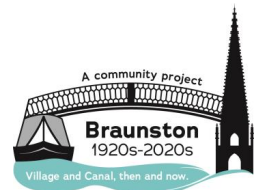


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CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 st | Braunston | Holy Communion | 10.30 |
| 8 th | Ashby | Holy Communion | 10.30 |
| 15 th | Braunston | BCP Holy Communion | 09.00 |
| 15 th | Braunston | Family Service and Harvest Festival | 10.30 |
| 22 nd | Welton | Holy Communion | 10.30 |
| 29 th | Braunston | Café Church Communion | 10.30 |

BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

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| 17 th Sept | Baptism | Jack Arrowsmith |
| 17 th Sept | Baptism | William Taylor |

Church letter

“Why is communal singing so compelling? We could ask ... the songbirds, some of whom are known by their special, collective singing names: an ‘exaltation’ of skylarks ... a ‘clattering’ of jackdaws, a ‘gaggle’ of geese of a ‘screech’ of gulls”

This quote is from a book called *Why We Sing*, by Julia Hollander, a singing therapist, among other things. She goes on to talk about how birds, such as starlings, look for opportunities to sing together, as well as singing separately. Their brains release different chemicals, and they even change how they sing to blend with each other. Maybe the term ‘birdbrain’ shouldn’t be an insult after all!

Singing together is really good for us humans too. You may remember me mentioning this before. We now have a date for starting our “Singing For Wellbeing” sessions; a simple, old-fashioned singalong. These will be at All Saints’ Church, Braunston, every first Saturday of the month at 3pm, beginning on the 7th October.

Like our bird friends, we all have different voices – some of us may feel that we’d fit in better with a ‘screech’ of gulls or a ‘gaggle’ of geese than an ‘exaltation’ of skylarks. Again, some of us might have had really mean choir teachers at school who made us feel ashamed of our singing. They were wrong! Just think how glorious it is to hear the gulls screeching when you get to the seaside. Just like the birds, all our voices have a place, and using them is good for us – as individuals and as a community.

This is not a choir, not a rehearsal, not a performance, not religious (though the odd favourite hymn from school assemblies or rugby stands might make an appearance). You’re welcome to bring your favourite song. We’ll muddle along, blow the cobwebs out, and go home feeling better than we came in.

Every blessing,

Kathryn

Rector

Braunston Community Larder

This is a valuable resource for the village and visitors. It is on the left as you go into the church at the back. Donations can be left and those in need are welcome to access it as needed.

SINGING FOR WELLBEING

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7th Oct

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Prayer Chain

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

Friends of All Saints'

The Friends are dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the church building and its contents. We play no part in funding the clergy, staff or 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.

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Church Floodlighting

The complete **September** list

5th - Tomena, we all miss you x

5th - In Memory of David John Finch

6th - * Happy 80th Birthday to David Parr. Love from all the Family

11th - * Simon & Ann-Marie's Wedding Anniversary

16th - David & Doris Finch's Anniversary

20th - * Martin and Debbie's Wedding Anniversary

24th - * Sheila and David Parr's Wedding Anniversary

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

3rd - * Lit by Julie Simpson for Debbie, Nina and friends

5th - * In memory of Rose Bray - boat woman

6th - * Ralph & Gill Maltby's Golden Wedding Anniversary

6th - Congratulations Gill and Ralph on your Golden Wedding and our 61st.
Mavis



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13th - To Renee Stevenson happy birthday from the Tiny Treasures

14th - Laura Kibblewhite remembering your birthday from all the family

17th - Remembering Lesley Masters with love. Greatly missed by all of her family.

23rd -Remembering Horace Isom on his 100th birthday. Colin, Gez, and all the family

31st - * Remembering Joan & Bill Folkard and my brother, Michael, Love Lin

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

These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN deadline – **18th September**

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 no more than 12 words. The completed message with the donation can be left at the Post Office, but note that requests are only collected from the Post Office on the 18th of each month. Please mark the envelope 'Church Floodlighting'.



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e: clerk@braunstonpc.org

Chair: David Cary, Vice-Chair: Graham Newman

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

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
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| Ashby Road | Gordon Kemp | 0800 002 9783 |
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Councillors can also be contacted by email. Addresses are councillors' names separated by a full stop and followed by @braunstonpc.org for example alan.mawer@braunstonpc.org

Forthcoming Meetings

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

Forthcoming meetings:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--|
| 2 nd October | Full Council Meeting |
| 6 th November | Full Council Meeting |
| 20 th November | Precept Meeting (budget for 2024-2025) |

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website at:

<https://www.braunston.org.uk/org.aspx?n=Braunston-Parish-Council>

Parish Council Surgery

Councillors Adrian Honeybill and Alan Mawer will be in the meeting room at the Village Hall from 6pm to 7pm on Tuesday October 17th to discuss any questions or issues parishioners would like to raise.

Councillor vacancy

There is currently one vacancy. You are eligible if you are 18 or over, and a registered elector or have lived or had your main place of work in the parish for 12 months. Full details are on the electoral commission website but just let the clerk know if you would be interested in joining the council. You would be welcome to observe a council meeting before giving notification of wishing to be nominated.

Planning

The council supported a planning application for the removal of a conifer tree in a back garden in the conservation area.

Climate Action

The council's climate action document has been updated. The revised document is on the Braunston website.

West Northamptonshire Council Annual Sustainability Report

The Sustainability Pledges which outline WNC's primary commitments, are:

- Net Zero the Council's own emissions by 2030 and those of residents and businesses by 2045
- Take a community leadership role for Sustainability in West Northants
- Ensure all Council strategies and policies are aligned to and contribute to the delivery of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

WNC's annual sustainability report can be viewed on the council's website.

Parish Councillor Graham Newman

I came to the village in 2005 with my wife, Tina, to moor our narrowboat in Braunston Marina. I am now the General Manager of the Marina.



Having decided to move to the Midlands we explored all the surrounding villages but decided to buy a house in Braunston as it has so much to offer by way of shops, a post office, school, and pre- school along with 4 Public Houses and a wonderful friendly community.

I was part of the steering group that wrote the Neighbourhood Plan that sets out our vision for a more sustainable community and the plan is from 2011 to 2029. My involvement in this project led to me becoming a Parish Councillor in 2014. My aim as a Parish Councillor is to ensure that any development adheres to the plan and its policies.

Part of our vision is to provide more affordable housing in the village that can be occupied by villagers and to this end the Parish Council has supported a design and subsequent application by Northants Rural Housing Association for a further 21 homes comprising 1,2,3 & 4 bed houses and bungalows.

From 1989 to 2012 my work was in the property industry selling and renting homes. I have gained considerable experience in this field dealing with serious rental issues for both landlords and tenants and would be able to advise and help anyone who encounters issue in this field. The laws for rental properties are changing and everyone needs to know their rights and obligations. Feel free to email me if you need help at graham.newman@braunstonpc.org

I like to get involved as a volunteer in many things and currently assist the Canal & River Trust, Rugby Rokeby Lions and more recently Jetty Fields here in our village.

I am responsible for looking after The Green as a councillor and have just had agreement to replace the broken bench by the bus stop on The Green along with repairs to the bus shelter supports and replacement of some of the rotted and missing posts around The Green.

Please submit material for the BVN by the 18th of the previous month to bvn@braunstonpc.org or hand in on paper to the Post Office counter.

Village Hall Information

Braunston Village Hall provides a facility for use by the inhabitants of the Parish of Braunston and the neighbourhood, As well as accommodating Braunston Preschool, it is used by many village organisations and regular users are listed below .

Wi-fi is available in the Village Hall. The network name and password are shown on the notice boards in the entrance corridor and the library.

To hire the hall visit the website: www.braunstonvillagehall.org.uk

Contacts for Village Hall activities

Please check with contacts listed below for information about holidays

Braunston Preschool - Monday to Friday 01788 891891
braunstonpreschoolcio@gmail.com

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------|--------------|---|
| Pop Mobility | Lorraine | 01788 890846 | Tues 2.30-3.30 |
| The Hive | Valerie | 01788 891975 | 1 st Weds 2.15-4 |
| Art Group | Alan | 01788 890526 | Weds 2-4 |
| Yoga | Sheila | 01788 891831 | Weds 7-8 |
| Short Mat Bowls | Bill | 01788 891145 | Thurs 2-4 |
| | David | 01788 891183 | |
| Brownies | Clare | 07544 936589 | Thurs 5.30-7 |
| Friendly Club | Jenny | 01788 890186 | 2 nd and 4 th Mon 2-4 |
| Learn to Crochet | Gill | 07711 742575 | 1 st and 3 rd Tues10-12 |
| History Society | Jenny | 07943 792977 | 3 rd Tues 7.30-9 |
| | Liz | 07890 072487 | |
| Climate Action | Abigail | 07989 421836 | 1 st Weds 7.30-9 |
| Braunston Quilters | Laura | 01788 890102 | 4 th Thurs 9.45-1 |
| Gardens Ass'n | Kate | 01788 890340 | 2 nd Thurs 7.30-9 |
| Cinema Club | Arthur | 01788 890508 | Last Sat 7-10 |

There will be no Cinema Club screening in October. See page 25.

Braunston C of E School



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The Hive

Members this month are swapping time and venue for their monthly get together.

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Melton Mowbray Market.

The DACT bus will collect and deliver us home to the village.

So a chance for a spot of pre-Christmas shopping? Or just a happy day out with friends.

On Saturday October 14th a patchwork quilt, made by Joan Wood and members of the Hive Craft Group, will be on display at our Village Shop, (by kind permission of Jay)

Raffle tickets, £2, will be on sale during the morning



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Quiz Sheet

During October, a quiz sheet will be available from Hive members, which we hope will keep family and friends busy over Christmas.

Do give it a go!

Contact: Valerie. 01788 891975

Braunston Community Car

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To enquire or to book call 07984 412921.

Pre-booking essential, preferably with 24 hours notice.

As always our grateful thanks to Zak of Vinetree Automotive and also the Braunston Community Cafe for their continuing support.

Braunston Village Charity

A webpage for the Charity is hosted on the village website -

<https://www.braunston.org.uk/org.aspx?n=Braunston-Village-Charity>

This gives details on how to apply to the Charity using the application form and more details on the type of help that can be given.

To be eligible, recipients must live in the village and the grant or gift cannot be to provide something that should be provided by the state.



Braunston Ex-forces Breakfast Club

We meet at the Wheatsheaf, second Thursday at 10.30am every month.

Meeting dates:

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Braunston Friendly Club

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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 9th October

Musical entertainment to celebrate our birthday – 2pm to 4pm

We are pleased to welcome Nick, a member, who will entertain us with music and songs. There will be a special celebration tea to mark the club's birthday.

Remember to bring your cash for the Bring and Buy stall.

Monday 23rd October

Film – Mrs Harris goes to Paris – 2pm to 4.30pm

Braunston Cinema Club are kindly showing us this film in the Main Hall of the Village Hall. Tea and cake will be served during the interval.

Please note that this meeting will end at a later time than usual due to the length of the film.

October is subs month and more information will be provided about the Christmas meal.

For more information telephone Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340

The BVN online

Following changes made by issuu we will store the three most recent editions of the BVN on that website. Search for Braunston issuu.

The archive of old editions is available as pdfs on the braunston.org website under Village Information.

Thank you to Steve Rolt who continues to scan paper copies dating from pre-digital days.

Braunston Heart

We are here for you to contact when you are unable to collect your shopping, medication, change light bulbs or even to walk your dog. We will try to help with most things and will signpost where we cannot. 0800 002 9066 please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

The Twinkle Team

Fundraising event to help fund Twinkle on the Green and any Braunston Heart needs:

Spooky Spectacular.

Sunday 29th October 7pm

Come along to our Halloween themed quiz at the village hall. £10 per head which includes a hot meal of chilli and baked potato. Vegetarian/vegan option available too or just cheese and beans – please state on the email. You can register your team now using our hearttwinkleteam@gmail.com and let us know of any food requirements. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Teams of six are generally the acceptable number. We can put you together with others if you want to come on your own. There will be other games during the interval so bring some cash. Prizes for winners and also for any spooky outfits.

Debrief from the village garage sale:

Firstly, thank you to everyone who turned out and either ran a stall or walked around seeking treasures. Isn't it typical that it was that one afternoon after a week of beautiful weather that the heavens opened! Stallholders were generally happy still, having made some money – or perhaps more importantly space! I'm happy to say that £262 will be divided between Braunston Heart and Friends of Braunston School.

Feedback – we have had comments that it would be preferable to have it in the morning, perhaps for a shorter time. Others commented that they would have preferred it in one space, not to be so spread out. Another person enjoyed walking around the village. Please send us any observations including shall we do it again.

Twinkle on the Green

Sunday 3rd December 4-6pm. If you would like a stall then please make contact. Plans are otherwise well underway. We have bands booked, a pet photographer as well as Father Christmas etc.

Jo Glover

Kindness and Compassion

Alarum Productions

A Cut Through Time - a whistle-stop tour of Braunston in the 1920s

The village hall in mid-October will be filled with cast and crew of the Braunston Community Production bringing you a world premiere devised and written in the village, from the history of Braunston.



We have called the show A Cut Through Time because it is about a specific period in Braunston's history, and a play on words - boaters refer to the canal as the cut, and the canal cuts through Braunston. The canal is part of the history of Braunston along with the school, the village hall, all the pubs (present and past), the High Street, memories of the glue factory and the church.

A Cut Through Time is based on real people and events in Braunston in the 1920s. A period of new inventions, fun and frolics, and increasing liberation for women. But there were strikes, the aftermath of a flu pandemic, rising prices and scary household bills. Sound familiar?

Lots of Braunston people have helped make this show. Writers who came to our early summer workshops, children at the school who brought the story of the boatmen's strike to life in their summer show The Day the Boats Stopped and local residents who are on The Bugle (the village Facebook site) and happy to answer questions about what Braunston means to them. We interviewed people in their front rooms who could remember the old village school and met older residents in The Wheatsheaf who were happy to share stories about skating on the canal and gathering coal in a pram. As one of them said over a pint of best:

"There's an awful lot of history in Braunston".

There are other pubs available in Braunston of course and one of the scenes in A Cut Through Time ends with a song celebrating the pubs that have been and gone, as well as the four still serving. There were 26 pubs in Braunston once, for the farm hands, station staff, post master

and mistress, local bobbies, vicars, butchers and bakers but not the Baptist and Methodist ministers of course! All of these folk are listed on the 1921 Census which has just been released into the public domain and is a fantastic source of everybody who was in Braunston in April 1921. Just over 1,000 people were resident, and it also recorded the boating families who were at the wharf on their way through to Birmingham or Brentford, Limehouse or Leicester.

We have used newspapers of the time to find local goings on and events nationally to provide some context for the story. Then taking real people who lived and worked in Braunston in the 1920s, like the Nursers and the Rushalls, we have woven all these stories together to create our show - an hour long play with songs performed by local actors and musicians.

We are very grateful for the financial support of Braunston Parish Council and the help of the Village Hall Committee and the Pre-School who have helped us create a theatre from scratch in the hall. The proceeds of the raffle will go to the Pre-School and other local causes.

A Cut Through Time will be performed Thursday to Saturday 12th to the 14th October at 7.30pm in the village hall. It is part of a double bill with our new touring show Rats, Ropes and Revolutions. Tickets are on sale now on Eventbrite and cost £13 (£10 concessions) for which you get a whole evening's entertainment, a raffle and refreshments for sale. All on your doorstep.



Click on the QR code for a link to Eventbrite or log onto eventbrite www.eventbrite.co.uk and search 'Braunston'. If you are not online you can ring 07976 818959 to reserve tickets. There may be tickets on the door but we only have 50 per performance so best to book.

2024 Braunston Then and Now Calendar

These will be on sale in the Village shop soon (if not already) for £6.99. A celebration of the project with some of the proceeds going to support Braunston good causes. Twelve pages with views of Braunston now (and wait for it) then!

Braunston History Society

Tuesday October 17th 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The speaker tonight is our very own John Pomfret.

Medical Pioneers of Northamptonshire and Warwickshire

The talk will start by setting the scene regarding health and medicine in England before the 18th century. It will then use the life stories of notable local contributors to the development of medical practice to trace the evolution of healthcare in Northamptonshire and Warwickshire, including such well-known figures as the Jeyes brothers of Northampton (of Jeyes Fluid fame), Lilley Smith with his ear and eye hospital and provident dispensary in Southam, Dr Jephson, memorialised by Jephson's Gardens in Leamington, and John Mallard of Northampton, inventor of the MRI scanner.

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2nd Braunston Scout Group

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BEAVERS



Do you know a boy or girl aged between 6 and 8 who would also like to have fun with our Beavers group? Maybe you have an older child who could join our older Cubs or Scouts, or perhaps you would like to come and join our team and help run our sessions? If so, please get in touch:

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Braunston Canal Society

August saw a crew of 7 doing their best to paint lock 6. The poor condition of the wood on this lock along with interruptions by the heavy boat traffic made completing the task near impossible in the time available. The contribution from our latest volunteer, Derek



Price, along with Sam and Mike from Galliford Try helped make it a success.

A crew of 9, which included 4 volunteers from Galliford Try, graded the towpath below lock 4. Stone, transported to the site, was added to create a slope that would shed surface water into the canal.



The damaged brick coping below lock 4 was repaired.

All the lock gates were scraped to remove vegetation. The grounds at Midland Chandlers and the junction waterpoint were maintained.

BCS also supported three ex forces chaps who were kayaking from Manchester to London along the canals to raise money to fund a memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum. It will remember their colleagues who were lost to suicide after they had finished their



service. Due to safety rules they required BCS, using workboat 'Skippy2Sheds', to transport them up the flight and through the tunnel.

The Society is always keen to welcome new volunteers so if you would like to come along and have some fun you can email us at braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com or phone/text us on 07817 435911. If you would like to see our previous activities check out our website at www.braunston.org.uk/bcs.



Braunston Cinema Club

There won't be a Cinema Club Night in October as Wendy, one of our founding members, is marrying her lovely David on that day, so we will be helping her celebrate.

The Club has now been going for over 12 years and apart from Covid Lockdown this will be the first time we have cancelled a film night.

Over the years we have shown hundreds of films, served hundreds of meals and sold hundreds of raffle tickets. We, who help to run and organise the evening love it and think it is a great community evening.

To show a film we obviously have to hire the village Hall for the evening and also pay a Licence Fee, which is at least £104 depending on the numbers in the audience.

We appreciate and need your continuing support and hope to see you on November 26th when we will be showing a Coen Brother's film from 2000, "O Brother Where Art Thou" with George Clooney and many more. Set in 1930s Mississippi, 3 escaping prisoners try to find buried treasure, with a great sound track.

Our December film is 'Fisherman's Friends: One and All' the sequel to the 2019 original.

Advertising in the BVN

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Braunston Walkers

Cromer Weekend

Friday 1/9/23

For this year's weekend away we were off to Cromer, a lovely old fashioned, full on, bucket and spade, seaside resort complete with a pier. Fantastic! The surrounding area is hilly, most unusual for Norfolk which is generally pretty flat.

We stayed at the Cliftonville Hotel on the sea front with splendid views of the old pier. It's just like stepping back to the 50s and the era of Helen Shapiro singing 'Walking Back to Happiness' on the transistor radio.

It's a long drive to Cromer so it was good to walk a 5 mile romp over the cliffs to Overstrand along narrow paths on cliff tops next to a golf course with the blue sea below crumbling cliffs. We strolled through the town past the church which has a family of peregrine falcons then to a park wherewith a statue of Henry Blogg, Britain's most decorated lifeboatman, credited with saving 873 lives. To bring luck people are encouraged to rub his nose which shines from all the attention.

We continued climbing up the cliffs passing the lighthouse to Overstrand where we went to the Clifftop Cafe for well earned refreshment or in Peter's case a full English breakfast! Our path back took in the village and its fantastic flint church then across the golf course and back up onto the cliff top, with the sea sparkling in the sunshine below.

Saturday 2/9/23

After far too much breakfast Phil Kirk organised a 5 mile walk to Sheringham and then 3 miles to Weybourne and the bus back. We set off from the hotel along cliff tops and then down to the beach where the tide was going out. We walked along the beautiful beach avoiding the waves. The sun shone and we continued on the beach before climbing up past a model of a mammoth, a fossil of which some walkers had found in the cliffs.

The next climb took us to the top of the Beeston Bump with superb views back to Cromer and on over Sheringham. It's 63 metres above sea level and really stands out. Whoever said Norfolk was flat? Nigel and Judith supplied us with sweets for energy before we dropped downhill all the way into the busy resort of Sheringham for a spot of lunch. We were treated to views of steam trains on the North Norfolk heritage line as we met up at the station ready for the afternoon walk to Weybourne.

There are some coastguard cottages in the distance as we walked over cliff tops that never seemed to get any closer! Once we finally reached them we climbed Water Hill, just a bump really, before descending to Weybourne. The sea here is called Weybourne Hope and there is a rhyme saying 'he who would old England win must at Weybourne Hope begin'. It is now where the cables are buried from the wind farm, far out to sea, taking the energy to the National Grid. Strolling up Beach Lane we dropped into the Ship Inn, out of the sun, to wait for the bus back to Cromer. Most of us qualify for bus passes but the fare is only £2 anyway. What a bargain!

Dinner was served earlier as we had booked for the Summer Show at the theatre at the end of the pier. With the sun setting up the coast we strolled along the old pier to the show. A great variety show and very enjoyable.

Sunday 3/9/23

On the way home near Swaffham is the small hamlet of West Acre and the Stag pub which was our starting point for a 5 mile circuit along the River Nar, a crystal clear, chalk stream. It has the same geology as we had encountered on our weekend at New Alresford in Hampshire so the scenery was superb. The first part is in the forest by the river to reach Castle Acre where we walked around the old Priory then a road back to the quirky little pub with local beer from a barrel behind the bar where we were soon enjoying their local handmade pies, just fantastic.

A great weekend, super walks, great entertainment, company, hotel, food and drink.

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Braunston Village Gardens Association

Watch out all adults the juniors are chasing you for those prizes!

On Saturday 2nd September the beautiful exhibits entered for the Braunston Show filled the Village Hall with colour, fragrance and, of course, examples of great skill. As organisers we particularly enjoyed the late rush of entries on Saturday morning as children brought in items for their own classes but were determined to take on the adults too. The handicraft judge said that quite a number of the children's craft exhibits showed real potential and a junior competitor won an adult prize with her Victoria Sandwich cake. In the adult photography we had three under 10s winning prizes, with one of them out competing the adults and gaining a first prize.

Thank you to the 77 exhibitors, especially those who are new to taking part in the Braunston Show. Your exhibits, an increase on last year, were enjoyed by all the visitors who joined us in the afternoon.

We were delighted that newcomers to the Braunston Show won prizes and a trophy this year. We look forward to seeing past and new competitors of all ages back in the hall next year. Here's the date for your diary,

Saturday 7th September 2024

A huge thank you to all the BVGA Committee and Supporters for working so hard to make the show possible.

Thank you to Plumbase Daventry for sponsoring the judges' meals, PumpkinPip Ltd for their invaluable support with the online entry and results analysis, Jay and all the staff at Select Convenience Stores for collecting entry forms and John for all his 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.

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Congratulations to the Trophy Winners:

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| The George Green Perpetual Challenge Trophy | Richard Thornton |
| The Betty Hargraves Cup | Kate Mawer |
| Braunston Bakes Carol Davey Memorial Trophy | Lou Adkins |
| The Braunston Barrow (Public Choice) | Nikki Young |
| The Novice Trophy | Lou Adkins |
| Little Fingers Prize | India Bates |
| The Busy Hands Shield | Sam Wood |
| The Green Fingers Trophy | Sophie Wood |
| The Jubilee Trophy | Jacob Canning |

Congratulations to the Best in Group Winners:

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| A | Vegetables | Alan Mawer | Class 29 A Veg Box |
| B | Fruit | Dennis Bancroft | Class 37 Bowl of Fruit |
| C | Flowers | Angela Essex | Class 62 An anniversary flower arrangement |
| F | Home Produce | Carol Brewer | Class 65 Loaf of specialist bread |
| G | Handicraft | Nikki Young | Class 85 A piece of crochet |
| H | Photographs | Ian Hope | Class 104 Flower Close up |
| J | Busy Hands | Stanley Annison | Class 117 A collage of a garden bird |
| K | Green Fingers | Sophie Wood | Class 125 A traybake display of 6 portions |
| L | Jubilee | Jacob Canning | Class 140 A photograph of a family pet |

The BVGA would like to hear from you.

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

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

If so, please contact Gill Astley, the BVGA Show Secretary.

Tel 07963 82105 or drop a note through the door at 65 High Street.

Braunston Paddox Cricket Club

The Northamptonshire County Cricket League, one of the largest in England, finished its 2023 season on 16th September. Braunston celebrated in style with both teams winning. The 1st XI beat Bugbrooke by 5 wickets to gain promotion for next year and the 2nds avenged an earlier defeat by Kettering with a hard fought victory by 3 wickets. The seconds maintained their mid table position and will await the outcome of the proposed league structure to be announced next month.

The firsts ended their season with a run of 6 consecutive victories. Since the last BVN report they have beaten Bugbrooke, MK AIR, Wellingborough Town and Weldon. Although promotion has not yet been ratified by the League their 3rd place in the division should mean that they will be promoted to a higher division next year. This will not be confirmed until after the forthcoming restructuring which is necessary as there has been an influx of clubs applying to join the league from other county leagues, notably Buckinghamshire and Warwickshire.

The seconds have won two out of their last three matches with victories over Kettering and Horton House and a narrow defeat to Abington Phoenix, who will be promoted next year.

Individual highlights in the past month saw Jordan Shingler score his 50th half century for the club. Only two other members have scored more than twenty-five and many only dream of scoring just one. The other record of note is Adam Treen taking the most catches by a club member in a season (23). He also broke the record for the most stumpings in a season with seven.



Jordan Shingler



Adam Treen

There will be a fuller report of the season following our presentation of awards evening in the Village Hall on Friday 20th September.

There will also be a report of the club's tour to North Yorkshire at the end of September. This will be our first tour since 2010 when we travelled to Dorset.

The Village Café

We have voted to assist the Friendly Club with a bid to help them for their transport costs for their Christmas dinner.



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Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

EV chargers

We are pleased to have received news from Marston's pubs that installation of the chargers at the Boat House should be completed by mid-October.

Walking and cycling

Both West Northamptonshire Council and the Government have policies and targets for increasing walking and cycling with aims such as improving health and reducing carbon emissions and pollution. The Government's ambition is 'to make cycling and walking the natural choices for shorter journeys, or as part of a longer journey by 2040.'

We have been looking at what could be done to make this achievable for people in Braunston. We are focusing on completing the Braunston to Daventry cycling and walking route, the 'barrier effect' of having a fast road, the A45 dividing the parish and the potential to have a cycle route westwards to link to Draycote Water and National Cycle Route 41.

We are planning to work with Braunston Parish Council and West Northamptonshire Council to seek improvements in the parish. We are consulting with Sustrans, the national charity that works with communities, helping them with walking, wheeling and cycling to create healthier places.

Whilst most of us in Braunston live to the north of the A45 there are homes, businesses and rights of way such as the track to Wolfhampcote and the footpath to Staverton on the south side. To reach the Government's target it should be possible to feel safe walking and cycling across the A45. At present it is possible to use the informal towpath accesses to go under the road. How do you cross the A45? Do you feel safe walking or cycling? We would be pleased to receive your views. Please message us using the numbers below, come to our next meeting or check out Facebook Braunston Climate Action Network.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th October in the Village Hall. You are welcome to join us. Please message 07989 421836 or 07554 264742 or use the contact information under climate emergency on the Braunston website.

Feature

Road names

Archer Avenue was probably the first road in Braunston to be named after a person. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 25th February 1948 acknowledge a decision of Daventry Rural District Council to name the 'new road on the housing estate Archer Avenue'. Mr F W Rushall felt this was 'an honour conferred on Mr Archer, an honour richly deserved and well-earned by his public work both as a parish councillor and rural district councillor'. He moved that the Parish Council acknowledge and confirm the name. This was seconded by Mr S M Capell and passed unanimously. Mr S Archer thanked Mr Rushall and councillors for their kind remarks.



In January 1968 the Parish Council discussed road names for the new housing area that at the time was referred to as the Greenlands Estate. The architects proposed the name Greenway for the road which the council supported, but for the two closes they had their own ideas. The suggestion of Brindley Close was rejected in favour of Mill Close and instead of Oxford Close the council preferred Gould Close. The

Parish Council claimed these names were more appropriate for the village. Mr Gould, pronounced gold, was headmaster of the village school in about 1930. Later Thompson Close appears to be named after Miss D A Thompson one of the longest serving parish councillors in the 20th century.



After his name was rejected for a close off Greenway, the Derbyshire engineer James Brindley who designed many canals was recognised for the new road at the Braunston Marina housing development.

If you know the origin of the name Sanders Close please let us know.

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Other news

Kitchen Kristening

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Community Car on 19th August, plus the waylaid Braunston Walkers and received by mail from Nicky at the Gongoozler added to the grand sum of £108.86!

Mavis

Bin Collections for October

Wed 4th Food and Garden
Wed 11th Food, Recycling and Waste
Wed 18th Food and Garden
Wed 25th Food and Recycling

Small electrical items and batteries can be recycled by putting them in a carrier bag and leaving on the lid of the black waste bin. Batteries must not be put in any bin.

Wanted - Used stamps postcards and old coins

Any stamps old or new any age, any coins old English and foreign or notes. All accepted to raise money for animal charities.

2023 total so far - £3447.87

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