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Braunston Canal Society brighten up the narrowboat play equipment at Braunston School with a fresh coat of paint. Page 27.

All Saints' Church Information



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BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

21st Sept

Funeral/burial

Doris Margaret Faulkner

SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER

CAFE COMMUNION

10:30 BRAUNSTON CHURCH

ALL WELCOME



CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

4 th	Ashby Village Hall	Outdoor Family Church	11.00
5 th	Braunston	All Saints' Patronal Festival	10.30
11 th	Braunston	Act of Remembrance War Memorial	10.45
12 th	Ashby	Act of Remembrance	10.30
12 th	Welton	Act of Remembrance	10.45
12 th	Braunston	Act of Remembrance	14.30
19 th	Welton	BCP Holy Communion	09.00
19 th	Braunston	Family Service	10.30
19 th	Daventry Holy Cross	Prayer and Praise	18.00
26 th	Welton	Holy Communion	10.30

Additional weekly services

Wednesdays	18.30	Evening Prayer	Ashby St Ledgers Church
Thursdays	09.30	Morning Prayer	Welton Church
Saturdays	10.00	Celtic Morning Prayer	Braunston Church

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).

Rector's letter

Have you had any odd emails or phone calls lately?

I've noticed an increase in emails trying to get my details and my money recently. Some are fake invoices for supposed services. Some claim to want to pay me for something, but of course, they need my bank and other details to "send me the money". Some appear to come from known organisations – one claimed to be from the Church of England! It would seem that whoever is making up these scams knows just enough about me, or where I live, or the kinds of organisations I interact with, to seem a little bit plausible.

I've also had a few people contact me because they've had an email from "Reverend Kathryn", asking for help. Let me please just say that I would never ask anyone for money, gift cards (as was the case with one), or anything like that. I'm all for donations to the church, but I only ever send details of payment for things like weddings and funerals. Thankfully, these emails from 'me' aren't from my real email address. That's also a tell-tale sign.

The moral of the story here is that any emails, phone calls, texts, or what-have-you that ask for or even offer money that you aren't expecting could well be attempted scams. My approach is that bills are genuine, they will come through the door. Even then, I sometimes check by calling the genuine customer services number for the phone and energy companies I'm signed up to.

If in doubt, stop. The Metropolitan Police website has the following Ten Golden Rules to prevent fraud, and if you're unsure – you can call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

1. Be suspicious of all 'too good to be true' offers and deals. There are no guaranteed get-rich-quick schemes.
2. Don't agree to offers or deals immediately. Insist on time to get independent or legal advice before making a decision.
3. Don't hand over money or sign anything until you've checked someone's credentials and their company's.
4. Never send money to anyone you don't know or trust, whether in the UK or abroad, or use methods of payment you're not comfortable with.
5. Never give banking or personal details to anyone you don't know or trust. This information is valuable so make sure you protect it.

6. Always log on to a website directly rather than clicking on links in an email.
7. Don't just rely on glowing testimonials. Find solid, independent evidence of a company's success.
8. Always get independent or legal advice if an offer involves money, time or commitment.
9. If you spot a scam or have been scammed, report it and get help.
10. Don't be embarrassed about reporting a scam. Because the scammers are cunning and clever there's no shame in being deceived. By reporting it, you'll make it more difficult for them to deceive others.

Every blessing,

Kathryn



Facing issues with your laptop or tech?

I can get your devices back up and running in no time. My name is Tim Banks, and I am an IT support specialist based in Kilsby. With 30 years of experience in this industry, I have the expertise and knowledge to offer IT set-up and solutions for your homes or business. I offer my services in Rugby, Daventry and surrounding villages. I accept payments through BACS, PayPal, cheque and cash. Whatever your IT requirements or problems are, I am here to help. After an initial phone consultation, home visits can be arranged or I can connect remotely to solve simple problems.

- Computer set-up and networking issues
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Church Floodlighting

Late for the **September** list

28th - Carole & John Fretter's 55th Wedding Anniversary

The complete **October** ...

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

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

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

All Saints' Patronal Festival

Sunday
5th Nov

10:30am



- 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
- 24th – Remembering our Dad on what would have been his 100th Birthday
- 28th – To celebrate the wedding of David Edwards and Wendy Wilson
- 30th - Lit for Sue Woodward. Happy Birthday
- 31st - * Remembering Joan & Bill Folkard and my brother, Michael, Love Lin

The **November** list so far ...

8th - In loving memory of our beloved great granddaughter Ava-May. Always in our hearts

12th - * Happy Anniversary Mick, with love

14th - Loving Memories of Philip Binding; missed by Theresa, Rachael, Tom & families

28th - * In memory of Chris Woods, friend & ringer

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

These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN deadline – 18th October 2023

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 18th of each month. Please mark the envelope 'Church Floodlighting'.

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.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE



**10:45AM SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
BRAUNSTON WAR MEMORIAL**

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.

Membership costs £2 a month, or £20 a year (minimum). Members are entitled to have the spire lit at no extra charge on a date of their choosing. Please contact the treasurer, Ralph Maltby, at 8 Mill Close, Braunston.

John Foster, Secretary, secretary.foasb@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk

Tiny Treasures

Parent /carer and toddler group for preschool children. Tuesday mornings during term time 9.00am to 11.00am



We meet in the Parish Room, All Saints' Church, Braunston. The Church door will be open. Just come on in. Come along and enjoy playtime, stories, craft time and singing.

Christmas Extravaganza

15th December 2023 led by Coventry Brass Band in All Saints' Church Braunston. Admission by donation.

A Service for
Remembering Loved Ones



Sunday 3rd December at 4pm
Braunston Church

Parish Council Information and News



Clerk: Steve Rolt
c/o 82 Greenway, Braunston, NN11 7JT
t: 0800 002 9783 (Freephone)
e: clerk@braunstonpc.org

Chair: David Cary, Vice-Chair: Graham Newman

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

Archer Avenue and Cross Lane	Alan Mawer	01788 890340
Ashby Road	Gordon Kemp	0800 002 9783
Church Road and Barby Road	Pete Morgan	07805 677559
Dark Lane	Sue Harrison	07769 589459
Eastfields	Jo Glover	07973 278052
The Green	Graham Newman	07710 290265
Greenway and Closes	Adrian Honeybill	07787 556078
High St (Old Plough to The Green)	Caroline Gibbons	01788 899107
High St (A45 to Old Plough)	David Cary	07775 514840
London Rd, Hill Row, Old Rd, Marina	John Pomfret	07817 234727
Spinney Hill and Closes	Carrie-Ann Biggs	07796 712408
Welton Rd, School Cl, Maple Cl		0800 002 9783

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:

6 th November	Full Council Meeting
20 th November	Precept Meeting (budget for 2024-2025)
4 th December	Full Council Meeting

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 Jo Glover and Sue Harrison will be in the meeting room at the Village Hall from 10am to 11am on Wednesday 15th November to discuss any questions or issues parishioners would like to raise.

Mature Drivers Roadshow

The Parish Council has received information from Northamptonshire Police:

Are you a mature driver (aged 60+)? Live in Northamptonshire? Rely on being able to drive? This FREE roadshow is for you! We are keen to help keep mature drivers driving safer for longer.

Our ability to drive changes over time for different reasons, especially as we get older. It's important that we recognise whether and how our driving is changing so we can stay safe and protect ourselves and those around us.

It is aimed at drivers 60+. There will be a short talk and then plenty of time to meet informally with our many stand holders.

Advice will be available on car adaptations, eyesight, how prescription medications may affect you, and much more including the opportunity to book a free IAM RoadSmart Mature Driver Assessment for a later date.

The event is being held on Tuesday 7th November with two sessions, 9.30am and 1pm at the Icon Innovation Centre, Eastern Way, Daventry NN11 0QB (what3words.com/reduce.stealthier.handbags)

Book your free tickets via Eventbrite:

9.30am - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mature-drivers-roadshow-tickets-722043691117>

1pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mature-drivers-roadshow-tickets-722062076107>

Beat Bus Surgeries

Come and discuss any issues with your local police officers and dispose of any unwanted sharp items from your home.

Thursday 2nd Nov. 12pm-1pm. Onley – near to the Village Hall.

Thursday 30th Nov. 10am-12pm. Danetre Hospital, Daventry.

Thursday 30th Nov. 1:30pm -3:15pm Heart of the Shires

Bus service

Changes to the route and times were introduced on 29th October.

Route D1 continues to serve the bus stops in Braunston but with these changes:

- It runs between Rugby town centre and Daventry Bus Station, no longer going to Northampton. There are connections at Daventry to reach Northampton on route D2 or Banbury on route 200.
- After the stop on Spinney Hill it runs via the A361 to Daventry town centre. There are stops near The Headlands and at Parker Academy. Middlemore and other estates are served by the D6 from the bus station.
- The route to Rugby is the same as previously but with more stops at DIRFT including the Royal Mail depot and DIRFT 3.

The new timetable is shown on the next page.

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.



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Intro to Ballet (5-6 yrs) 5.00pm - 5.45pm	
Pre Primary Ballet (7-8 yrs) 5.45pm - 6.30pm	
Primary Ballet (8 yrs+) 6.30pm - 7.15pm	
Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+) 7.15pm - 7.45pm	
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Summary of buses serving Braunston from 29th October 2023

Braunston is served by route D1

Buses run 6 days a week, Monday to Saturday. No buses on Sundays.

Rugby	0550	0705	0800	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1405*	1510	1610	1720	1820
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Braunston	0639	0754	0849	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1454*	1559	1659	1809	1909
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Daventry	0650	0805	0900	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1505*	1610	1710	1820	1920
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓

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* The bus marked with this symbol runs 5 minutes later when Warwickshire schools are on holiday and on Saturdays.

Daventry	0555	0655	0810	0905	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515*	1615	1715	1825	1925
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Braunston	0607	0707	0822	0917	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427	1527*	1627	1727	1837	1937
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Rugby	0658	0758	0913	1008	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618*	1718	1818	1928	2028
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓

* On Warwickshire schooldays the bus marked with this symbol runs 5 minutes earlier and in DIRFT only serves one stop and after Rugby continues to Coventry.

Dog Bins on the towpath

The Canal and River Trust can no longer finance the emptying of dog bins and have suggested the Parish Council pays for this service. The cost is about £300 p/a per bin for collection and safe disposal. The council is generally in favour and will make a final decision when adequate notice is given for the increase in expenditure.



Parish Councillor Carrie-Ann Biggs

I have lived in the village since 2008 with my now husband. We have two children, one who attends Braunston Primary and one at DSLV Secondary school.

I have been the manager of Braunston Preschool for 5 years now. I enjoy my job as I get to see the children grow and develop new skills.

I have been a parish councillor for a year and I am responsible for Spinney Hill, North Close, South Close and Walnut Close. If you have concerns please feel free to email me on

carrie-ann.biggs@braunstonpc.org

In my spare time when I'm not running around after my children, I like to go out for walks around the village taking in all the beautiful scenery.

I like to bake, spend time with my family whether in the village, Devon or Weymouth and occasionally knit a blanket or two. I have been teaching my daughter how to crochet and knit too so she can keep it running in the family.



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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 Tues 10-12
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

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Braunston C of E School

As we finish for the first term, it is time for reflection and the opportunity to look back on the start to the new academic year. The first half term has flown by, and I feel that we have been blessed by a happy and healthy start to our school year. Parent information Workshops have been held for helping parents support their child to make the best out of every school day. Our children in Reception have settled beautifully, learning the routines quickly and establishing friendships from day one.

During the summer holidays, there have been significant changes in our school grounds. Our entrances and exits to the school are now much more accessible for us all and I am pleased with the works that have gone into this.

Our Key Stage 1 playground has been totally transformed with new play equipment and it was delightful to see children sunbathing on the 'grass' during playtime. A big thank you to FOBS, Cummins, Your Café and donations from parents to make this happen.



Braunston Canal Society have answered our plea to come and restore the boat on the Key Stage 1 playground and have painted it in bright colours, fixing the seating area and making it safe to play on for years to come. We are

busy thinking of a name for the boat and will share the winning entry soon.

This year, we are continuing to strive for excellence in all areas of the curriculum and stay with our focus on helping all children to be the best readers they can be and encourage them to enjoy reading for pleasure. In maths, we are focusing on early number, securing number bonds and, in Key Stage 2, ensuring that all children have a rapid recall of

multiplication tables up to 12 x 12. We are aiming to send our new calculation policy to parents before the end of term, so that you can see the strategies that we are using in school.

We have already welcomed Braunston's Friendly Club into school. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing and explaining their work to members of our local community and gained much from this opportunity. Talking to members of the Friendly Club over a cup of tea and cake, it is safe to say that our visitors gained just as much from this shared experience. We look forward to continuing this partnership with the Friendly Club and welcoming them into school again soon.

My quiet, reflection has now been interrupted by beautiful singing from the whole school as they practise their songs for our Harvest Festival to be held at All Saints Church. I do not mind stopping and listening to the children's voices and can sense their enthusiasm as they share in melodic songs such as 'Big Red Combine Harvester' and 'Harvest Samba.'



Finally, our ethos continues to be 'We Care' and this is demonstrated through everything we do. The children live and breathe this too. We are very proud of our school and cannot wait to see what we achieve together throughout this year.

Mrs Lianna Willis

Headteacher

Steve
Roberts

Chimney
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Clubs and Groups

Braunston Short Mat Bowls Club

CRASH, THUMP, ' Yeh!' 'Teatime!'

For a lot of laughter, some (very gentle) exercise and tea and biscuits, try the Braunston Short Mat Bowls Club.

No equipment needed.

Nearly every Thursday afternoon 2-4 pm at the Village Hall.

To check details, call Bill Adams on 01788 891145 or just turn up!

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 13th November

Games afternoon – 2pm to 4pm

We will be bringing along our box of board games to play. A chance to enjoy a fun challenge over a cup of tea and cake!

Monday 27th November

Christmas meal at Waterside Restaurant, Draycote Water

All members must book their meal choices with Kate. Meet at 12 noon by the old bus bay on The Green. Return time will be around 3.30pm.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Village Café and its grant application process for supporting this Friendly Club activity. It is very much appreciated by all our members.

For more information phone Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340

Braunston Ex-forces Breakfast Club

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

Meeting dates: November 9th, December 14th

If you would like to enjoy a few hours with old comrades and new friends: phone George on 07512 707239 or email: geosue1@gmail.com

Braunston Village Charity



At Christmas, the Charity aims to provide a small gift to any villager who meets one of the following criteria:

- is over 90 years of age
- is a child under 18 with a physical, sensory or learning disability
- has a life-threatening/terminal illness or
- is in hardship – emotional and/or financial

This year, the Charity has set aside a small budget for one-off grants for villagers in short-term hardship for food and toiletries. The Charity also has a small number of quilts available to distribute.

If you would like to suggest someone who might be eligible for a gift or for help please contact the Charity via the page on the Village Website or by using a copy of the application form from Kim Donald in the Village Shop.

A webpage for the Charity is hosted on the village website - <https://www.braunston.org.uk/org.aspx?n=Braunston-Village-Charity>

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.



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Braunston History Society

Tuesday November 21st 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

RAYMOND

The story of the last wooden working boat built in Braunston and how she was saved and restored.

A talk by the Friends of Raymond, Nick Lake and Chris Jones.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Members Free, Guests £4

BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

Sat Nov 25th 7.30pm in the Village Hall

‘O Brother Where Art Thou’

2000 Cert 12

George Clooney, John Turturro, Tim Blake Nelson

Satirical comedy drama set in rural Mississippi in the 1930s.

3 convicts all chained together escape from a prison farm and set out to retrieve some buried treasure, hotly pursued by the sheriff.

The music is period specific and is a major component of the film. The musician T Bone Burnett worked with the Coen brothers to produce and record the music and includes Blue Grass, Delta Blues, Swing and Country.

You are welcome to bring your favourite drink & a glass. Ice Cream available to buy at the interval.

Tickets £4.50 members / £6.50 non-members.

Please book in advance with: 01788 890508

Or our new email address: braunstoncinema@gmail.com

The Hive

Do you despair about what to put where with the rubbish?

If so, our meeting on

Wednesday, 1st November, 2.15 PM in the Village Hall
will answer your questions.

A representative from West Northants Council is coming to explain
Waste Management

Come and listen, ask questions and enjoy a cuppa with us after the talk.

Visitors very welcome £3.

Our Quiz Sheet (cost £1) to keep you, friends and family entertained (or frustrated!) over the Christmas period is now available from The Community Café, Village Shop or via any Hive member.

Closing date is January 19th, 2024.

Prize for the most points is £25.



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Braunston Village Hall

SATURDAY, 11TH

NOVEMBER

7 FOR 7.30PM

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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 - Leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Household support vouchers should once again be available at the end of November for those who did not recently receive one. Please make contact and you will be added to a list to contact.

Twinkle on the Green

Sunday 3rd December 4-6pm. If you would like a stall or would like to volunteer your time then please get in touch.

Jo Glover, Kindness and Compassion

Braunston Walkers

October Walk - Hellidon

Thirteen of us set out on a day when the weather forecast was a tad unpredictable but we had no rain all day. A miracle really!

We started from Lower Shuckburgh with its quirky church and climbed the hill into the deer park. No deer out today but on the recce I had been surrounded by them. We passed the estate church in beautiful countryside and followed a track to Park Farm wedding venue.

We were standing by a gate eating Nigel's sweets when a farmer with three hard working collies came for a chat. Nigel gave him some sweets before we left.

We finally arrived at the infamous Gipsy Lane with its extremely muddy puddles, leading to Hellidon where we strolled up to the Red Lion for lunch. Highly recommended with some good paintings on the wall.

After lunch took the Catesby road. On the recce I had taken a diagonal path over fields but they had all been ploughed so I decided to revise the route. I got a little lost but soon managed to make it back to the path lined with bio fuel crops. We heard wild boar in the crop as we passed. It's downhill all the way back (or so I kept telling everybody). The views were magnificent, sunshine lighting up the distant buildings in Coventry.

Our next walk is November 18th

Ray Scrivens (rayscrivens@btinternet.com)

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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 CAN (Climate Action Network)

EV chargers

Installation of the high-speed chargers for up to 6 cars at a time at the Boat House has been completed.



Nibbits Field

Possible footpath obstruction - In preparation for the hedgerow planting project in Nibbits Field the fence along the 2 footpaths is being partly replaced/repared. Most of the work will be done from the field side. However there is a chance that this work may create temporary obstructions of the footpaths. We apologise if this causes any inconvenience. The work is to take place during the first 2 weeks of Nov.

Bus service consultation

In 2022 West Northamptonshire Council appointed consultants to report on bus services. A detailed two part report on existing provision is available in the consultation hub on the WNC website. In this the route serving Braunston is classed as 'at risk'. The route is secure in the short term but we should use it as much as possible. Stagecoach have just introduced a better timetable with shorter journeys to Daventry and good connections to Northampton and Banbury. The £2 fare per ride continues.

WNC are now asking for views on the following priorities:

Priority 1: WNC will encourage the commercial operation of local public transport services, through partnership working and infrastructure investment.

Priority 2: Where there are unmet needs and gaps in the commercial bus network provision, the Council will seek solutions through supported local bus services or community transport initiatives, where funding is available and it is consistent with Council policies and priorities.

Priority 3: WNC will fund and administer concessionary travel for elderly and disabled residents in line with national regulations.

There is also a space to pass on anything else about bus services.
Search for:

westnorthants.citizenspace.com/travel-choices/interim-bus-policy/

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st November 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.

Braunston Canal Society

Continuing to improve the towpath below lock 4, our first task party in September addressed the poor performance of the French Drain constructed in April. The turf was removed and replaced with gravel that had been transported to site using workboat 'Skippy2Sheds'.



Lock maintenance that should have been completed in August was the focus of the second task party. This entailed greasing the gate collars and paddle racks along with oiling the paddle mechanisms, painting the 'CILL' markers and edging the coping stones and bollards. Rain stopped play so several ad hoc task

parties were required to complete this task for all 6 locks. The painting of the tops of the lock beams of locks 1,2 and 3 and completing the painting of locks 5 and 6 was also achieved.

In a departure from normal business BCS agreed to a request from Braunston Primary School to brighten up their 4m narrowboat play equipment with a fresh coat of paint. As well as the addition of some bright colours the damaged wooden seat in the cabin was replaced.

Other task parties included supporting CRT engineers by strimming the junction island so they could carry out an inspection, of the damaged coping. Maintaining the grass at the Stop House and Gongoozler garden, gave us the opportunity to try out our new battery powered hedge trimmer obtained with sponsorship from the Braunston Community Café.



The Society is 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. To see our previous activities check out our website at www.braunston.org.uk/bcs.



Alarum Community Theatre Project

A cast of 12 adults and 3 children performed shows to sell out audiences 12-14th October. Another 20 people worked backstage on various roles to bring the performance to the village hall 'stage'. Well done all!



Thank you if you were in the audience for A Cut Through Time - we would love to hear what you thought of the show (contacts below). Many in Braunston and local businesses helped get the show ready. We can't list them all here (the BVN doesn't have enough pages!) but we did credit them in the programme and posted on The Bugle as well.

Fancy taking part in the next Braunston Community Show? Get in touch and we'll pass your details on to the group of volunteers planning a 2024 production. In next month's BVN we'll share our plans to contribute to the village archives

We held a raffle at each show, the proceeds of which will be split between local groups and good causes in Braunston, as well as towards the cost of putting on the show. A celebration of our project so far, the



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Braunston Then and Now Calendar is for sale in the village shop - £6.99. Twelve views of Braunston, a month per page. Again the proceeds will be split between good causes and production costs.

We used the fantastic show poster, painted by local teenager Pippa Thompson, for the front cover of the calendar too. It is a vibrant picture which will look great on any wall in December while you are waiting for 2024 to start.

Joanna and Kate

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Braunston Village Gardens Association

The Show Isn't Over!

Following a really grand village show in September, your gardening group is still busy working around the village tidying and planting on a Friday morning from 9.00am to around 10.30 when we head to The Wheatsheaf for coffee and cake! You are welcome to come and join us on any Friday, although we are now winding down for the autumn\winter. We usually meet at one of these locations but the Village Hall is a good place to start, or bottom lock and Jetty Fields but again, from the end of October we will not be working so much, but we still meet for coffee and Chris and Kirsty know who we are, so do just pop in for a brew and introduce yourself!

The Village Hall garden and car park borders have been the focus of the garden group for a few years. With funding from the Community Café we purchased the planters which have added some height to the area and also prevent cars driving off the tarmac! The garden has the herb beds which you can help yourselves from and a seat under the oak tree where you can sit and relax. The car park area is difficult as the soil is dry, but the planting scheme works well, adding colour and attracting insects.

We took on maintenance of the area by the bottom lock nearly 2 years ago and this year it has looked absolutely fabulous. New roses were planted with help from a local supporter and many compliments have been received, thank you. We were then approached by UCC to look after the bed next to their office, which we readily did and after a few weeks of work and some planting of bulbs paid for by Jono, this area is now easily managed and looking great too.

As if that wasn't enough to keep us all busy, we are now working in the garden area of the Jetty Field. We have cleared the ground around the old water feature, removing brambles and sedge grasses, shaped shrubs and exposed some more which will hopefully flourish next year when not choked by weeds. We are also going to focus planting to create colour blocks for interest and fragrance for most of the year. Everything is native and hardy, so no buying of things year on year. We welcome donations of plants so do contact us if you have anything you think might of interest for a woodland location.

Next time you fancy a walk, go and wander around these areas to see what we have been doing to make the village look its best. Remember, you are automatically a member of BVGA if you live in Braunston.

Gill Astley for BVGA – gillastley@hotmail.co.uk

The BVGA are holding the AGM on Thursday 7th December at 19:30 in the Village Hall. Anyone interested in gardening and maintaining an attractive village are welcome. We also need people to help on the committee or at BVGA run events in various roles. It doesn't have to be an arduous task or take up much time and is a good opportunity to have a chat with other village residents with an interest in gardening and what works in a changing climatic norm.

David Cary, Co-Chair BVGA

Braunston Community Garden Shop

We have re-stocked the shop at the village hall. Our regular Sunday opening will start in March but please get in touch if you would like to buy compost, fertiliser, canes, bark or twine before then.

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Braunston Paddox Cricket Club

The 2023 season is over. In the main it has been successful. After a few disappointing results in midseason, the Wednesday XI consolidated their mid-table position in Division 2 of the Rugby and District League. The seconds did likewise in their division of the Northants County League and would have been promoted but for a couple of matches which could easily have gone our way. The firsts, following an excellent run in the last few matches comfortably gained promotion and will be in Division 8 of the restructured 16 Division County League next season. The seconds will be in Division 15. The Sunday Friendly side played more games than in previous seasons, and whilst there were more defeats than victories it enabled those new to the game to get experience which they would not necessarily get just playing league matches.

During the season a total of 52 people played for the club, some at very short notice. Just under half of those who played have a connection with the village by birth, school, family, work or residence. We are always on the lookout for new players and there is an open invitation to join us when we resume indoor net practice sessions in the New Year. These will be held at the Parker Academy in Daventry between 6 and 7.30 pm starting on the 8th January. The cost will be £4 per session or £30 for all ten weeks. Contact the club by email Braunstoncc@gmail.com or phone (Tom Sabin) 07896 490911 for more details.

We recently purchased portable sightscreens, thanks to the generosity of Chris and Claire at the Wheatsheaf. Sightscreens are a league requirement if we are to gain further promotion in the County league.

Seventeen players and two supporters ventured to North Yorkshire for our first tour since 2010. Unfortunately both games had to be cancelled due to flooded pitches following the remnants of Hurricane Nigel . However, the weekend was not

a total disaster, as a crazy golf tournament was organised, alongside informal pool, darts and 5 a side matches.



Tour team

The end of season Presentation Evening was held in the village hall, followed by more celebrations in the Wheatsheaf.



This year's winners were.

1st XI Batting and bowling awards

Elijah Glover

2nd XI Batting award

Shaun Harnett

2nd XI Bowling award

Ranjith Kallikutty

Midweek XI Batting and bowling awards

Jordan Shingler

Most improved player award

Dhillon Chokshi

Best fielder award.

Adam Treen

Paul Beck award for the most outstanding match winning performance of the year

Elijah Glover and Jordan

Shingler, for their unbeaten opening stand of 117 against top of the table Newbold to give us a 10 wicket victory.

Junior player of the year.

Lachie Kerr

Mallard Trophy, for the most ducks during the season always hotly contested.

Dhillon Chokshi

1st XI Players player of the year.

Elijah Glover

2nd XI Players player of the year.

Ranjith Kallikutty.

Captain's award. Presented by the team captains for an outstanding contribution to the club over the past year.

Adam O'Connor

Lifetime award for services to the club

Richard Stapley

Other news

Sanders Close

The October BVN's feature on road names asked about the origin of this name. Marilyn Brinkman sent the BVN this information:

The Sanders family owned and ran for many years the farm, opposite to that of the Harrisons, in Dark Lane. Mr Jack Sanders was also on the PCC and a Church Warden, while his wife was organist at All Saints' Church. I can remember them delivering milk by horse and cart throughout the village - you took your own vessels to receive the milk measured directly from the churn.

Marilyn has a lot of knowledge of Braunston's history. Thank you.

Does anyone who attended Braunston School at the time Greenway was being developed remember being asked about road naming?

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 - £4220.71.

Thank you. Please keep sending to Val Ward at 51 High Street
Hope we can reach £5000 by the end of the year.

Bin Collections for November

Wed 1 st	Food, Garden and Waste	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.
Wed 8 th	Food, Recycling	
Wed 15 th	Food and Garden	Batteries must not be put in any bin.
Wed 22 nd	Food, Recycling and Waste	
Wed 29 th	Food and Garden	

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