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# Village

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## All Saints' Church Information

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### **BRAUNSTON REGISTERS**

Funeral and Burial

31<sup>st</sup> March Lily Flowers

Baptism

3<sup>rd</sup> April Henry McCabe

Graveside Burial

8<sup>th</sup> April David Fennell

#### **Eva Davies**

It is with sadness that we hear of the passing of Eva Davies. Eva was headmistress at Braunston School for a number of years. She served on the PCC as well as being part of other village activities.

She lived in Welton for many years and will be remembered in both villages with fondness.

Her Funeral is due to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm with refreshments afterwards at The White Horse at Welton.

## **Church services in our benefice for May**

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Braunston	Holy Communion
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Ashby	Holy Communion
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Braunston	Morning service and Baptism
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Welton	Holy Communion and Baptism
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Braunston	Holy Communion

## **A time of reflection**

It is good to have a time of reflection, a time to look back on a past event, usually with pleasure, but not always. Sometimes we may think “what if”. A thought that if we had done a different thing then the outcome may well have been quite different. And for the better, but it could also have been for the worse. I am sure that most of us have at one time thought “if only I had done this or that”. Or “I had only backed the horse that won” or “why didn’t they pass the ball to me, I would have scored”. But we will never get to know.

Instead of looking back and thinking what might have been, perhaps we should be looking forward. In many cases we are not able to influence what will happen, and perhaps just as well. Any decision we might make is based on what we think will be for the best at the time. How often have we made a decision and then think later “Oh, I wish I had decided the other way”! We can reflect on a particular problem in an exam, or in my case the whole exam was a problem!!

Sometimes we can spend some time reflecting on our lives, how our deeds and thoughts have affected others, how living the way we have has affected our relationship with others and with God and what we could do to alter that relationship. It may be possible to change things for the better.

As we move into another season may we hope for a good summer.

Pat Milner

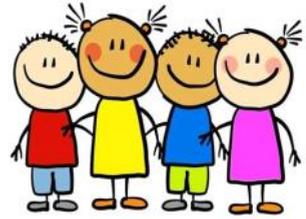
## **Christian Aid Week**

Christian Aid work with some of the world's most vulnerable communities during times of emergency, to save lives and support people in the long term. All donations are gratefully received. Please return to the address on the envelope included in this BVN, or ring Anne, 01788 899251. Thank you.

## **Tiny Treasures**

A parent/carer toddler group for pre-school children and babies. We meet on Tuesday mornings during term time from 9:00 to 11:00.

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



We are meeting now in the **Parish Room in the Church**. The Church door will be open just come on in.

## **Food Share and Care**

The Foodshare is a valuable resource for the village and visitors and to ensure it can continue we have now secured a permanent home inside the church where it will become a community larder.

Donations can be left and those in need are welcome to access it as needed.

## **The Wizard of Braunston blows in**

The Wizard of Braunston was revealed in April. He turned out to be Owen Davies, long-serving secretary, and later president, of The Friends of All Saints. It seems he was blown to London, Wizard-of-Oz style, in a tornado.

This bizarre plot formed the basis of a spoof video produced to recognise Owen's huge contribution to the work of The Friends, which saved Braunston's well-loved church from possible demolition.

Owen stepped down from the role of president a couple of years ago. But because of the pandemic, this was the first opportunity for the committee to thank him in person. He and his wife Elisabeth returned to Braunston on 6<sup>th</sup> April from their new home in London for the first real life AGM of The Friends in three years. Afterwards, past and present committee members gathered to thank him for his work and to make a presentation to him. Those who could not attend, including Andrew Alsop, Andre Gibson and John Lewis, sent greetings via the video.

It was the formidable work by Owen and his colleagues in The Friends' early days that raised the quarter of a million pounds needed to save

the church building from collapse.

Today that work continues, with the latest quinquennial inspection recommending further maintenance and repairs with an estimated cost of £100,000. The Friends were delighted to welcome new members at the AGM and would love to welcome more. More than anything else, it is the commitment of people who live in the village that will safeguard our church building for future generations.



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.

**The Friends of All Saints'**  
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## Church Floodlighting

The complete **April** list

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

9<sup>th</sup> - \* Happy Birthday Rosemary

20<sup>th</sup> - Bob & Rosemary Cragg happily married at All Saints' Church 20<sup>th</sup> April 1985

25<sup>th</sup> - \* To celebrate the birth of the greatest Englishman, Oliver Cromwell

26<sup>th</sup> - \* Julie's Birthday

27<sup>th</sup> - In loving memory of our beloved Great Granddaughter Ava-May on her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. Always in our hearts.

**May** list so far...

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

5<sup>th</sup> - \* Brian and Marty's Wedding Anniversary

20<sup>th</sup> - A beacon of light to my beautiful Philip in spirit. Love eternally Sandy

24<sup>th</sup> - In loving memory of Mary, twin sister of Liz

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

These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN deadline, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

The fee to light All Saints' is £7 per evening, although you can give more. 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 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please mark the envelope 'Church Floodlighting'.

## Parish Council Information and News



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e: [clerk@braunstonpc.org](mailto:clerk@braunstonpc.org)

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)		0800 002 9783
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>Dee Honeybill</b>	07774 754511
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.  
Unless indicated meetings are held at Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

9 <sup>th</sup> May	Full Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Full Council Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> June	10am - 12noon Community Meeting

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website.

## **Councillor Pete Morgan**

As one of a number of actions to raise its profile and that of individual councillors, the Parish Council has agreed that one councillor each month will write a brief article for the BVN to introduce themselves and to raise an issue of particular importance to them. As this was my suggestion, it only seemed fair that I go first!

My wife and I have lived in Church Road for more than 40 years, with all 4 of our daughters attending Braunston School; many years ago, I was a member of the School's Parent Teacher Association and I have been a member of the Village Pantomime Group and the Braunston Players. I was a local authority Social Worker until 2010, since when I have worked as an independent consultant, specialising in Safeguarding Adults. This is my third period as a Parish Councillor in the past 20 years and I was its Chair during an earlier period.



You may have noticed that a small group of councillors have cut back the hedge to give easier access to the dog bin at the end of Church Road, cleared the gutters along Church Road by the Church and also cleared the weeds etc from the traffic island at the junction of the High Street and the A 45.

While the Parish Council would hope the residents will take responsibility for the area immediately outside their own homes, there are areas of the village that do need tidying up from time to time, such as the top of Dark Lane and the triangles at the junction of Greenway and Church Road. While these may strictly be the responsibility of West Northants Council to look after, reality is that they don't have the resources to do so and the Parish Council is looking to draw up a list of simple maintenance tasks that it could try to undertake over the year to keep the village looking its best. If you would like to suggest possible tasks, please let me know using my Parish Council email address [pete.morgan@braunstonpc.org](mailto:pete.morgan@braunstonpc.org) I can't promise that all will be accepted, but we will try to do all that we can, given our capabilities and time!

## Street lighting

During March the council received 17 written comments about the new LED lights. 7 of them were about issues such as lights shining too brightly into houses. These are mostly being resolved by requesting the installers to fit shields or change the wattage. The other 10 written responses commented on the benefits of LEDs.

At the time of writing we are waiting for the heritage lights at The Green to be retro-fitted.

## West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan

WNC ward councillor, Rosie Humphries, made a visit to Braunston to find out more about spatial options 2a and 2b. The Parish Council responded to the consultation in 2021 pointing out inconsistencies with previous planning documents.

Rosie said it was important to try to get these options removed before the next stage of the process. We value the time she spent listening to our points and supporting our case. Rosie arranged a meeting with the leader of West Northants Council to pass on these points.



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email [villagehall@braunston.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@braunston.org.uk) or phone 07890 072487.

If your child attends Braunston Pre-School or Primary School you are entitled to resident's rates even if you do not live in Braunston. There is an extra 10% off 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 Village Hall activities**

Please check with contacts listed whether groups are currently meeting in the Village Hall.

Pilates	Sam	07593 913686
Pop Mobility	Lorraine	01788 890846
Art Group	Alan	01788 890526
Yoga	Sheila	01788 891831
Short Mat Bowls	Bill	01788 891145
	David	01788 891183
Brownies	Clare	07544 936589
Friendly Club	Jenny	01788 890186
Learn to Crochet	Gill	07711 742575
History Society	Annie	01788 891179
Climate Action	Abigail	07989 421836
Quilt Patchers	Laura	01788 890102
Gardens Ass'n	Kate	01788 890340
Cinema Club	Arthur	01788 890508

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

## Braunston C of E School



Children in Key Stage 2 have been concerned about the challenges that the people of Ukraine and Russia are facing. Children wrote letters to me and we held three meetings, alongside the School Council, to try to make a collective difference and make a stand for what the children believe in.

This was a children led project and their enthusiasm and passion were admirable. Rev Nat joined us in our second meeting and we prayed together for peace.

The children decided that they wanted to raise money for the children of Ukraine. The teachers led activities in class focussing on what it meant to be a good neighbour and we were sent a special video from our friend in the army, during Collective Worship.

What did the day look like? The children in Key Stage 2 organised and led a range of activities designed to raise funds to help children in



Ukraine. The children chose which activities they wanted to take part in for a suggested donation of 50p for each activity. These included: wearing non-school uniform and wearing an item of blue or yellow; purchasing a cake during playtime; buying friendship bands, friendship braids and God's Eyes. The materials for these items were provided by parents and children.



The children gave up their lunchtimes to make these and had over two hundred bands and braids to sell. A child in year 4 and her family made all the God's Eyes to sell. Children also organised a penalty shoot-out and skittles and children took part in this during our extended playtime. Finally, the children organised a raffle and the prize was a Giant Easter Chocolate Box.

This event was run by children, for children, in aid of children!

Staff oversaw these events to ensure that they ran as smoothly as possible. The children at Braunston have shown that they were courageous advocates for the common good on a global scale, demonstrating they understood that you 'Love your neighbour as yourself', Mark 12:29-31.

It is important that children appreciate their role as part of a community; take responsibility, look after themselves and foster an understanding of their importance, impact and influence in the world. We are proud of the children for standing up for what they believe. This courageous advocacy was again proven through the children's determined efforts to provide a toilet for an overseas village where there is no toilet or clean water. As part of our 'Blue for Loo' day the children dressed in blue and made a voluntary donation to help the toilet twinning project.

Mrs Lianna Willis, Headteacher



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## Clubs and Groups

### **Braunston Hive**

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm in the Village Hall

Hive members will hear from, and ask questions of, our speaker, Ange Gee, on the necessity and continuing need for a Food Bank in Daventry. Members are asked if they could contribute an item for the Food Bank at our meeting.

Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>

Our Coffee Morning will be at the Wheatsheaf.

### **Braunston Friendly Club**

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

Members enjoy tea, cake 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.

Folk Music Performance.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 2pm to 4pm

We are delighted that, Nick Wood, one of our members will be giving a folk music performance today.

There will be a Bring and Buy Sale too, so no trolley raffle.

Please remember that payments for the Hatton visit (£10) will be collected today.

Afternoon visit to Hatton Shopping Village.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Meet at 12 noon by the old bus bay on The Green.

You may decide to have your lunch and/or afternoon tea as well as looking around the shops. Hatton Adventure World will be an extra payment, once you arrive.

Please confirm that you have booked your place on the bus with Kate.

For more information telephone  
Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340

## Braunston Village Gardens Association

A decorative border with a repeating floral and vine motif, featuring stylized flowers and leaves, framing the central text.

**Braunston Village Gardens Association  
Bragborough Hall Open Gardens  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022 12pm to 6pm**

Join us for a special Braunston Open Garden event raising funds for  
**Macmillan Cancer Support.**

Spend the afternoon enjoying the walled kitchen garden and admiring the herbaceous borders in this Victorian garden. From the lawns, spinney and water features enjoy refreshments and stunning views across the Northamptonshire countryside.

Access is from the Welton Road, Braunston (NN11 7LD) where there is plenty of on-site parking. Entry to the garden is £5 per adult. Accompanied children, under 16, have free entry.

Refreshments will be on sale during the afternoon.  
All funds raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the day. If you would like more information, please contact Kate Mawer [mawerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mawerk@hotmail.co.uk).

The Garden Store is open on Sunday mornings at the Village Hall between 11am and 12noon, until 29<sup>th</sup> May for the sale of compost, fertiliser, canes, tomato food and twine.

We will also be open from 9.30am to noon on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at the BVGA plant sale.

We accept cash, cheques and bank transfer.

Richard: [rmstapley@talk21.com](mailto:rmstapley@talk21.com) or ring 01788 890475.

Alan: [a.mawer@virgin.net](mailto:a.mawer@virgin.net) or ring 01788 890340

# Plant Sale

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**9.30am to 12 noon**

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**Workday** (from 9am)

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**“Pop along to the Braunston Pop Ups”**

## Braunston Scout Group

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March we came to the Village Green to give villagers a chance to meet our young people and see what we do. We showed our gravity kart, the raft that is the five times winner of the raft race, our chariots and hundreds of photos of us doing so much more.



Visitors joined us cooking bread on sticks over a fire, making catapults or just eating cake and drinking tea. Four more people signed up to volunteer with us. Could you? email us at: [GSL@braunstonscouts.co.uk](mailto:GSL@braunstonscouts.co.uk)



**Scouts**

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

Why not join in with Plantlife's 'Say No to the Mow' campaign this May (or all summer)?

This campaign doesn't ask you to do much. In fact, it asks you not to do anything at all... just lock up your lawn mower on May 1<sup>st</sup> and let the wild flowers in your lawn bloom, providing a feast of nectar for our hungry pollinators.



If you wish, at the end of the month, you can join in with the nationwide 'Every Flower Counts' survey to help Plantlife learn more about the health of the UK's wild flowers.

For more information search Plantlife no mow May.

Braunston CAN is working on projects to reduce carbon emissions within Braunston and in the wider area. Our webpage is in the 'Village Info' section of the village website, under 'Climate Emergency'. If you are interested in joining us, please message 07989 421836 or 07554 264742.

## **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 Heart

Braunston Heart continues to receive calls for assistance, whether for medication collection, signposting or to change light bulbs; all are welcome. Now that we are emerging from the pandemic, a good neighbour scheme can do things that perhaps you have difficulty doing for example

- Dog walking and caring for pets during illness.
- Household tasks such as setting up televisions, changing light bulbs or batteries in smoke alarms, changing duvet covers.
- Support filling in forms, writing letters, reading or using computers and the internet.
- Gardening.

There are things we can organise such as learning to cook courses if there is enough interest. Would you like a companion to attend coffee morning with or go on a walk?

## Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The Twinkle team have been busy making plans. Here are some of them, more will follow. Please add to your diary.

### Family sports and games

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 1.30pm. At the playing fields complete with BBQ and bar. Awaiting details from the sports teams who are running this event.

### Tea Dance

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: interspersed with an afternoon tea, entertained by Richard Comfort, West End singer, in the Village Hall. Ticket only event. £17.50. The Village Shop has kindly agreed to hand out the booking forms and receive envelopes with payment. On sale from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Limited places.



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## Duck Race

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June: on the canal finishing at the Admiral Nelson 11am. Ducks will be £5 and can be personalised in advance using materials that won't pollute or fall off. Refreshments available.

## Traditional summer fête on The Green

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30pm – 4pm. A road closure will be in place. Please do not park in the Village Hall car park as you will not be able to remove your car until the road reopens.

Art and craft stalls in the Village Hall celebrating the best of the village's creativity. Display by the History Society in the Library.

Food vans on The Green and jacket potatoes/fillings at the Wheatsheaf.

## Wheelbarrow Race

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm, for over 18s. This will be a timed event. Bring your own wheelbarrows – will you be brave enough to sit in or will you be pushed? Race at your own risk.

## Braunston Jubilee Pudding Contest

Saturday 4th June, 5pm, The Old Plough will be hosting. We are awaiting the winning recipe to be released from the national competition.



## Promises Auction.

Saturday 4th June, 6pm, The Old Plough. Promises are starting to come in – from a ride in a Ferrari, a photoshoot and a silk printing lesson, there should be some interesting items for everyone. What can you offer?

## National Street Party Day

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: We hope your street has plans. The Twinkle team will be taking a well-earned rest.

All these events need helpers. Please make contact if you would like to give some of your time or help in some way. We will also be looking for stall holders and for game stalls at the fête.

Any monies raised will go to paying for the event and then to Braunston Heart.

Jo Glover, Kindness and Compassion

## **Braunston Canal Society (BCS)**

March saw the culmination of our vegetation clearance season. Sustained with birthday cake from Keith Astley, we continued this year's cut. Skippy was taken to the tunnel and arisings were stacked on the offside. An ad-hoc task party chipped arisings previously stored at the junction water point.

The long overdue cutting of the laurel at top lock was completed. This was only achieved with the use of Skippy to transport the large amount of arisings to the chipper stationed, on the offside, further up the cut. The warm weather was a drain on stamina but with the commitment from the teams to some considerable overtime, the task was achieved. The chipper was returned to Norton Junction the following day.

The Society is keen to welcome new volunteers. Email us at [braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com) or phone/text us on 07817 435911. Check out our website at [www.braunston.org.uk/bcs](http://www.braunston.org.uk/bcs).

## **Braunston Paddox Cricket Club**

By the time this edition of the BVN is published the club will already have started their 2022 season. Friendlies against Willoughby and Dunchurch & Bilton and our first league matches will have been played.

The pitch is looking good, with a lot of preparatory work being done during the winter. A new square mower has been bought, thanks in part to a grant from the Your Café funds and we are in the process of buying a new scoreboard thanks to the generosity of the Wheatsheaf. All we need now is continued good weather.

We are also on the lookout for new players. The past winter has seen a number of the players become first time dads and understandably their availability will be more limited this year. Combined with a couple of last year's regulars now being at university, we may well be short of players for some matches. Ability and experience are not necessary and neither is the requirement to be available every week. Some kit can be provided. We are very sociable and whilst we want to win our matches, the manner in which we play is far more important.

If you are interested contact Tom Sabin on 01788 891797 or 07896 490911 Or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/BraunstonPaddox/>

Or just pop along to the Playing Fields on a Saturday afternoon to see for yourself.

## **Braunston Bakes**

Our next pop-up opens at 10.30am on 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Wheatsheaf.

## **Braunston Walkers**

Stockton 16/4/22

We had 22 today on a warm, sunny day, ideal for walking. We parked at Grandborough, by the church and remembered the time when the church warden there took the group up the spire on a previous walk.

We strolled through the village and into a field where we waded through crops to a clearly marked gate to enter fields full with sheep, some rare breeds with tiny black lambs with white tips to their ears. Others were a Hebridean breed with straight horns almost a foot long!

We passed through a farm full of magnificent horses including a Shire Horse. Leaving the fields we followed a quiet road and then took a field path toward Broadwell. Fortified by Nigel's sweets we stood and admired a field full of bright yellow cowslips and made our way to the pretty village of Broadwell.

There was a bit of faffing from me before I finally found the path from the village green. It was really warming up as we left the village and made our way past Gibraltar Farm and on a path that finally reached the Grand Union Canal. We crossed Birdingbury Bridge by the Boat Inn and entered Tasker's Meadow which will be full of wild orchids in mid summer. Only a month or so ago this next path was like walking through a swamp but now the ground was cracking up in the dry conditions.

We arrived at The Crown Inn, Stockton for good food. Highly recommended. The Tribute beer was fantastic. On the way back I got a little lost but soon found Tomlow Bridge and our route back through more fields of lambs to pass a beautiful old farm called Calcutta Elms. By now in the heat our legs were telling us we had walked a long way but we soldiered on to retrace our steps back to Grandborough. This ten miler is a fantastic walk through beautiful, flat countryside.

Our next walk is 21/5 when I hope to do a Cotswold circuit.

Ray Scrivens (rayscrivens@btinternet.com)

## **Braunston Cinema Club**

Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in Village Hall

BELFAST

2022, Catriona Balfe, Judi Dench, Jamie Dornan, Ciaran Hinds and introducing Jude Hill as Buddy. Sound track by Van Morrison

A semi-autobiographical film by Kenneth Branagh which chronicles the life of a working class family and their young son's childhood during the tumult of the late 1960s in the Northern Ireland capital.

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## **Jetty Field, Braunston's Pocket Park**

The committee have been busy looking to improve aspects of Jetty Field. We are awaiting quotes to improve the pathway from Eastfields to the garden making it less steep at the bottom. At the same time we will lay a concrete base for the new bench.

We have also sought advice and guidance about trees. Some are potentially dangerous and will need to be cut down or pollarded and others, particularly in the garden, will need to be heavily pruned to allow light in to encourage growth of the plants and shrubs. As part of Jetty Field is in a Conservation Area permission will be needed to undertake the necessary work.

The next step is to set out a plan of action, which will include applying for the necessary planning permission and identifying the priorities, as it will be both time-consuming and costly. Some of the work can be done by the volunteers, but most major work will require specialists.

Also under investigation are information boards explaining what we are trying to achieve in the main field, for example, the rationale behind the mowing policy and the type of flora and fauna we expect to see.

A replacement for the storm damaged information board is also being sourced.

Our next work morning is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May.



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## **Braunston History Society**

Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in Village Hall

An illustrated talk by David Sweeney

### The Tower of London and Ceremony of the Keys

At least one thing being a Detective and a police officer has taught me, "It's not what you know BUT WHO you know that counts in this world! My career has opened many doors and helped form many friendships. One that stands out is my association with the Yeoman Warders of the Tower of London. This has enabled me to enter the Tower after hours and learn and see a lot more than the general public.

I have attended the prestigious `Keys Ceremony` at the Tower that occurs every night of the year (since circa 1200AD) on several occasions.

The Yeoman Warders are great characters and have shared with me (often oiled in `The Keys` Club) many stories of royalty, ghosts, traditions and instead of just giving you a history of `The Tower` I can share with you inside knowledge, and little known facts and secrets.

Please come along and support your local history society.

Members Free, Guests £4

## **Braunston Community Café (Your Café) GRANTS FUND**

We will continue to provide grants for up to 3 years or until the funds are allocated fully, whichever is the soonest.



We look at urgency and appropriateness of need and seek to achieve a spread of grants across age groups and interests in the village. Grants are typically made for the purchase of items that have benefit and longevity, 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.

## Braunston Neighbourhood Watch

Julie Jarrett coordinates information for Braunston. Let her know if you would like Neighbourhood Watch stickers for your front door.

Tel: 01788 890121 or 07952 858418

Craig Egdeell is our local PCSO Tel: 07557 778055

## Braunston Community Car

The Community Car is for you, available for all residents' journeys for hospital, doctors and other medical appointments, shopping and local trips to friends.



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

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

The team would like to thank Zack of Vinetree Automotive of Staverton for his generous support in maintaining the Community Car.

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### Congratulations, Rosie

Braunston artist, Rosie Haynes, has won a major competition to have her work displayed in a London store. Tate Collective, Tate's scheme open to 16-25 year olds worldwide, invited responses to the theme 'the spirit of London'. The open call invited artists to capture the theme inspired by Tate works that capture the people, energy, and diversity of the city.



Rosie, left, with the two other winning artists

458 artists submitted their work in the competition, organised to mark the arrival

of the new UNIQLO store opened by the Japanese casual wear designer in Regent Street. Rosie is one of three selected to have their work on display across 8 digital monitors in the store and in print on merchandise.

Rosie explained:

*I was thrilled to be selected as one of the winning artists. To be able to get positive feedback on your work from the judges, both from Uniqlo and the Tate is incredibly gratifying. Now having had the chance to see the work installed, alongside the other two artists' series, whilst surreal it's incredibly exciting to see the space and how it invites engagement with the artworks.*

*I was interested in the idea of an image being able to capture a place, or a feeling, and going from the starting point of the 'spirit of London', I landed on postcards. But, rather than simply postcards of a landmark, I wanted to create a series that explored London as a place that is impossible to fully capture. It is constantly changing, dynamic, as much a mindset and a feeling as a city. I feel like I am entering into a surreal world when I go to London; everything is more intense, fierce, and it's hard to encapsulate because it encompasses so much in one eclectic culture. I wanted each piece to reflect this and for the busy visual language to be something you can't quite take in properly at first because that's how London is to me.*

Here is one of Rosie's winning postcards:



## Braunston Village News

The BVN is run by volunteers who deliver, edit, proof-read, manage the finances and compile the church floodlighting list. To print the newsletter for every household and for the shops and pubs that take copies cost £3845.00 in 2021.

The income from advertisers was £3509.39 leaving a shortfall of £335.61. As usual the shortfall is made up by contributions from joint publishers, the Parish Council (£223.74) and All Saints' Church PCC (£111.87) on a 2:1 share.

Thank you to Design To Print for their efficient service. We are grateful to all businesses who advertise in the BVN. Their support led to a significant reduction in the shortfall last year resulting in smaller contributions being required from the Church and the Parish Council.

## Bin collections

Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	Food, Waste <sup>+</sup> and Garden Waste
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> May	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> May	Food and Garden Waste
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> May	Food, Waste <sup>+</sup> and Recycling

<sup>+</sup> Small electrical items and batteries can be recycled when the Waste bin is emptied by putting the items in a carrier bag and leaving on the lid of the black bin.



## Thank you

Thank you, Fran, for decorating a canal bridge and the Welton Road railings with ducks.



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### Braunston Weather Report for March

Total Rainfall	35.8mm
Wettest Day	20.3 mm on Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>
Highest Temperature	19.1 °C at 14.29 on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Lowest Temperature	-1.0 °C at 06.10 on Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>
Highest Pressure	1044.0 hpa at 10.46 on Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>
Lowest Pressure	999.4 hpa at 16.08 on Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>
Strongest Gust	29.8 mph at 14.13 on Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>
Brightest Sun	2367.0 w/m <sup>2</sup> at 10.06 Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>
Highest UV Index	14 at 10.05 on Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>

Adrian



### Four Northamptonshire Worthies

This was the caption to the photo below of four Braunston residents posing on a bench in the Rugby Advertiser in 1912.



From the left they are Thomas Gibson 84, William Middleton 92, William Griffin 82, and John Hewitt 82.

Thomas Gibson was born in 1827 in Wyfordby, Leicestershire. He had moved to Braunston by 1861, living on the High Street and working as a farm labourer. Between 1871 and 1901 he was living next door to the Castle Inn. John Hewitt was the innkeeper. They were neighbours for at least 30 years. By 1911 Thomas was living in Mill Cottage on the High Street with his daughter, Mary and George White his son-in-law.

William Middleton was born in 1819 in Braunston. Up to 1881, when his wife was alive, he had lived in Cross Lane and was a brickmaker. By 1891 he was living with his daughter and son-in-law on the High Street.

William Griffin was born in Barby in 1828 where he became a farm labourer. In 1871 he was living with his family in Worthing, Sussex but by 1881 he was a brickmaker living in Wootton. In 1911 he was living in Cross Lane. Before this he was living on High Street as a bricklayer and journeyman and on Willoughby Road as a brickmaker .

John Hewitt was born in Newbold on Avon about 1830. He had two careers. Initially a Master Blacksmith and then later a victualler, innkeeper, and publican. In 1871 John was the victualler at The Castle Inn and later the innkeeper at Windsor Castle on London Road. By 1911 he, like Thomas Gibson, was living on High Street.

In November of the same year, the Rugby Advertiser reported the death of William Middleton, Braunston's oldest male inhabitant and a month later the passing of William Griffin:

**DEATH OF ANOTHER OCTOGENARIAN MAN** Mr William Griffin, an old-age pensioner and an octogenarian, passed peacefully away at his residence, Cross Lane, on Saturday evening. Deceased had kept his bed about three weeks, but previously to then had enjoyed fairly good health, and got about well for his age. He was greatly respected by all who knew him. He was a staunch supporter of the Liberal cause, and attended the Wesleyan Chapel regularly up to the time of his illness.

Thank you to Janet Caunt for providing the photo from a scrapbook of her grandfather, Frederick Richard Rushall's articles on Braunston. In 1912 he was the Braunston correspondent for the Rugby Advertiser and lived in Cross Lane next to William Griffin.

Please contact the BVN at [bvn@braunstonpc.org](mailto:bvn@braunstonpc.org) or leave a note at the Post Office if you have any more information about the men in the photo, their families or even knowledge about where, 110 years ago, this bench was.



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