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Braunston Ringers marked the end of the reign of Elizabeth II. See pages 6 and 7.

# All Saints' Church Information

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRAUNSTON

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### **BRAUNSTON REGISTERS**

Baptism	21 <sup>st</sup> August	Theo Robinson
Funeral / Cremation	8 <sup>th</sup> September	Christine Wells
Funeral /Burial	14 <sup>th</sup> September	Ronald Middleton
Wedding	10 <sup>th</sup> September	Emma Sykes/Stephen Bower

### **CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER**

2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Braunston	Holy Communion	10-30
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Ashby	Holy Communion	10-30
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival At Bragborough Farm		10-30
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Licensing of our new vicar Rev'd Kathryn Evans at Braunston 2-30pm		

## Church Letter

Like many who had been tasked with writing an article for a forthcoming publication, and indeed had made a decision on what to write, I found that the events of 8 September 2022 changed any plans.

The death of Queen Elizabeth II, whilst not a total surprise, left so many in the United Kingdom, Commonwealth and the world with a deep sense of loss and shock. Since the announcement we have seen the nation come together as one, in grief but also in thanksgiving, for her life in the service of her people and to God. There has been much said regarding the Queen's loyalty to her people and her steadfast faith. There have been huge numbers who have turned out to get a glimpse of the Funeral Cortege as it went past them on its journey from Balmoral to London.

It has been pleasing to see the common touch, from the gillies carrying the coffin at Balmoral to the congregation in St Paul's coming in from the street. The road from Balmoral to Edinburgh was lined with people, even a row of tractors and horses whose drivers and riders were all wishing to offer respect.

Church bells, most of which were half muffled, tolled out across the nation. The armed services, whist we have come to expect excellent precision, was of the highest standard. Anyone who has done any form of marching will appreciate just what it must have taken to achieve that degree of efficient timing. I was especially taken with the marching from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall with the royal family also keeping time and step.

Politicians have mentioned the incredible memory that the Queen possessed, something which King Charles III can also boast. One has to be in awe of the fortitude and physicality of the Royal Family, especially King Charles, as they conducted themselves since the death of the Queen. The nation has lost their Queen, and the family, their head of family.

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September in cities, towns and villages Charles III was proclaimed King, a moment of hope for all.

**LONG LIVE THE KING**

To the future, we welcome Reverend Kathryn Evans to be licensed as the new vicar on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, which will be further reason for hope. Everyone is invited and we look forward to seeing you there

Pat Milner, Churchwarden

## Church Floodlighting

The complete **September** list

5<sup>th</sup> - Tomena 5/9/21 We miss you everyday x

5<sup>th</sup> - Happy Heavenly Birthday to Gill Brewster. Love always from your girls xxx

10<sup>th</sup> - Emma & Steve's Wedding Day

11<sup>th</sup> - \* Simon & Ann-Marie's Wedding Anniversary

20<sup>th</sup> - \* Martin and Debbie's Wedding Anniversary

24<sup>th</sup> - \* Sheila and David Parr's Wedding Anniversary



The **October** list so far ...

3<sup>rd</sup> - \* Lit by Julie Simpson for Debbie, Nina and friends.

5<sup>th</sup> - \* In memory of Rose Bray - boat woman

6<sup>th</sup> - \* Ralph & Gill Maltby's Wedding Anniversary

6<sup>th</sup> - Our Wedding vow "until death us do part" taken sixty years  
Diamond Anniversary

31<sup>st</sup> - \* Remembering Joan & Bill Folkard and my brother, Michael,  
Love Lin

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

These are requests received before the BVN deadline – 12:00 midday  
18<sup>th</sup> September.

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 18<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please mark the envelope 'Church Floodlighting'.

## Tiny Treasures

Parent /Carer and toddler group for pre-school children. We meet on:

**Tuesday mornings during term time 9.00am to 11.00am**



Come along and enjoy playtime, stories, craft time and singing.

We meet in the Parish Room All Saints' Church Braunston.

The Church door will be open. Just come on in.



### Harvest Festival

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am  
Bragborough Farm  
Welton Road, Braunston





This service will be in the cattle shed so please dress up warmly.  
There will be a ploughman style lunch





Donations of tinned food only please.  
These will be taken to the Braunston  
Community Larder



## Prayer Chain

If you would like to be included in the prayer chain and receive a copy of the prayer chain or receive prayer for yourself, please contact either [suejennens21@gmail.com](mailto:suejennens21@gmail.com) or your church warden. The list is updated each month (first names only).

## Braunston Community Larder

This is a valuable resource for the village and visitors and to ensure it can continue we have secured a permanent home inside the church. 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.

## Braunston Ringers

All Saints' Church in Braunston has 6 bells. The Ringers marked the death of Queen Elizabeth with an hour of ringing on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. The muffles were on during the period of mourning. A leather pad on one

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side of the tenor bell results in alternating loud and dull sounds. It was calculated that during the hour there were 1400 strikes. Muffles were retained during the ringing for the wedding that occurred during the period of mourning.

The All Saints' bells were rung for 30 minutes prior to the Queen's funeral on 19<sup>th</sup> and the tenor bell was tolled for 15 minutes whilst the coffin was taken from Westminster Hall to the Abbey.

Many Braunston residents appreciate the ringing of the church bells. It was particularly welcome as a sign of difficult times passing to hear them after the covid lockdown had prevented ringing .

6 of the 9 Braunston Ringers are in the photo on the front cover. From the left Patsy Groom, Kim Gibbard, Anne Brown, Jane Smith, Glyn Edwards (Tower Captain) and Pat Milner.

The ringing team would love you to join them. They can teach you if you would like to learn how to ring. You would also be welcome if you are a past ringer who would like to return to ringing. Please contact Glyn on 01788 899229.



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## **G & S comes to Braunston**

I Have a Song to Sing-O... Well, fortunately, no I don't. But Voci Vivo do!  
And in Braunston...

The renowned semi-professional singers, who have earned a well-deserved reputation in the Midlands and beyond, will perform a selection of Gilbert & Sullivan highlights at All Saints' Church on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The concert is being organised by The Friends of All Saints', their first event since before the pandemic.

Expect a host of favourites, like Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes, When the Foeman Bares his Steel, and the "Nightmare song" from Iolanthe. Plus many more, including rarely-heard gems from Princess Ida and Trial by Jury and more than one rousing finale. It promises to be the Very Model of a Modern G&S Event.

Voci Vivo have performed grand opera as well as sell-out "pop-up" productions of Pirates of Penzance and The Mikado. Their appearance here comes about because Phill Abbott, who runs a business in the Marina, is a leading member of the group.

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Gilbert & Sullivan is always hugely popular and a full house is expected. Tickets are on sale now, so Never Mind the Why and Wherefore, head to the village shop, café, Marina or Admiral Nelson and get yours now before (Ah Woe is Me) they are all gone...

John Foster, Secretary, The Friends of All Saints', Braunston.  
secretary.foasb@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk.

The Friends of All Saints' are dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the church building and its contents. Membership costs £2 a month, or £20 a year (minimum). 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.

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Chair: Sandra Stapley, Vice-Chair: John Pomfret

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

Archer Avenue and Cross Lane	<b>Alan Mawer</b>	01788 890340
Ashby Road		0800 002 9783
Church Road and Barby Road	<b>Pete Morgan</b>	07805 677559
Dark Lane	<b>Sue Harrison</b>	07769 589459
Eastfields	<b>Jo Glover</b>	07973 278052
The Green	<b>Graham Newman</b>	07710 290265
Greenway and Closes		0800 002 9783
High St (Old Plough to The Green)	<b>Rhianna Conway</b>	01788 890453
High St (A45 to Old Plough)	<b>David Cary</b>	07775 514840
London Rd, Hill Row, Old Rd, Marina	<b>John Pomfret</b>	07817 234727
Spinney Hill and Closes	<b>Carrie-Ann Biggs</b>	07796 712408
Welton Rd, School Cl, Maple Cl	<b>Sandra Stapley</b>	01788 890475

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

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

3 <sup>rd</sup> October	7.30pm	Full Council Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am	Public Parish Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30pm	Full Council Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> November (2023/2024 budget setting)	7.30pm	Council Precept Meeting

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website.

## **Parish Council Surgery**

The next surgery when councillors will be available to discuss issues you would like to raise will be at 6.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October in the Old Library - VILLAGE HALL. If the surgery time is not convenient please get in touch to let us know your concern using the contact details on the previous page.

## **The Proclamation of the Accession of HM King Charles III**

About 25 people attended the official proclamation of the new King on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Parish Clerk, Steve Rolt, introduced the ceremony to mark the formal Proclamation to the people of the Parish of Braunston of the beginning of our new King's reign. This was followed by the official Proclamation by Parish Chair, Sandra Stapley.

The ceremony ended with a call for three cheers for His Majesty The King.



## **Bus Service**

Over recent months the Parish Council has received an increasing number of complaints about some journeys on the D2 not arriving. The service has become less reliable. Thank you for reporting these issues.

We have written to the manager at Stagecoach to ask what the company is doing to improve the situation and what information we can pass on to passengers in Braunston. His response is shown below. We have also informed our ward councillors and WNC Councillor Phil Larratt, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste, about the matter. We have also pointed out that there are no

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'real time' information displays at Daventry Bus Station or the stops in Rugby and that not all passengers can use the 'live' information on a smart phone that indicates when a bus will arrive.

Almost all journeys continue to run as timetabled but we are aware of the great inconvenience a single cancellation can cause now that buses are only every 2 hours for much of the day. Please continue to report problems to the Parish Council. This information helps us campaign for a better service.

The D2 is a commercial service. Stagecoach receive no subsidy from West Northamptonshire or central government to run the route into Braunston, so please use it as much as possible in order to keep it viable.

**From Mark Whitelocks, Managing Director - Stagecoach Midlands:**

I would like to apologise for the disruption to services that have been evident over recent weeks. Like many operators, and indeed businesses generally, these are challenging times and we have been suffering from a shortage of drivers. There is a national shortage of bus drivers at the moment. We are continuing to work hard on recovering our driver position and we are seeing matters improve and this is translating into improved service delivery. We expect this to continue as we continue to see more of the recruits currently in our training school complete their training and we recover our driver position.

Our training school has a great record of helping to support people acquire the skills to become a bus driver with a success rate of more than 9 in 10 candidates graduating from our training school. However, it does take many weeks to pass through the various stages to acquire driving licence entitlements and complete the required training. In addition to our continued recruitment and training activities, we are looking to make some changes to our services across the company in October. None of these changes will impact Braunston at this time, but in totality these changes will help reduce our driver requirement, which along with ongoing training will mean that as we move into the autumn we do expect our service delivery to markedly improve.

I hope that this information helps reassure those using our services.

## Litter bins

The Parish Council has bought two new litter bins of a size similar to the one shown here. One is to replace the broken bin next to the seat at the junction of Church Road and High Street. The other will replace the small bin on The Green close to Braunston Fryer. We hope that they will be installed by the time you read this.



## Report from Rosie Humphreys, WNC Ward Councillor for Braunston and Crick

### Boundary Review

West Northants Council's proposal to reduce the overall number of councillors from 93 to 77 at the next elections in 2025 has been accepted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. This follows a cross party assessment which recommended that 77 councillors was the number required to represent communities

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The new consultation is now underway enabling residents and organisations to have their say as to how the new wards should be shaped around the proposed new number of councillors. Any mixture of single to 2 or 3 member wards is possible provided each councillor represents the same number of voters. This first consultation ends on 7<sup>th</sup> November, with a further consultation opening next year after the Commission has completed its draft recommendations.

### Cost of Living Crisis and the Council's financial challenges

West Northants Council has announced that it is facing significant financial challenges. Rising inflation is driving up running costs, construction costs and the services bought in by the Council. These challenges are likely to result in an unforeseen shortfall in its budget with pressures set to continue into 2023/24. Planning is underway for a shortfall of between £5m and £10m.

This announcement has been published on the Braunston Parish Council news on the village website. In addition to rightly looking at ways to save money and work more efficiently perhaps the report on the financial situation to be presented to Cabinet later in the month will also consider making use of the Council's considerable reserves which were forecast in February to be £109.4 million of both general fund and earmarked reserves.

What will also be presented to the Cabinet meeting is a report on the Council's response to the cost of living crisis. Please let me know how residents are being impacted by spiralling energy costs and inflation so that I can feed this back. Locally generated ideas will be helpful – I have already been asked whether the Council will support community warm hubs in village halls or other community spaces, similar to arrangements some cities such as Birmingham are beginning to make for the autumn/winter.

The Community Larder in Daventry (a reminder that it is open to everyone) now has 75 members and it is likely that demand will only increase over the coming months.

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### Contacts for Village Hall activities

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The Hive	Valerie	01788 891975	1 <sup>st</sup> Weds 2-4
Art Group	Alan	01788 890526	Wed 2-4
Yoga	Sheila	01788 891831	Wed 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 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 2-4
Learn to Crochet	Gill	07711 742575	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 10-12
History Society	Annie	01788 891179	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 7-9
Climate Action	Abigail	07989 421836	1 <sup>st</sup> Weds 7.30-9
Braunston Quilters	Laura	01788 890102	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 9.45-1
Gardens Ass'n	Kate	01788 890340	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 7.30-9
Cinema Club	Arthur	01788 890508	Last Sat 7-10

Please check with contacts listed for information about holidays and breaks.

**Pre-School Monday - Friday** 01788 891891

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## Braunston C of E School



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## **Braunston Friendly Club**

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

Members enjoy tea, cake, fruit and a variety of activities that are organised through the year. Please come along and join us to find out more about what we do. We have extra cups, cake and chat all ready for people looking to come along to their first meeting.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Childhood and weather sayings

Veronica will be getting us to put our thinking caps on to see how many we remember!

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Fisherman's Friends – Main Hall of Village Hall

We are grateful to Braunston Cinema Club for arranging this film showing. We are trialling a new approach for our film afternoon, following suggestions by members, tea and cake will be served at 2pm, with the film starting at 2.30pm. Due to the length of the film we have a later finish, about 4.30pm.

Subscription, £10, and Christmas meal booking, £17, both due in October. We are happy to receive payment in instalments.

For more information telephone

Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340

## **Braunston Village Charity**

The Braunston Village Charity can assist and support villagers experiencing hardship by making small, one-off grants and gifts. The grant or gift cannot be to provide something that is the responsibility of the state.



The Charity has developed a webpage which is hosted on the Village Website and gives details of how to apply to the charity and the type of help that can be given.

To suggest someone who might be eligible or to find out more please contact the Charity via the webpage, or by phone on 07943 486097.

## Braunston Hive



### Braunston Hive

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**NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

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## Braunston Village Gardens Association

Its official Braunston Show is a treasure!

The beautiful exhibits entered for the Braunston Show became the first clue for the BBC Radio Northampton Treasure Quest. Exhibitors arranging their entries and stewards collecting prize labels in anticipation of the judges arriving, were interrupted by BBC Radio Northampton reporter, Jules, rushing in, with Suzanne Batchelor's help, to find out more about her first clue.

Jules was treated to a village hall vibrant with colour, aromas from the tempting bakes, inspiring crafts and amazing produce and flowers despite the difficult weather conditions this summer.

Thank you to the 81 exhibitors, especially those new to taking part in the Braunston Show. Your exhibits caught both Jules' eye and all the visitors who joined us in the afternoon. It was good to be back after two years, meeting up with friends and welcoming one of the largest number of new exhibitors in the last ten years.

We thank the BVGA Committee and Supporters for making the show possible.

Thank you to PumpkinPip Ltd for their invaluable support with the online entry and results analysis, Cay and Jay at Select Convenience Stores for collecting entry forms, John and Liz for their support at the Village Hall.

Particular thanks go to the following businesses and organisations for their generous donations towards the prizes for the tombola and raffle, both of which are always very well supported on the day.

Admiral Nelson Pub

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Braunston Cinema Club

Braunston Fryer

Braunston Village Café

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Dot Crowe Open Studios artist

Gongoozler's Rest

Home Farm Events

Keith Westley Plumbing

Old Plough Pub

Wheatsheaf Pub



Suzanne Batchelor enjoying Jacob Cannings' recycled materials clothing



Congratulations to the **Trophy Winners:**

The TUC Centenary Perpetual Challenge Trophy	<b>Mick Batchelor</b>
The George Green Perpetual Challenge Trophy	<b>Shirley Blackford</b>
The Betty Hargraves Cup	<b>Jane Driver</b>
Braunston Bakes Carol Davey Memorial Trophy	<b>Lou Adkins</b>
The Braunston Barrow (Public Choice)	<b>Dennis Bancroft</b>
The Novice Trophy	<b>Lou Adkins</b>
Little Fingers Prize	<b>Sam Wood</b>
The Busy Hands Shield	<b>Max Phipps and Jackson Rogers</b>
The Green Fingers Trophy	<b>Noah Thompson</b>
The Jubilee Trophy	<b>Jacob Canning</b>

Congratulations to the **Best in Group Winners:**

A Vegetables	<b>Alan Mawer</b>	Class 29 Veg Box
B Fruit	<b>Dennis Bancroft</b>	Class 37 Bowl of Fruit
C Flowers	<b>Odette Phipps</b>	Class 53 Collection of shrubs for foliage
F Home Produce	<b>Lou Adkins</b>	Class 72 Lemon sandwich cake
G Handicraft	<b>Alan Kirk</b>	Class 89 A watercolour
H Photographs	<b>Bill Hearn</b>	Class 109 Creative Fun!
J Busy Hands	<b>Max Phipps</b>	Class 117 Make a marshmallow scarecrow.
K Green Fingers	<b>Sophie Wood</b>	Class 128 Piece of handicraft
L Jubilee	<b>Pippa Thompson</b>	Class 138 Piece of handicraft

**The BVGA would like to hear from you**

Do you have any suggestions for new classes, or improvements for  
the Braunston Show?

Would you like to help plan the Show or volunteer on the day?

If so, please contact Kate Mawer, the chair of the BVGA. Tel 01788  
890340 or drop a note through the door at 65 High Street.

## Braunston History Society

Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Braunston Then and Now

We showed some photos at The Platinum Jubilee by projector which were very popular. We have now added many more from our collection. Also maps and other items of interest.

Please come along and support your local history society and share your recollections and memories.

Members free, guests £4

Future Programme 7.30pm in the Village Hall unless stated differently

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> John Frearson will give an illustrated talk on the History of Lime and Cement Works of Rugby and surrounding area.

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> an early Christmas get together. Lunch Venue to be decided nearer the time, perhaps following a walk weather permitting.

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> John Pomfret. Water Mills of the Nene and Avon Valley.



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If you would like to join please email:  
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Braunston Scout Group

# cubs

This month Cubs were cooking up apple puffs and sausage rolls. Shown below are 'Red' Six with

their Apple Puffs. Cubs learned hygiene before cooking in particular after handling raw sausage meat. Everything cooked was eaten and enjoyed!



A photograph of Bear Grylls standing in a grassy field with trees in the background. He is wearing a dark blue zip-up hoodie with a red, white, and blue striped neckerchief. The text 'You don't have to be Bear Grylls to volunteer.' is overlaid in white on the right side of the image. A white fleur-de-lis logo is in the bottom right corner of the image.

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## Braunston Paddock Cricket Club (BPCC)

By the time you read this our season will be over. 2022 has been somewhat of a Curate's Egg...excellent in parts, awful in others. Failing to raise a second Saturday side at the start of the season meant that we were never in the hunt in the Northamptonshire league as we were heavily penalised for our concessions. The seconds eventually finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the league, and if we had had the extra 2 or 3 players available in those key matches and not been penalised, we would probably have finished 4<sup>th</sup> and gained promotion.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI did finish 4<sup>th</sup> and played some excellent cricket for most of the season. The one blip in the league was a surprising defeat to the bottom of the table club, who at that time had not won a single game. Were it not for that defeat the firsts would also have gained promotion.

The end of season cup competitions were equally frustrating. The 1st XI won through to the quarter finals when they were easily beaten by Milton Keynes Air, who they had defeated previously in the league. The seconds

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went one better and reached the semifinals but lost away at Thrapston. As reported earlier the midweek team finished 4th in the Rugby and District League.

There were several individual highlights though. Jordan Shingler had the season of his life with the bat. Scoring a record 1214 runs in all competitions. He was at his best in the league. His 1172 runs in league and cup matches was exactly double the score of the next batsman, Ollie Dunn. Ollie's total itself was the 14th highest aggregate in the club's 40 plus year history. Only seven other players have bettered it.

Shaun Harnett was the leading wicket taker with 39 just ahead of Elijah Glover on 37. 15-year-old Noah Eyles showed great promise as a bowler with 20 victims. Shaun also passed a personal milestone with his 500th wicket for the club. Only three other players have achieved this feat.

16-year-old Noah Kemp broke the record for the greatest number of stumpings in a season with 6 whilst Elijah Glover took the most catches with 21, just one short of the club record. He also scored his first century for BPCC. Other personal milestones included Alex Goddard and Rohan Patel playing their 100th match, Kurt Shingler and Colin Scott their 200th and Richard Stapley his 700th for the club.

Kurt Shingler with the newly acquired digital scoreboard which was very generously sponsored by Chris Eyles and The Wheatsheaf. All we need now is a habitable pavilion to house it in.



## Braunston Canal Society

Despite the heat during our first task party in August a crew of 8 painted lock 3 at the Nelson pub, the last of the 3 locks to be painted this year.



The poor condition of some of the wood did not help but the lock now looks a lot better.

The ad hoc task parties this month included another outing for a crew of 6 aboard Skippy. The weir at lock 2 was cleared, the willow above lock 6 was trimmed and the towpath leading up to the tunnel cleared of low hanging branches. In addition, 3 more compost bins were built at Union Canal Carriers and their privet hedge trimmed. Lock maintenance was completed with the scraping of all the lock gates.

At the end of the month we cleared the weirs at locks 3,4 & 5 along with addressing the lack of vegetation maintenance by contractors.

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](mailto: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](http://www.braunston.org.uk/bcs).







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## Braunston Walkers

### The Gower

Ten of us stayed at the Oxwich Bay Hotel on the Gower in Wales which stands at the end of a long sandy beach for this year's walking break.

Monday 12/9/22. The Beach (approx 6 Miles)

Today's walk was along the magnificent beach straight in front of the hotel for a couple of miles and then along the headland for a closer view of Three Cliffs Bay. This is one of the highlights of the Gower. Britain's first designated AONB (area of outstanding natural beauty) We could see why it had been so designated. Walking along the wet sand that the tide had just left made it easy going but after crossing a river on a footbridge we strolled through the sand dunes on dry sand which sank with each step. It was unbelievably empty on the pristine and beautiful beaches. We returned along the beach, after a six mile stroll, to the hotel.

Tuesday. 13/9/22 The Moors (approx 10 miles)

This was a long romp over the moors that bedeck the spine of the Gower Peninsula. We set off out of the village on an extremely narrow road and passed 'The Nook' thatched cottage where John Wesley preached in 1769. We turned along a narrow footpath bedecked with tree roots and then uphill, puffing, through a very boggy patch where my trousers got liberally coated, to reach the church at Penrice. This was a pilgrimage route so unsurprisingly it arrived at the church. More woodland but this time steeply downhill, this was all part of the grounds of nearby Penrice Castle which we could see in the distance.

Our path lead us past a small hill called Kittle Top and we crossed a road followed by more ancient woods. Then Peter lead us steeply up on a moorland path through bracken and gorse with fantastic views back over towards Oxwich Bay and all around. At the main road where a herd of cows was making short work of someone's wing mirrors we could see up ahead across moorland a Stone Age burial chamber called King Arthur's Stone. We picked our way carefully through herds of cows and moorland horses to reach firstly a cairn and then the burial chamber. There were fantastic views of the north side of the Gower and over the estuary to Llanelli. We made our way through more gorse

and heather to emerge opposite the King Arthur Hotel in the village of Reynoldston to meet up with the rest of our party for a splendid lunch and beer. We were on the Gower Way path after lunch and despite it being poorly signposted we reached the village of Knelston and made our way, all downhill (NOT!) all the way back to the hotel. This was a splendid walk through stunning moorland scenery.

Wednesday 14/9/22 The Cliffs

We set off after eating far too much breakfast full of enthusiasm on this the third and final walk. Turning right outside the hotel in full blazing sunshine, a nice surprise, to reach the tiny church of St Illtyd. It snuggles in the forest alongside the sea. After a brief pause to admire the church we had to climb steeply up on steps through the woodland. It reminded us all of our Ironbridge weekend in 2021 where I had tried, unsuccessfully, to avoid steps. At the top we needed a defibrillator as we turned along the path that lead through the forest along the headland. We had to clamber over or under fallen trees and after a short difficult detour we were back on the Welsh Coast path with fantastic views back to the beach and surrounding cliffs.

The sunshine continued as we followed along the coast eventually reaching Oxwich Point at the end of the peninsula and then distant views of Port Eynon.

We arrived at the neighbouring village of Horton and had to climb up the road to the top of the village . The path from here was a farm track leading through herds of disinterested cows and the villages of Slade and Oxwich Green. It was getting extremely hot in the sun. The last bit passed by Oxwich Castle and dropped down the valley with views over to Penrice church to emerge by the ice cream parlour in Oxwich only a step away from our hotel. Ice creams were a fitting end to a fantastic break in a spectacular part of the country and we could fully understand how it earned it's AONB status.

In the evening we all braved the narrow roads to the King Arthur Hotel to enjoy a splendid dinner.

A great break in a spectacular setting enjoyed by all. Great to be by the sea.

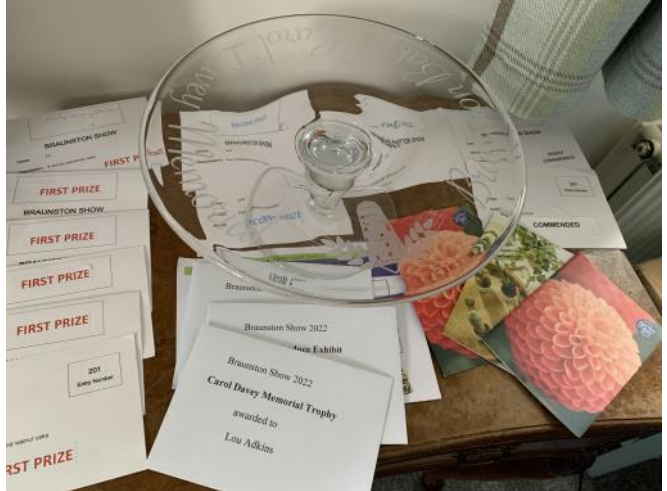
Our next walk is 15/10/22

Ray Scrivens (rayscrivens@btinternet.com)Ray Scrivens  
(rayscrivens@btinternet.com)

## Other news

### From Lou Adkins

Mum and Dad loved the Braunston Show and now I've won some prizes and a couple of trophies. I was thrilled to win. Thanks to Braunston Bakes I'm aware of how many talented bakers live in the village. I wasn't aware of the trophies and was just pleased to



gather the slips of paper with my results on. I stayed behind to buy some veg in the auction completely unaware that my name was about to be called out.

What an enormous amount of work goes into the show. All that planning, printing, promoting and organising that goes on before the hard work of the day itself. Thank you to the whole team.

### From Kate Mawer, BVGA chair

In 2022, following two years without a show, I was very aware of those familiar faces who were no longer with us on Show Day. It was sad to see the classes that they would always enter and to not see their names on the exhibitor list and to look out during the presenting of awards and not see them standing in the crowd.

We saw the passing of some of our BVGA and Show friends very early in 2020 and others in the months since. We remember their smiling faces as they helped get the hall set up, their chat around the long table in the main hall, over a cup of tea in The Gallie Room and, of course, their wonderful, and at times quirky, exhibits and auction bids. I like to think of their pleasure at seeing the many new people enjoying, entering, helping and visiting the show this year.

## Ron Middleton

Carol, Angela and family would like to thank everyone for all their many cards and messages on the passing of Ron. Thank you also to everyone on the Braunston Bugle for all the lovely tributes to him. I feel very privileged to be part of the Braunston community and very touched by all the support shown.

Carol Middleton

## Braunston Weather Report for August 2022

Total Rainfall	18.8 mm
Wettest Day	14.8 mm on Tuesday 16th
Wettest Hour	8.7mm Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> at 21.28
Highest Temperature	33.1°C at 16.04 on Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>
Lowest Temperature	10.°C at 06.11 on Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>
Highest Pressure	1031.2 hpa at 10.03 on Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>
Lowest Pressure	1002.0 hpa at 05.54 on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>
Strongest Gust	19.5 mph at 10.39 on Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>
Brightest Sun	931.8 w/m <sup>2</sup> at 11.47 Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>
Highest UV Index	9 at 11.47 on Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>

The average rainfall for August since 2015 has been 51.7 mm. So, we have received between a third and half the average rainfall this month.

Adrian

## Braunston Community Café (Your Café) Grants Fund

Grants are typically made for the purchase of items that have benefit and longevity, for clubs and societies primarily but not solely for residents of the village. Max £1000.

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



## **Scarecrow Trail**

Last year's Scarecrow Trail showed how creative Braunston people are. We hope to have some photos of this year's event in the November BVN. Please send us any you have and if we have a spare page or two we will choose some to include.

[bvn@braunstonpc.org](mailto:bvn@braunstonpc.org)

## **Twinkle on the Green**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 4-7pm

If you would like to volunteer on the day or would like a stall, please get in touch. [hearttwinkleteam@gmail.com](mailto:hearttwinkleteam@gmail.com)

## **Braunston News in the Daventry Express**

I write in the Neighbourhood News column in the 'Gusher' about anything of interest from Braunston. If you or your organisation are doing something that might appeal to a wider audience, for example raising money for charity or winning an award please let me know.

I send my copy on Sunday evening for publication the following Thursday. Either email [chris@multiplex.me.uk](mailto:chris@multiplex.me.uk) by noon on Sunday or put it through the door at 36 Welton Road

Chris Grossart

## **Wanted - used stamps, postcards and coins**

We still need your used stamps, postcards and coins to help continue to raise money for dog's charities. Please keep sending them to:

Val Ward, 51 High Street, Braunston.

## **Bin Collections**

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Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> October	Food and Recycling
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