necessary, in which case parts of the NDP will be rewritten. We hope you will consider taking up this opportunity. Please contact the clerk. See page 8.

## **Vacancy**

There is a vacancy on the council. The council would welcome a note of interest from anyone in the parish who would like information about being co-opted to fill the vacancy.

## **Work on trees in Conservation Areas**

Braunston has one Conservation Area that covers The Green and High Street. Other Conservation Areas cover the Grand Union and Oxford Canals and the structures associated with them. There are maps of these on the Daventry District Council website.

The Parish Council has discussed the system for permission to carry out work on trees in Conservation Areas. The Tree Officer at Daventry District Council deals with these applications. There are three possible outcomes; permission granted to do the work, permission granted for the work which could be to remove a tree but with a requirement to plant a replacement and thirdly permission refused. However, it was noted that permission can only be refused if the District Council considers that a Tree Preservation Order can be placed on the tree. This can be done if the tree is considered to provide public amenity. The criterion used by DDC is whether the tree can be viewed from a right of way and its removal would have a marked negative effect on the view.

## **Covid 19 Restart - Local Transport**

The Government recently issued new statutory guidance for local authorities – ‘network management in response to COVID-19’. This included the issues which need to be considered for local transport restart, including the green and active travel package announced by the Government in May.

The Parish Council was asked if it would like to suggest one or more schemes that might qualify for funding. A list of examples was provided including reducing speed limits from 30mph to 20mph and measures to encourage walking or cycling.

We were given just over a week to respond. In view of comments made previously about the speed of traffic through The Green and along Church Road and High Street, it was decided to suggest a 20mph limit for Braunston.

The Parish Council also suggested making two extra circular walks from the village by combining existing rights of way with new walkways on verges along parts of Welton Road and Barby Road.

Suggestions from across the county will be shortlisted before being submitted to the Department for Transport. At a later date we will learn whether our suggestions have been taken up.

## County Councillor's Report

Northamptonshire County Councillor for the Braunston and Crick division, Malcolm Longley estimates that the pandemic will lead to £48million of additional expenditure for the council. £35 million of this will be offset by a grant from central government. The council had balanced the books for the last two years and now have a reserve fund of £44 million.

Councillor Longley has been appointed as the vice chair of the group who will establish financial arrangements for West Northampton Unitary Authority that will replace Daventry District Council and Northamptonshire County Council.

## Local Electricity Bill

As explained in the April BVN, the Parish Council passed a resolution in support of the Local Electricity Bill. A letter was sent to our MP, Chris Heaton-Harris, seeking his support when it was due to come before parliament. His reply did not say that he would support the Bill. The resolution, letter to our MP and his reply are on the Council's webpage.

182 MPs supported the Bill in parliament on 10<sup>th</sup> June, enough to ensure that it will reach the next stage.

## More buses running

This is a temporary timetable and may change again. The Stagecoach website will have details. The timetables at the stops are not current; they are the times that the company expect to revert to at a later date.

The current times are the same six days a week, Monday to Saturday.

From Braunston to Daventry and Northampton:

0643, 0711, 0846, 1056, 1256, 1506, 1544, 1717, 1917

From Braunston to Kilsby and Rugby:

0830, 1001, 1041, 1241, 1441, 1651, 1831, 1901

From Daventry to Braunston:

0758, 0910, 1010, 1210, 1410, 1620, 1800, 1830

From Rugby to Braunston:

0611, 0639, 0814, 1024, 1224, 1434, 1512, 1639, 1839

It is compulsory to wear a face covering on the bus.



## Village Hall Information

It has been a strange experience over the last few months walking through an empty Village Hall!

It is now being brought back to life by the patter of tiny pre-school feet and we can only hope that we will get back to some sort of normal fairly soon.

Take care everyone.



### Hall hire charges

If you want to hire our hall please visit the website. Your bookings mean that we can keep improving the hall for your enjoyment.

For all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply. See our website: [braunstonvillagehall.org.uk](http://braunstonvillagehall.org.uk),

email [villagehall@braunston.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@braunston.org.uk)

or phone 07890 072487.

Details of special events can also be found on the website.

If your child attends Braunston Pre-School or Braunston C of E Primary School you are entitled to Braunston resident's rates even if you do not live in the village and you receive an extra 10% off hall hire charges during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

	<b>Braunston Residents</b>	<b>Non Residents</b>
Gallie Room	£11 per hour	£22 per hour
Main Hall	£11 per hour	£22 per hour
Both Halls	£20 per hour	£40 per hour
Meeting Room	£6 per hour	£12 per hour

## Contacts for regular activities in the Village Hall

Currently, groups may not be meeting in the Village Hall. Contact numbers are provided in case you wanted to find out about any alternative arrangements.

### Weekly

Monday	Pilates	7.30pm	Sam	07593 913686
Tuesday	Learn to Crochet	10.00am	Gill	07711 742575
	Pop Mobility	2.00pm	Lorraine	01788 890846
Wednesday	Braunston Art Group	2.00pm	Alan	01788 890164
	Yoga	7.00pm	Sheila	01788 891831
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	1.45pm	Bill	01788 891145
			David	01788 891183
	Fishing Club Bingo	8.00pm	Julie	01788 890720
	Brownies	5:30pm	Clare	

### Fortnightly

Monday	Friendly Club	2.00pm	Jenny	01788 890186
Friday	Youth Club	7.00pm	Leah	01788 891833

### Monthly

Tuesday	History Society	7.00pm	Annie	01788 891179
	Women's Institute	7.30pm	Valerie	01788 891975
Thursday	Linus Group	10.00am	Laura	01788 890102
	Gardens Association	7.30pm	Kate	01788 890340
	Climate Action Network	7.30pm	Abigail	07989 421836
Saturday	Cinema Club	7.30pm	Arthur	01788 890508

**Pre-School Monday-Friday - 01788 891891**  
[braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com](mailto:braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com)

## Braunston C of E School



Braunston CE Primary School did not close on 20<sup>th</sup> March but continued to remain open for the children of keyworkers. School staff worked hard to ensure that all children were able to access food and learning opportunities in order to minimise the impact of the situation on their lives.

Members of the wider community, led by staff, worked together, following social distance guidance to ensure that Braunston School will have an even better environment when its children are allowed to return once again.

On 1<sup>st</sup> June, the doors were open to children in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 6. The children were prepared through a video sent out, so they knew what to expect when they came back. It was clear that the children were excited as they lined up ready to leave their parents for the first time in 10 weeks. They followed the markings on their entry points (at their allocated start time) and joined their 'school bubble' for the day of learning.

We are now in week 3 of our phased opening following government guidance. Children continue to sit at their own tables away from each other. Staff clean touch points regularly through the day and every time a child uses the toilet. Handwashing is a regular, scheduled activity. Playtimes and lunchtimes are staggered so that children and staff do not mix beyond their own bubbles.

Like all schools, the way we work has completely changed. We focus not only on caring for the children of key workers and those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 who have come into school, but also supporting our children who are home-schooling.

It is wonderful to see some of our children back with smiling faces. We are still missing those who have not yet been able to return to school.

We continue to focus on belonging and being part of the Braunston community. Part of our online learning is to write a letter, poem or draw a picture that we can send to Braunston residents who have been socially isolating. This is in order to enable people to feel connected.

If you know of anyone that would welcome a letter from us, please contact Lianna Willis (Headteacher) via email on [head@braunston.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:head@braunston.northants-ecl.gov.uk).

### **Braunston Village News**

You may not have seen the BVN for a few months. The April edition arrived from the printers on the first day of lockdown. The Parish Council and the Church decided it should not be delivered. The May and June editions were published online only, apart from a limited print run for people known not to have access to the internet. We may not have reached everyone in this circumstance. We apologise if you missed out.

Businesses that advertise in the BVN will not incur any costs for the months when the paper copy of the BVN has not been distributed. If appropriate they will be given three months additional advertising.

This month we are republishing personal announcements and the lists of sponsors of the church floodlighting that were included in the last three months' editions. If you had the opportunity to read the May and June editions you will know of the electrical fault which means that the floodlighting cannot be used. We are also republishing the Braunston CAN questionnaire as a pull-out on the middle pages.

The BVN is always published online. pdf copies starting from June 2013 can be found on the village website. All copies, back to February 2012, are also published on issue. Search for Braunston Village News. As well as reports of the scarecrow trail and the Cubs' activities in this month's edition we are pleased to be publishing additional photos in an online supplement.

We know that the photos come out better online, but we are pleased to be back with the print edition distributed to all households in the village. Copies are also placed in some shops and businesses.

As announced in June, we are pleased that Deb Hope has volunteered to coordinate distribution of the paper copies of the BVN as well as continuing to do some of the deliveries herself. We are grateful to Jean Johnson for undertaking this role over the past four years.

If you prefer to read the BVN on your computer, tablet or phone please pass the paper copy to someone outside Braunston who likes to read about the village.

Please continue to send in personal announcements and let us know at [bvn@braunstonpc.org](mailto:bvn@braunstonpc.org) what activities clubs and groups are able to run.

## **Scarecrow Saturday** ....which turned into a scarecrow weekend.

On the last weekend in May Braunston found itself playing host to a few more residents thanks to a couple of villagers, Lou Thompson and Jenni Pearce starting the idea for a Scarecrow Saturday.

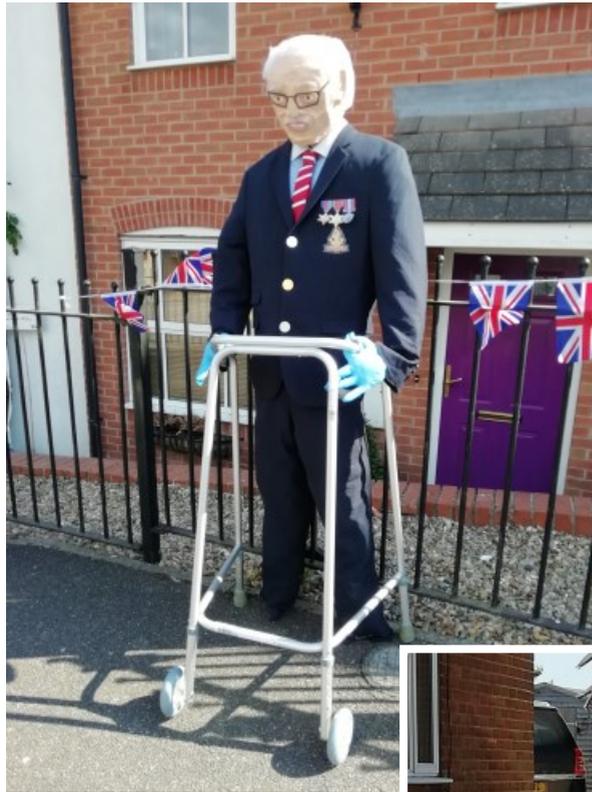
It all started after a post by Lou on the Braunston Bugle that their family were looking for a new creative project after they had painted rainbows, cut out Easter eggs, and made banners. She posted that she had a thought of making a scarecrow for the front garden in the May half term to cheer people up on their daily walks and asked whether other people would be interested in doing the same.

After some further conversations Jenni created it as an official event for the last Saturday in May, and Braunston got busy. The idea was that people could create scarecrows and add them to a map for people to follow on their own, keeping a safe distance.

It was amazing that so many took part and the creations were from all areas of the village, and such a variety. All were amazing, and especially as they were completed in under 2 weeks. There was also a slideshow for people who weren't able to complete the walk. Following the positive feedback and interest shown, Lou and Jenni are making plans to make it an annual event.



A jockey stumbles at  
Beeches Brook, aka  
Maple Close



Eastfields

The BVN has more pictures of the great scarecrows. These are in our special July online supplement.



South Close

## Air Ambulance Fundraising Event

We are sorry that the event this year is cancelled. At the time of writing, when we would normally be making detailed plans, we do not know what regulations will apply in September.



If you would still like to help this charity please use the collection box in the village shop.

Kim and George Donald

## Coffee and Cake for Carl

I am sorry that, in the circumstances, this fundraising event, planned for 11<sup>th</sup> July, is cancelled.

Catherine Eastaff



## Thank you, Fran Haynes

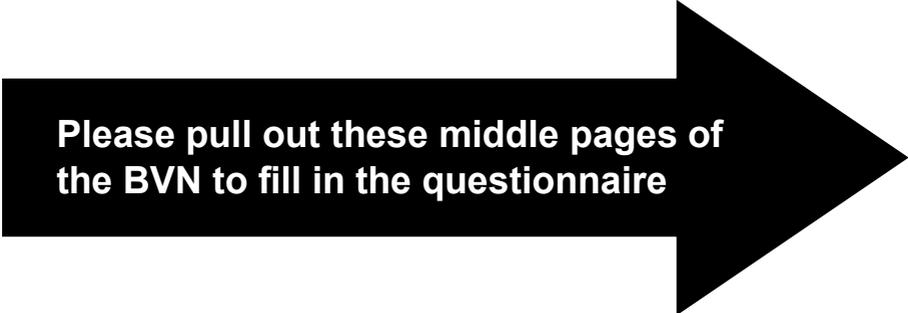
Your bees brighten the village and remind us how important it is to provide nectar for these wonderful creatures that pollinate our food crops.



## **Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)**

Braunston CAN's objectives are to encourage individuals and businesses towards a zero-carbon society, and to monitor, scrutinize and lobby Braunston Parish Council, Daventry District Council and the new council that will be responsible for our area from 2021. We will also communicate with our MP in order to lobby central government.

To aid us in achieving those objectives, we would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes with this survey. The first section asks about your household and any cars you may have. The second section is where you can indicate what is important to you. Finally, there is space to let us know any other information or ideas you have.



**Please pull out these middle pages of  
the BVN to fill in the questionnaire**

If you would prefer to do this online, go to our webpage and follow the link to **Survey Monkey**. To get to this, go to [www.braunston.org.uk/](http://www.braunston.org.uk/) and find us under the Village info tab, where we are in the Climate Emergency section. The webpage also has a document you can print if you would like another paper copy.

We are a group of about twelve Braunston residents. If you are interested in finding out more, please email [braunstoncan@gmail.com](mailto:braunstoncan@gmail.com) or message 07989 421836. Please let us know if you would like to receive our email updates.

**Please tick/ring the boxes below which apply:**

How old is your property?	pre- 1900	1900-1960	1961-2000	2000+		
How do you heat your home?	oil	gas	heat pump	electricity	solid fuel	
How do you heat your water?	solar	oil	gas	heat pump	electricity	solid fuel
Which fuel(s) do you use for cooking?	oil	gas	electricity			
Do you use a renewable electricity supplier?	yes	no				
Does your property have solar PV panels?	yes	no				
Which car(s) do you have in your family?	petrol	diesel	hybrid	electric		
Do you have an electric vehicle charging point?	yes	no				
Which type(s) of glazing do you have?	single	double	triple	secondary		
Which parts of your house are insulated?	roof	cavity wall	floor	wall (other)		
How many in your household have these diets?	non-vegetarian	veggie	vegan	no		

**Please indicate how important (high, medium or low) each option is to you:**

installation of public electric car charging points

high medium low

monitoring air quality in the local environment

high medium low

installing low-energy street lighting (LED)

high medium low

improving local management of grass cutting/tree planting/re-wilding

high medium low

monitoring and improving the efficiency of DDC recycling

high medium low

promoting alternatives to fossil fuel use for heating, lighting etc.

high medium low

promoting energy efficient modes of transport e.g. cycling, bus, train

high medium low

promoting dietary choices which reduce environmental impacts

high medium low

promoting initiatives which improve home insulation/efficiency

high medium low

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Please write any additional information or ideas you would like to give:

If you would like us to get in touch please provide your name and contact details:

Many thanks for completing the survey; we will provide feedback based on your valued responses in subsequent editions of the BVN.

To return your survey please put it through the door at 65 High Street or contact [braunstoncan@gmail.com](mailto:braunstoncan@gmail.com) or message 07989 421836 and ask for us to collect it from you or let us know a mutually convenient date for us to pick it up from your doorstep.



FOR ANYONE IN NEED OF FOOD ITEMS AND TOILETRIES  
DURING THE LOCKDOWN

# BRAUNSTON FOOD SHARE & CARE

REV NAT'S GARAGE, THE RECTORY, 71 HIGH STREET  
Every Monday 10 – 1pm Wednesday 5 – 8pm Thursday 2– 5pm

*Come along, bring your own bag and collect what you need! If you are isolating and need a delivery, please call Rev. Nat on 01788 890298*

If you would like to donate items or cash, drop off points at  
34-36 High Street or The Rectory

Please leave the items, ring the bell & we will do the rest. No fresh food (unless from your garden!) If you would prefer to donate cash for us to buy items, please leave in an envelope & mark clearly 'Food Share'

Organised by All Saints' Church & Braunston Heart

## **Braunston Heart**

We are operating and will do so for as long as anyone needs help. Indeed, it is anticipated that we will convert into a Good Neighbours Scheme.

The last few months have changed our lives in ways we could not have imagined and will do so for sometime. I would like to focus on a positive aspect – that of the amazing spirit and heart that is Braunston community. There would be no Braunston Heart if not for you.

### Figures

- The freephone number, 0800 0029066, kindly provided by the Parish Council went live on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. By 16<sup>th</sup> June this has received 289 calls not including those made to the original provided number.
- Our volunteers are currently divided into six 'zones'. Call handlers work shifts to take your calls. Any missed go to a voicemail which emails the details, so you can ring any time.
- About 70 emails have been responded to.
- Over 200 tasks have been completed.

### Want help to get online?

Braunston Heart have very kindly been donated some smart phones which we would like to set up and give to shielded villagers who have a wish to get online to contact family and friends. We will provide a SIM data card and training in how to use it. We were thinking some might like to use Facetime or other video messaging apps, even Zoom. Please contact us to find out more.

### Other news and help needed

We were successful in our grant application from the Council. They require us to provide case studies/photographs/videos (if appropriate) to the Council. If Heart has helped you and you feel you can help in this way then please make contact.

The call handlers have been given (by Zoom) basic training in Mental Health Awareness by Mental Health trainer, Dawn Collins (thanks Dawn) and have details of relevant agencies to refer to if applicable. Other community groups have had very distressed callers so it was deemed important this training took place.

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Alternatively

you can email us at

**heart@braunston.org.uk**



We were asked how donations could be made. A Just Giving page has been set up at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/braunstonheart>. I have been incredibly moved by the generosity of people. I hasten to add here that making a donation is not a requirement to receive help.

My wish is that we build upon the new relationships and connections we have made during this time. I certainly hope to.

Jo Glover, Braunston Heart, Kindness and Compassion.

## **Rosemary**

Rosemary Ann Harding, from Brindley Court, died on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May. I would like to thank the people of Brindley Court, Brindley Quays, and the whole village for their many cards and telephone calls.

John Harding

## **Remembering Hilda Bradshaw**

There will be many people in the village who will be sad to hear the news that Hilda Bradshaw died on 18<sup>th</sup> February, aged 97. Until 10 years ago, when she and John moved to Brackley to live near their daughter Heather, she had spent her life in Braunston.

Hilda worked tirelessly for her family in the butcher's shop, the bake house and running the poultry farm, and for the village community, delivery meals on wheels, and as a long-serving member of the WI and the Friendly Club. She took an active part in the organisation and running of these groups and, as a result, formed many close friendships. But, perhaps she will be remembered and missed most for all those little acts of kindness from which so many people in the village derived great benefit and pleasure, whether it was from a visit and a chat, a parcel of food, a lift in the car, her time. She will be sadly missed by so many.

## **In memory of Honor Mackichan**

The Coventry Half Marathon was postponed so Team Mack ran individually around the village on March 24<sup>th</sup>. They will run it together when the Coventry Half Marathon is re-arranged. Thank you. So far £900 has been raised.

If you would like to donate, you can...

- Give cash/cheque donations to Catriona Eckland (Honor's daughter) at 11 Cross Lane, Braunston, NN11 7HH
- Visit our Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/coventryhalfforhonormackichan>

Thank you for supporting Team Mack. Let's raise £1000!

## Goodbye from Alice

To all my lovely friends in Braunston, thank you so much for everything you have all done for me. Your support, love and friendship has meant the world to me, I am going to live in Wales to be near my family, but I will never forget any of you!!

Lots of love from  
Alicexxxxxx



## Thank you

Alan (Chick) Eley wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, good wishes and get well cards and phone calls. These are much appreciated.

Alan is making slow but sure progress but has still a long road to travel back to full health yet.

Thank you all for your support.

Mavis and Alan Eley



## Rainfall in Braunston

May was a very dry month with the only measurable rain being on the 1<sup>st</sup> when we had 2mm. It was another 2 days before it rained again. This time we had 0.5mm and another 0.5mm on the 10<sup>th</sup>, making a total of only 3mm for the whole month.

It was quite warm for May with a maximum temperature of 26°C on the 20<sup>th</sup> and a minimum of -1.2°C on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Adrian Pell

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
May	45	33	71	72	36	3

Message from Rob Buckley:

When it was made public that I was planning to pass on rainfall reporting to another villager, I was put in contact with Adrian Pell, who had expressed an interest. We met, discussed the weather, and he has agreed to record rainfall for the BVN.

Adrian has a longstanding interest in weather recording and he will introduce some fresh ideas and provide additional data to monitor climate change in Braunston. I'm confident that rainfall reporting is transferred into good hands.

I've enjoyed my involvement with BVN, but it is now farewell.

## Bin collections

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> July	Food, Recycling and Waste
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> July	Food and Garden Waste
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> July	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Food, Garden Waste and Waste
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> July	Food and Recycling

Changes will be made in August. Wednesday will continue to be our collection day but the pattern may change. We will receive a new calendar.

## Clubs and groups

### Braunston Cubs

Website: [www.braunstonscouts.co.uk](http://www.braunstonscouts.co.uk)

Cubs are active, earning badges at home. Akela has delivered 18 badges, earned from home for doing art, caring for pets, book reading, DIY, home help, cooking, gardening, hiking, hobbies and sport, to name a few.



- Treasure Hunt, done as households as daily exercise. Cubs walked nearly 2 miles round Braunston to answer over 50 clues. It went to a tiebreaker. From a max possible score of 82 points:

1 Annabel Rawbone	- 79 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Wins Chocs & Fizz	
2 Joseph Lewellen	- 78 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
3= Clayton Rodhouse	- 77 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
3= Alex Owen	- 77 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

- Cubs Re-Plant the Cub Garden (with social distancing and PPE).



- Quiz night on Zoom. Cubs identified celebrities, sweets, cartoon characters & general knowledge. From a max possible score of 38:

1 Jacob Canning	- 34	Wins chocs
2 Maya Wright	- 32 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	
3 Jonathan Williams	- 29	



- Next up—Camping from Home. 26-28<sup>th</sup> June, Cubs will sleep in tents or build a shelter, learn new skills and games, art and craft, cooking, study nature and even a virtual campfire - all from their home/back garden with a sprinkling of 'Zoom' meetings with Akela.

David Coleman Akela 2nd Braunston Cub Pack  
[david@braunstonscouts.co.uk](mailto:david@braunstonscouts.co.uk)

Please see the BVN online supplement for the amazing achievements of individual cubs.

## Jetty Field, Braunston's Pocket Park

We held our first workday for three months in early June. Nine volunteers and a dog, heeding social distancing regulations, spent the morning in the garden, the allotments and the nature reserve.

Priority for the garden area was general tidying and weeding. In the nature reserve work was done in opening up the stream enabling small pools to form to help sustain wildlife. Already frogs have been seen in one of the pools.

The stream flows from the spring at the top of the allotments through a cascade of baths which are used by the allotment holders to water their plants. Earlier in the week, a small group of volunteers installed a fourth bath which in the period of drought we have recently experienced was sorely needed.



In addition to the organised work morning, individuals have also continued to help maintain the area, in particular, hedge cutting, maintenance around the benches and checking the 120 saplings that were planted along the path in the nature reserve.

## **Braunston Friendly Club**

Perhaps the most difficult question that challenges members is not whether we can find that missing word in the weekly quiz sheet but when can we have a cup of tea together again! Since the last BVN we have enjoyed sharing many more photographs of meals out, trips to sunshine filled days on narrow boats and scone teas in the Community Café, all of course in 2019! This has cheered us up in our homes and given us plenty to talk about.

Thank you to everyone in Braunston who created scarecrows. We enjoyed seeing the photographs of these in our newsletter. Well done everyone for your great creations.

Many of us have been enjoying delicious meals from The Old Plough over the last few months. Thank you, we wanted you to know that these take-aways make a real difference to our week.

We had a competition based around some of the celebrity choices on Desert Island Discs and then identified some of our favourite tracks including these - 'Fly me to the moon' (Frank Sinatra), 'Sailing' (Rod Stewart) 'Ode to Joy' (Beethoven's 9th), Overture to Wind in the Willows, 'Sailing By' (Radio 4 12.48am) and 'I want to know what love is' (Foreigner)

## **Braunston WI**

Members have been keeping in touch by phone and email. Several have enjoyed Zoom meetings (though not without a few hiccups. Oh, for access to clever grandchildren to sort the blips for us less technical ones!)

Members have been continuing to sew scrubs laundry bags for NHS personnel, and recently there has been a request for shoe bags, along with masks and crocheted ear protectors to make PPE more comfortable. Most have gone to Walsgrave Hospital. One member answered a call from 'Scrubs Up for Northants NHS' and has made ten full sets for Kettering Hospital.

Lockdown is easing and some of us have been able to see, and maybe even hug, family members for the first time since March. The end of a long haul for all of us, especially those on their own. But we will get together and celebrate our Centenary sooner or later!

Contact: Valerie 01788 891975



## **Braunston Village Gardens Association**

### **Braunston Show and Gardens Competition CANCELLED**

Although not unexpected, we are disappointed to confirm the cancellation of the annual Braunston Show and Gardens Competition this year. We look forward to next year when these events will be back. 2021 is also when Braunston opens its gardens, which is always a popular event.

We are pleased that the gardens around the Village Hall have been flowering well. Have you noticed the hardy geraniums and lavender in flower as you have been out walking, running or cycling?

We were pleased to see the Help Yourself Herb Garden included in the Braunston Cub Scouts treasure hunt and to welcome James when he joined in with weeding for his part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Wild About Gardens - Last month we were encouraging you to plant for wildlife. This month we would like you to join with the Big Butterfly Count, the world's biggest survey of butterflies. [www.bigbutterflycount.org/](http://www.bigbutterflycount.org/) This is a nationwide survey aimed at helping to assess the health of our environment. Go to the website or App to find all the information. This year it runs from 17<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August. It only takes 15 minutes on a bright weather day. You can do it as many times as you like, in as many different places during the dates of the survey. Or join the Citizen Science project at <https://butterfly-conservation.org/>

Together, in Braunston, we can make a difference. The negative impacts of Climate Change on wildlife means that we need to act now. Let us know what you are doing to be WILD ABOUT GARDENS. Send photographs and we will post them on the BVGA page of the Braunston website or go straight to the Bugle and post them there and encourage others to join in.

Thank you for supporting the Garden Store in 2020. Our season has now ended. Thank you for your positive comments about the new brand of peat-free compost. Avoiding the use of peat makes a significant contribution to reducing climate change.

March saw record sales. Compost soon ran out. Apologies if you were one of the disappointed customers. We will be in touch before we restock in 2021 to ask what you would like to buy next year.

For more information about the BVGA contact Kate Mawer [mawerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mawerk@hotmail.co.uk). 01788 890340

### **Braunston Walker**

A couple of BVNs ago I wrote about my walk to Wolfhamcote. This, a walk from Braunston up to Top Lock and back, is the second half of a walk that featured in April's Country Walking magazine.

Starting from Sanders Close, I walked up the cut-through and crossed Church Road into Harrow Lane then over the High Street and down Nibbitts Lane. The sun was shining as I reached the footpath left along the top of what used to be the brickyard.

Two weeks ago I had spotted a deer in the field and I kept my eyes peeled but no luck today. I stroll along the path behind the Scout hut, passing one of the best allotments, I know and on behind the houses to Jetty Fields where all the village dog walkers meet up. My dog is not quite as sociable, so we slink past them and join the canal towpath.

Passing the shop and resisting the urge for an ice cream I wander along the canal and under the bridge by Crooked Cottage towards the Nelson. This is another area where my eyes are peeled in the hope of seeing another kingfisher darting into the canal. No luck again this time. I continue past the locks all the way up to Top Lock. It is quiet on this stretch and very picturesque. How lucky are we to live in such a beautiful area?

I cross the canal and walk along the London plane tree lined lane back to the Nelson. On the way I spotted a colourful goldfinch and then on Dark Lane, high on a hedge Britain's smallest bird, a firecrest, with a dart of bright yellow on his head.

At the top of Dark Lane is a house with the legend SMILE in its window and I always do. This was where I first saw the bees attached to the fence and they have now bred and appear on all the signs around our beautiful village. I walk along the High Street and the other cut-through to reach Church Road and then home. A splendid little walk.

Hopefully we can soon start walking again as a group once the pubs have reopened!

Ray Scrivens [rayscrivens@btinternet.com](mailto:rayscrivens@btinternet.com)

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