

BRAUNSTON NEWS Village

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Post match celebrations as Braunston Football Club win the Rugby and District League title. See pages 14 and 15.

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BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

No weddings, no Baptisms

Funeral: 14th May – Burial of Ashes, Evelyn Archer

Christian Aid

Please do donate to Christian Aid in the enclosed envelope and drop off at the Rectory or give on-line at the Christian Aid website.

With covid and the climate crisis, the poorest countries suffer the most.

Do please give if you are able, thank you very much.

Vicar's letter

The power of song

Nearly everyone can agree that the power of music is undeniable; it can bring people together, aid the development of the brain, and lift our spirits. But what is most fascinating is how music can bring back memories from the past as if they happened only yesterday.

We've all had instances when suddenly we hear a song from a specific time in our lives. We are instinctively pulled back to the time and place we associate that song with, and the exact emotions and surroundings it brought. Lora Peterson (journalist) suggests "Maybe science hasn't figured out time travel yet, but listening to 'that song' comes very close."

I am forever telling our daughters, and now granddaughters, when we hear songs from my youth, "I remember listening to this...at home with my mum...dancing to it at the local disco...my first slow dance!"

Of course, sometimes it's overwhelming. Sometimes I can't help the tears starting to flow because those memories are so precious. But other times it's exactly what I need. The times when a friend and I would 'dance it out' to 'Things can only get better' (D:Ream) when ordination training was overwhelming. Learning to jive with my mum in our kitchen to 'Let's Turkey Trot' (Little Eva) and learning to do all the dances from 'Grease' after seeing the film 5 times!

Music and singing have been a very important part of my Christian faith. It feeds my soul, shapes and strengthens my faith, I am reminded of who God is. When we meet for a service, we retell the stories of our faith, we remember God's promises, we claim God's victory over the bad stuff, we pray and praise and recite what we believe. And we can do it all through singing. This is the power of music and song.

The Bible is full of songs and it tells us that creation sings and even that God sings over us. I love the idea that when I sing, I am joining in with the whole of creation and with God. When we sing, we are not just remembering our own past, but the past of those who wrote the songs and somehow connecting with the deeper memory of the world.

God bless,

Rev Nat

Church services

All being well with the government's roadmap, our church buildings in Ashby, Braunston and Welton will be open for services from the end of May. The plan is to hold a Communion service in the benefice each Sunday morning.

At the time the BVN went to print the details for services had not been finalised because the PCCs were waiting for further guidance from the Diocese. Hopefully, by July's edition we will have a clear plan to share with you.

I will post church service notices on the church gates, noticeboard and the Bugle. You can contact Rev Nat 01788 890298 for details.

Please be patient with us as we navigate this next phase!

Many thanks,

Rev Nat

Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures (toddler group) has re-started! We meet each Tuesday (in term time), 9.15-11am, at Rev Nat's (The Rectory, 71 High Street). Thanks to the Parish Council, we are borrowing their marquee to meet in the garden. The group is for pre-school children and carers. Please bring a mug for your tea/coffee. For more details please call Rev Nat 01788 890298.

Food Share

Many thanks for your donations. Please do keep them coming, they make a huge difference and help us to support as many people as we can at this difficult time.



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

Church Floodlighting

May

5th - * Rowena & Mark's Wedding Anniversary

13th - In loving memory of Eliza Merchant on her birthday. From all the family

24th - In memory of Mary, much loved twin sister and sister-in-law. Liz and Bruce

26th - Remembering Iris Fearn's Birthday With Love, Pete, Kate, Heath, Ben and Libby

June so far ...

12th - * With love to the Morgan girls and their families

13th - * Patsy & Colin wish to send love to all Friends & Family

20th - Happy Fathers Day. I miss you more every day. Lots of love Amanda, Matt and Phoebe xxx

24th - * Happy Wedding Anniversary Trevor & Angela

* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN deadline – 18th May 2021

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 then be left at the Rectory or 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".

The Friends of All Saints

Building for the Future”



The Friends of All Saints are dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the church building and its contents. We play no part in funding the clergy, staff, or any 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 for future generations.

Membership costs just £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. For more information please email the secretary, John Foster, secretary.foasb@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk.

Parish Nurse

Hi Maggie here again, your Parish Nurse.

As I write this we have just moved into Step 3 of the government's gradual ease on restrictions, which allows each of us a bit more freedom to visit friends and family indoors, although still maintaining some restrictions.

I was thinking about the sense of loss which we all to some degree have suffered. People have lost loved ones and some are experiencing the loss of one's own health or another's close to you. These are traumatic and painful in themselves without the added anxiety and stress this pandemic has caused.

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'The Cathedral of the Canals'
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But loss is not only about death and sickness. We can grieve over loss of freedom, relationships, companionship, jobs, finances, education, a way of life or lifestyle. You may have moved away from friends or family and feeling like an outsider or even experiencing a crisis in your faith or in many other ways.

The important thing is to acknowledge we may have suffered loss in some way, and allow ourselves to grieve and not just launch into the next phase of our lives, and 'get back to normal'. Even if it seems trivial compared to what others have suffered, we should not be hard on ourselves but kind.

Many of you will have heard of 5 stages of loss observed by psychiatrist Elisabeth Kubler-Ross. She describes them as denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. We can go through these emotions at times, although not in any particular order and can also revisit any of them.

I know of one young woman, a family friend with 2 young children. Her husband had left her for another woman and she almost immediately launched into trying to embark on a new life, whilst trying to accept an enduring relationship with her husband for the benefit of her children, as well as probably herself. She felt deep pain, hurt and anger, but also felt guilty for having angry thoughts, and a failure that she was not handling her emotions well.

After counselling, she began to understand what she was going through. This allowed her to see that indeed, she was suffering loss, but what she was experiencing was 'normal' and this relieved a lot of the guilt and shame. She then gave herself time to understand what she was going through and so gradually worked towards adjusting to a new world without her husband but also 'finding herself' in this new world and building her self esteem.

I hope that we will all take time to understand ourselves and allow time to heal as we gradually move out of lockdown and find a new way of facing the future with hope. Please speak to someone you trust if you need help or contact your GP if you think you may need professional counselling.

As usual, please contact me if you would like a chat, or I can now even visit you, which I am looking forward to.

Speak soon,

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Parish Council Information and News



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Chris Johnson (Chair), Greenway and Closes	t: 01788 891597
Vacancy, Marina, London Rd, Hill Row, Old Road	t: 0800 002 9783
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Jo Glover, High St from Old Plough to The Green incl Chapel Court	t: 07973 278052
David Cary, High Street from A45 to Old Plough	t: 07775 514840
John Pomfret, Eastfields	t: 07817 234727
Peter Hawksworth, Ashby Road	t: 01788 891900
Vacancy, Spinney Hill and closes	t: 0800 002 9783
Sue Harrison, Dark Lane	t: 07769 589459
Sandra Stapley, Welton Rd, School Cl, Maple Cl	t: 01788 890475
Vacancy, Church Road, Barby Road	t: 0800 002 9783

The allocation of the areas of responsibility may change following the council meeting on 24th May.

Forthcoming Meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the following meetings. Unless indicated meetings are held in the Library at Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

7th June Full Council Meeting

5th July Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website.

May Parish Council meeting postponed

Government emergency legislation allowing local councils to meet and make decisions on-line expired at the end of April prior to indoor meetings being sanctioned. The Parish Council therefore delayed the planned meeting from the 10th May until the 24th.

Parish Council vacancies

There are three vacancies on the council. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in being co-opted to join the council. Please contact Steve Rolt or speak to one of the Councillors listed on page 8.

West Northamptonshire Council

The new council is a unitary authority. It has taken over all of the functions previously carried out by the district councils and the county council covering the previous districts of Daventry and South Northamptonshire and the Borough of Northampton. Braunston is now in the ward covering 9 villages and hamlets as well as the Middlemore and Ashby Fields parts of Daventry. This ward is known as Braunston and Crick and is represented by three councillors.

The first elections for the new council were held on the 6th May. Nine candidates stood . Those elected are:

Alan Chantler	Conservative	1821 votes
Malcolm Longley	Conservative	1646 votes
Rosie Humphreys	Liberal Democrats	1580 votes

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

Stephen Mold (Conservative) retained the position of Northamptonshire's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) in the May elections with 102,752 votes.

Village Hall Information



After a very worrying year there is, hopefully, some light at the end of a very long tunnel.

Our thanks are due to all those who have worked throughout this very difficult time to keep our hall going, enabling our pre-school, such an important service in our village, to continue.

Provided there is no change, our hall will re-open on 21st June and we look forward to welcoming everyone back.

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 all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply.

See our website: braunstonvillagehall.org.uk,

email villagehall@braunston.org.uk

or phone 07890 072487.

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.

	Braunston Residents	Non Residents
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
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

Braunston C of E School



At Braunston Primary School we have become very confused with the seasons. April's showers in May and the sun is only appearing intermittently if at all. We are convinced that it will warm up and have decided to switch the heating off! We have also 'taken the plunge' and started swimming lessons. Following a few

issues due to power cuts, the pool reached temperature much to the excitement of the children and staff. We are sure that the excitement will be palpable from any part of Braunston.

Despite still being in a global pandemic, we continue to adapt and evolve in terms of opening more extra curricular enrichment activities for the children to enjoy. These experiences will continue to enhance their knowledge and deepen their understanding of the world around them as well as stimulate their natural curiosity and love of learning.

The clubs are currently running following Covid risk assessments and children remain within their bubbles. Our vast range of clubs includes: Art, Pottery, Art and Board Games, Lego, Cross Country, Photography and Gardening. Here are some photos from our Photography Club.



I am sure you agree we have some amazingly talented photographers.

Our Gardening Club have been sowing seeds, marigolds, lettuce, radish, basil, cauliflower, tomatoes and peas. They have also been making their own garden planters and preparing the vegetable patch as well as planting onions. We are looking forward to harvesting our crops and tasting them in the future.



Following our return to school, staff are working tirelessly to ensure that every child is able to catch up with any gaps in learning. This is happening as part of normal classroom practice. Government Funding has also allowed us to temporarily employ qualified teachers to allow extra intense, small group catch up programmes to run with an initial maths and reading focus.

We are currently working with Secondary Schools and Pre-Schools in order to build in robust transitions for those children moving on and for those starting their journey with Braunston School. We are hoping that our meetings for children joining us will be in person this year rather than 'virtually'.

Do not forget - A date for your diary:

We are hoping to take part in Braunston's open gardens on July 4th. Please come and visit us and have a tour around the school grounds and really feel part of our school community. You may even manage a peek at the swimming pool too!

Lianna Willis, Headteacher

Clubs and groups

Braunston Football Club

On Sunday 2nd May 2021 Braunston Football Club finally ended their wait for silverware since reforming in 2015 by winning the league title. In doing so becoming the first Braunston team to win a league title in the Rugby and District League since 1950!

The team made up of local villagers and players from Daventry and Rugby have shown great form whenever they have played throughout the season interrupted by lockdowns and went into the final league game in second place knowing only a win would be enough to secure the title against top of the league Bar 8 from Rugby. In a tense game played out in front of many socially distanced locals at the playing field, Braunston FC managed to win the game 1-0 sparking wild celebrations at full time!

Local sponsor Home Farm Events then provided the team with a victory parade around the village which many villagers came out to see, or if not, definitely would have heard! The Plough then hosted a celebratory BBQ for the team in what was a great day and night for all involved.

We'd like to thank the playing field committee, our sponsors Braunston



Print and Home Farm Events for everything they have done for us over the last few years, the Plough for their hospitality and for welcoming us back on a weekly basis and last but not least

to everyone who comes along to support the team every week come rain or shine.

We now end the season entering the divisional cup hoping to win an unprecedented double before moving up to play division 1 football next season.

For anyone looking to get involved or just wanting more information about the team please find us on Facebook @braunstonfc

Andy Fincham, Braunston FC Manager



Art work by local artist Andy Brown capturing the day's events as Braunston FC won the league trophy.

Braunston Walkers Willoughby 7 miles

With the theme music to the Great Escape in my head, I sat outside the Old Plough enjoying a post walk pint of Doombar. We had met in the morning in three groups of six and set off past the church to the canal and along the towpath to Willoughby Wharf. We all enjoyed Judith's sweets thoughtfully measured out for each group before walking into Willoughby and past the beautiful old village pond.

On the path toward the vicarage, alpacas looked at us quizzically before we emerged by the Rose Pub. Being too early for lunch, we walked through the village to join a path to Willoughby House passing Shetland Ponies and some magnificent drayhorses. We crossed the River Leam before turning left on a field path to join the track from Sawbridge to Wolfhamcote. It remained largely dry as we followed the track over the canal and on to the church. A short, familiar stroll back to Braunston and with a light drizzle barely enough to wet the flags, we arrived back at the village and the Old Plough for beer, sandwiches and chips.

A big thanks to the team of crack leaders who have got us through lockdown. Our next walk is 19/6/21 and will probably be to Welton with lunch INSIDE the White Horse.

Ray Scrivens (rayscrivens@btinternet.com)



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www.gofund.me/3be1e80f

Braunston Canal Society

As the warm, dry weather continued into April, a crew of eleven BCS volunteers split into two teams and painted lock 4. With only a few boats passing through, the lock was painted in record time.



For the second task party this month BCS decided to 'make hay while the sun shone' and a crew of seven made a valiant attempt to paint lock 5. The condition of the wood was worse in comparison to lock 4, increasing the effort required. Everything, bar the handrails, was painted including the bollards and ladder handrails.



The final act of April saw 'permission to dig' granted by Sky and CRT scanned for the location of the fibre cable beneath the towpath. This allowed a small group of volunteers to install the ½ milestone at lock 2. Restoring a replacement and sighting it in its original location was very satisfying.



braunstoncanalsociety@gmail

Braunston Community Car

The Community Car is for you.

Available for all residents for journeys for hospital, doctors and other medical appointments and also shopping and local trips to visit friends when Covid restrictions allow.



Any payment is by voluntary contribution. Some journeys are provided in volunteers' own cars.

To request a journey call 07984 412921 (24 hrs notice where possible please) .

Jetty Field - Braunston's Pocket Park

The recent rain has meant that the flora in the Jetty Field area has been growing significantly. Unfortunately that also means the weeds, so a significant amount of time and energy at this month's work day was spent smartening up the garden and the top of the field, moving the piles of grass left by the mower.

During the work an impressive acer was discovered hidden behind other less attractive, overgrown shrubs. With careful weeding and cutting back it can now be easily seen. In the same area clematis have been planted and should soon be seen climbing up the eastern boundary fence.

Meanwhile others in the eight strong work party collected materials for the dead hedge, prepared the ground for a memorial bench in the allotments, cut off shoots from the larger trees in the field and completed the planting of the hedging saplings in the nature area.

The expected heavy rain never materialised, but it was decided to postpone the staining of the bottom gate and fence until we had some drier weather

The recent erection of bird boxes is paying off as at least two of them appear to have residents already. Blue tits have been seen entering and leaving the boxes and there is evidence that they are nesting there.

A gentle reminder to dog walkers to clear up their dog mess after them. The vast majority of the dog owners are very good, but there are still a few who let the others down. Remember that the area is widely used by the school and Pre school as part of the Forest School activities.

The next work day will be on Saturday 12th June at 9am

Braunston Paddock Cricket Club

The cricket club have had a mixed start to the season so far. Of our nine league games we have won three, lost three and have had three abandoned because of the weather.

The first XI had a great start with a comfortable win against Abington with Kieran Bennett scoring 65 and Colin Scott taking 5 wickets in a match for the first time. A loss to top of the table Kislingbury in a rain affected match and an abandoned game against Irchester leave them in 4th in their division of the Northamptonshire league.



Kieran Bennett on the way to scoring 65

The seconds lie 7th having had two abandonments and a narrow loss to Pytchley, despite Simon Stapley scoring 72.

The Wednesday night team have had two close matches losing to Willoughby but beating Dunchurch & Bilton.

The most exciting game was the Sunday friendly against Farthingstone Nomads. Needing 16 runs off the last 5 balls victory looked unlikely. However, with three boundaries Jordan Shingler secured the win off the last ball of the match. Special praise must go to the four new players, some of whom have not played for at least twenty years. Adam Cox (27), Steve Sharp (17) and Richard O' Malley (16) all impressed with the bat whilst David Wiltshire did likewise with the ball.

Home fixtures in June

Saturday 5 th	1stXI v Wollaston
Saturday 12 th	2ndXI v Weldon
Saturday 19 th	2ndXI v Stony Stratford
Wednesday 30 th	Midweek XI v Haddon

The nine away fixtures can be found on <http://braunstonpaddockplaycricket.com>

2nd Braunston Scout Group

We are delighted to announce that all our sections are meeting face to face (covid safely). May saw Beavers & Cubs planting & learning gardening skills, Scouts & Cubs local Hiking learning to navigate and find geocaches. Want to join us? See info below :



BEAVERS

6 to 8 years Tuesdays 18:30 to 19:30 in term time. Beaver Leader:
Michela@braunstonscouts.co.uk

CUBS

8 to 10¹/₂ years Thursdays 18:15 to 19:45 in term time. Cub Leader: David Coleman
David@braunstonscouts.co.uk



Scouts

10¹/₂ to 14 years Wednesdays 19:00 to 21:00 in term time. Scout Leader:
David.huckin@braunstonscouts.co.uk

Cost: £12-00 a Month all sections (from June 21)

Website:
www.braunstonscouts.co.uk

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Braunston Neighbourhood Watch

Julie Jarrett coordinates information for Braunston.

Tel: 01788 890121 or 07952 858418

Craig is our local PCSO Tel: 07557 778055

Braunston Village Gardens Association

Open Gardens – Sunday 4th July 11am to 6pm:

Join us this July when about 18 private and 6 public gardens open in the village to share gardening ideas while raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

This year we are suggesting that you 'Bring a Picnic' and/or 'Shop Locally' for your refreshments as we encourage everyone to support our local businesses and enjoy the beautiful open spaces in Braunston.

(The BVGA will not be organising refreshments in the Village Hall).

We have booked a day of great weather of course!

The Welcome Desk will be, as usual, in the Village Hall Car Park, opening at 11am. The toilets will be open throughout the day.

Buy your programme from the Welcome Desk or from any participating garden. Entry to all the gardens is available at just £5 per adult. Accompanied children have free entry.

Plant sales will be held in some of the gardens that you visit.

Please note that we will not be organising the Community Car centrally this year, please make your own bookings ahead of the day.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the day. If you would like more information, please contact Kate Mawer.

The BVGA publishes its Covid secure policies ahead of events on our pages of the Braunston website.

Plant Sale:

It was lovely to see so many people coming along to this event held in conjunction with Braunston Bakes and the Jetty Field work morning. Thank you for your support.

For more information about the BVGA or our events please contact Kate Mawer mawerk@hotmail.co.uk. 01788 890340

Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

Wildflower update:

A Braunston CAN 'work party' of six volunteers and one very well-behaved dog planted and watered over 120 plants (ox-eye daisies, red and white campion, wild carrot and scabious) near the junction between Spinney Hill and Welton Road. Fortunately the rain held off until we had finished, and we look forward to seeing the plants - grown and nurtured by Alan Mawer during the last few months - continue to grow and flower during the spring and summer.

Many thanks to all for the considerable effort in getting the plants into the ground!

Alan Morgan



The carbon footprint of Braunston households:

(Mt=million tons, t=tons, CO₂e=the Carbon Dioxide equivalent value of the sum of all types of greenhouse gases)

The 'climate impact tool' provided by the University of Exeter's Centre for Sustainable Energy's calculates the carbon emissions for an average household in each parish.

The average for a Braunston household is 20.1t CO₂e, rising to 23.7t CO₂e when the whole area was included. In contrast the Kilsby Parish household average was 22.7t CO₂e but when all area emissions were added, this rose to a massive 81t CO₂e, presumably reflecting activity at DIRFT and the proximity of the M1.

In a future article we plan to show how much carbon each household emits from various sources.

Tony Renshaw

If you're interested in finding out more and getting involved please message 07989 421836 or 07554 264742.

Other News

Weather report for April

What a dry month April was! A gardeners/farmers nightmare with 32 days in a row without rain and then a month's rain in a day. The first measurable rain occurred in the early hours of the 28th with the last of the rain being on the 29th. This means that we all got very wet over a period of just over 24 hrs with a total of 31.3mm for the month, slightly drier than the village 6 year average of 32.5mm for April. Total rainfall so far this year is 187.3mm.

The temperature ranged from -4.3°C at 03:56 on the 7th to 18.3°C at 15.04 on the 20th of April.

The barometer reached a high of 1035.0hpa on the 15th at 08:27, with a low of 1006.5hpa on the 28th at 08:32.

It was a gusty month with a single gust of 34.2mph on the 5th at 04:15 . The sun was the brightest on the 29th with 1244w/m2 at 11:28. The UV index was also the highest at a level of 12 that day.

Adrian Pell

BVN

The BVN is distributed to households in Braunston parish by a team of volunteers. Please let Deb Hope know if you would like to join the team and have a small area to deliver to. Your help would be appreciated.

deb21low@gmail.com 01788 891997

Bin collections

Wednesday	2 nd June	Food, Waste and Garden Waste
Wednesday	9 th June	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	16 th June	Food and Garden Waste
Wednesday	23 rd June	Food, Recycling and Waste
Wednesday	30 th June	Food and Garden Waste

Braunston to Liverpool

To follow on from the article in the April BVN about our walk from Braunston to Liverpool, Chris Edge and I thought we would share our experiences of the walk.

We set off from Braunston on Easter Monday and it was a really welcome sight to see so many people turn out to wish us well including John Andrews (who triggered the whole idea), his wife Keren and son William.



We were joined on day 1 by two friends for the 1st leg, a 28 mile walk to Nuneaton. We set off and it started to snow but we were all positive and enjoyed the walk. We were able to come home that night, as we were only 35 minutes drive away (it took 9 hours to walk it however!). We felt quite fresh that night and were dropped off again the following morning, for the 26 mile walk to Lichfield.

This was the 1st time we had walked with all our kit on our back (approx. 80lb) and that proved tough! We had done walks with a smaller back pack on, but with these on we got to 10 miles and it felt like we had done 30. We were able to stay in a Travelodge that night (and other hotels for the remaining 3 nights). As we were doing a charity event and they were very welcoming.

Day 3 was our longest day, 32.5 miles to bring us to Stone; 10 of those were walking on roads with no footpaths, which was hard. We both had shin splints, sore feet and were very tired. This turned out to be our toughest day. We were met at our hotel that evening by Keren's sister, who kindly provided a take-away Chinese, a packed lunch for the next day and beer!

Day 4 was a 28 mile walk to Middlewich, going on and off the canal towpaths. We both had blisters all over our feet, tired legs and had to keep taking painkillers due to the pains in our legs. We had to make 2 diversions, which added 3 miles to our journey. We got a call from a

friend of Chris's that evening who then bought us some welcome beers and snacks. Whilst this was a lovely gesture, it meant we had to carry them the next day!

Day 5 was a 26 mile walk to Runcorn. We had another friend of Chris's deliver a very welcome breakfast to us and they joined us for 5 miles of the walk. At lunch time, we were unexpectedly met by the Thompson family from Braunston! They had made a special effort to meet us and it really uplifted our spirits for the rest of the day. Many thanks to them for doing this as it was really appreciated.

Day 6 was the final leg, a 14 mile walk to Liverpool. We were joined by my eldest son and James Pointer from the village who had driven up at 5 o'clock to meet us. Chris and I were both exceptionally tired, but it helped having the extra company, not least because Chris and I were fed up of each others jokes by this point!

Our walk took us through Woolton, which is where John grew up. It was like a flash mob had been arranged, as people kept appearing from everywhere to wish us well. They had banners/posters and all wanted to see us to thank us and to wish us well – it really overwhelmed us by the kindness they all showed us.

We then had the last push to Anfield, where we were greeted by our wives/families and friends which was such a welcome sight after such a tough few days. We were able to get some photos taken in the stadium, as Chris had arranged this beforehand.

Both of us agreed afterwards that the walk was far tougher than either of us imagined, but what kept us going was our reasons for doing it. We watched the donations to Macmillan keep going up and up and this spurred us on as well.

We can't thank everybody who supported us, provided packed lunches, met us along the way, called us to wish us well and donated, enough. It really is a great cause and every penny donated will make a massive difference.

Andy Canning

The JustGiving page is still open. The figure currently stands at £8890. It would be great if we could get it to £9000.

<https://justgiving.com/team/YNWAJohn>



The Stop House at Braunston

Following the covid-19 pandemic and a review of the Canal & River Trust's offices in light of the continued prevalence of home working, the Trust will no longer use the Stop House, Braunston, as an office. Given the building's heritage significance and interest to the local community, CRT have decided to retain the building in their ownership and seek to lease it to a third party to generate a financial return that can be used to directly fund waterway maintenance programmes.

With this in mind, the Trust is seeking Expressions of Interest from local organisations and businesses to lease the building on a medium-term basis. The key terms on which the Trust will seek to lease the building are as follows:

- A new lease of the building and garden.

- An estimated rental value of the property of £15,000 p.a.

- The Trust will consider granting a rent-free period to enable the new tenant to put the building into an occupiable standard.

- A lease term for a period of 10-20 years.

- The new tenant will be expected to take on all repair and maintenance obligations for the building recognising and protecting its Grade II listed status.

- The Trust intends to retain part of the site as a Welcome Station where people can find out more about the local area and get involved in our work.

Interested parties should submit their Expressions of Interest setting out their proposed lease terms by email to David Faull, Principal Estates Surveyor (David.Faull@canalrivertrust.org.uk) by no later than 5pm on Friday 25th June 2021.

The Trust will hold a series of open mornings (9.30am – 12.30pm), on a covid secure basis, to enable interested parties to view the building on 26th May, 2nd June, 9th June, 16th June and 23rd June.

Braunston News in the Daventry Express

I write in the Neighbourhood News about anything of interest in Braunston. For publication the following Thursday, please e mail me by noon on Sunday or put it through the door at 36, Welton Road.

Chris Grossart chris@multiplex.me.uk

Getting to know ... Barbara Nurser

Barbara has celebrated her 90th birthday in 2021. The account in the February BVN of the reservoir (now the marina) freezing reminded her of the winter she married.

I was born in Coventry in 1931 and lived there until the Blitz. Because of the bombing we moved to a farm, a mile from a village.

In February 1947, the snow was so bad we were cut off for a fortnight. The milk lorry couldn't get to us, so we lived on cream and butter and produce from the farm.

We moved to Braunston in September 1947. It was certainly different – we had streetlights and didn't have to walk or cycle 2 miles to catch the bus!

I met my husband, Peter, at a football match in the field off the A45. We married on 1st January 1951. It had been snowing during Christmas and was very cold and frosty. The reservoir was frozen and on 31st December there was a game of hockey on it. I wasn't allowed on in case I broke my ankle or worse! Peter used my hockey stick (which is in the garage still). It was second-hand when I had it at 11 as there were no new ones during the war.

In 1952 we had built the bungalow at 65 Church Road, although it was called Back Lane then, and I lived there for 53 years, 9 of them on my own as Peter died in 1993.

I now live in Greenway and was lucky to have 18 years with Roy Green, who unfortunately died in 2019. I hope to spend the rest of my life in this lovely village.



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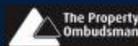
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