

# BRAUNSTON NEWS Village

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Braunston Canal Society volunteers enjoy bacon butties thanks to Daisy and Lloyd while taking a break from filling Skippy's hold three times with arisings from vegetation control. Their other news is on page 31.

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## **The BVN - how you could help**

Would you like to join the team?

The BVN is produced by a team of Braunston volunteers. Pete Hobbs looks after the finances and liaises with businesses that support the village newsletter by advertising with us. The editors are Sandra Stapley and Alan Mawer, while Nikki Cary and Liz Fraser are the proof-readers and Deb Hope collects the BVNs from the printers and coordinates all the volunteers who walk round the village putting the paper copies through letterboxes.

We would be pleased to hear from you if you would like to join the team and contribute to producing the BVN.

Much of the editors' work involves juggling space and editing submissions to ensure that it is fair to contributors, easy to read and fits into a newsletter of 36 or 40 pages. The editors also publish each edition online on the village website and on the Issuu platform. Reading the online copy allows you to see the pictures in colour.

The BVN is sent by email to the proof-readers on about the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month. They have a tight deadline to read it and list errors, items that need clarifying and suggestions for better presentation. They send this to the editor for that month who prepares the final version and sends it to the printers.

We are grateful to the printers, Design to Print, (their advert is on page 39) who turn the BVN around promptly so that you receive it on about the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Deb has a good team of volunteer distributors but would welcome any new recruits to help when one is ill or on holiday. There's also the possibility that a round will become available for someone who has the time to walk part of the village.

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of the roles, including editing, proof-reading, distributing or on-line publishing, please speak to one of the current volunteers or let us know by email or by taking a note to the Post Office counter so that we could discuss sharing the roles with new volunteers.

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

## Would you like to contribute?

The BVN started in 1970 when it was published solely by All Saints' Church. In 2000, in recognition of the role it had in providing information about village organisations and activities beyond the church, the BVN became a joint publication partly financed by the Parish Council.

Printing the paper copies is the only cost incurred in producing the BVN. In 2022 most of the printing costs were met by the businesses who pay to advertise. We thank all of them. We are pleased that the Parish Council and All Saints' Church have no plans to increase the advertising rates for this year.

After receipt of money from advertisers, the remaining costs are split between the Church ( $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup>) and the Parish Council ( $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup>). The amount paid in council tax to finance the BVN by an average sized household in Braunston comes to 80p per year for all 11 editions. We hope you think this is good value.

Any contribution you would like to make towards the printing costs of the BVN would be gratefully received. There are two ways of doing this. If you scan this QR code you will be taken to the 'givealittle' website where you can choose to make a donation to the BVN.



Alternatively, you can write a cheque, payable to 'The PCC of Braunston', put it in an envelope marked BVN, take it to the Post Office counter and ask for it to be put in the BVN folder.

If you have a business and would like to support the village newsletter by advertising, please contact Pete Hobbs using the email address below. He will let you know the rates. You can advertise in one edition or sign up for a longer period.

[treasurer@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk)

## BVN archive

Every BVN from June 2013 onwards is available on the village website. We have paper copies of most other editions back to issue number 1 from January 1970. We are indebted to Steve Rolt who has undertaken the time-consuming task of scanning these early editions so that they can be uploaded online. They will be available later.



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### BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

None for this edition

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

5 <sup>th</sup>	Service with Communion	Braunston	10.30
12 <sup>th</sup>	Service with Communion	Ashby	10.30
19 <sup>th</sup>	Service of Holy Communion	Welton	9.15
	Morning Service	Braunston	10.30
26 <sup>th</sup>	Service with Communion	Welton	10.30

## Vicar's Letter

Have you noticed the days are starting to get longer? I imagine the farmers among you will have. What difference does it make?

For me, it means having a bit longer after lunch before I need to take the dog out for a walk. But no doubt many of you will still be leaving for work or school in the dark, and coming home in the dark too. Happily, the slightly longer daylight hours bring the promise that it won't be like that forever.

This season seems to be all about finding light in the darkness. The church recently celebrated Epiphany – when the Wise Men visit Jesus guided by the light of a star. Of course, they couldn't have seen the star if the sky wasn't dark. A reminder that, even when it's dark we need to pay attention to light.

We are living through some pretty dark days – far darker for some than others. Perhaps it's a little twee, a bit of a platitude, just to say that we need to keep looking for the light even when it's dark. Yet there is some benefit in choosing to see where there is good whilst acknowledging that plenty of evil is being done. We need hope. We also need role models – people who inspire us to make a difference, no matter how small.

Light entering the darkness is the whole point of Christmas. Light overcoming darkness is the whole point of Christianity. Those of us who believe have this hope, and a responsibility. If we have faith, then we have faith that the Light of Christ lives in us. Where are we shining it?

It is all too easy to be overwhelmed by the big problems. We can't save Ukraine. We can't bring justice to people in our own nation trapped in inadequate housing with black mould and no heating, not all of them, anyway. But what can we do? Where does The Light want to shine through you?

Looking for the light is not a sentimental platitude. It's a commitment to being a part of it. For those who are struggling, do let others help. For others, it's looking for opportunities to help. But actually, I think for all of us, it's a bit of both most of the time. That give and take is what forms connections and builds community. It's a conduit for light to shine.

So we wait for the days to lengthen, but we take action to shorten the experience of darkness where we can. May you find joy and hope as you do so.

Rev Kathryn



**Outdoor Family Church**  
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**Tiny Treasures**

Parent /Carer and toddler group for pre school 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.

## 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.

## The Friends of All Saints'

We 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.

Please contact the treasurer, Ralph Maltby, at 8 Mill Close.

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

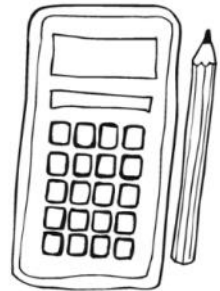
## Prayer Chain

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](mailto:suejennens21@gmail.com) or your church warden. The list is updated each month (first names only).

## Like working with numbers?

Braunston Church is looking for some help with bookkeeping and financial management. You don't need to be regular at church, just willing to help.

We're looking ahead to when we will need a new honorary treasurer. This involves recording, management, investment, and spending of the church money. Perhaps you'd be willing to come and see what it's about before committing. Perhaps you'd be willing to help more generally. We'd love to hear from you.



Interested?

Contact:  
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## Church Floodlighting

The complete **December** list

3<sup>rd</sup> - \* In Loving Memory of Our Mum

5<sup>th</sup> - \* Remembering with love my darling wife Thelma on her birthday - Bob

5<sup>th</sup> - Rob, you are always remembered with love always. Sal, Tom & Pippa

6<sup>th</sup> - In memory of my wife Judith

7<sup>th</sup> - In memory of Sheila

9<sup>th</sup> - Remembering Alan Cope on his 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Love Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt xx

23<sup>rd</sup> - Happy Birthday Marion Pateman. Love from all the family

24<sup>th</sup> - Carl Grant Birthday memories, always in our thoughts. Sharon, Kyle, Siann & families

25<sup>th</sup> - Treasured memories at Christmas of Alan Cope. Love Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt xx

25<sup>th</sup> - Averil, John and son John Bartley sadly missed at Christmas. Love from all the family xx

27<sup>th</sup> - \* In memory of Philip Hutchinson

27<sup>th</sup> - \* Happy Birthday to our daughter Fran. Love from Mum & Dad

27<sup>th</sup> - In memory of Bruce Caldwell beloved husband of Liz on his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday

30<sup>th</sup> - \* Peter & Chris Grossart's Wedding Anniversary

31<sup>st</sup> - Remembering our dear parents with love and affection.

The complete **January** list

6<sup>th</sup> - Ron Clegg Birthday memories, always in our thoughts. Audrey, Dave, Jane, Sharon & families

8<sup>th</sup> - \* Lit by Bryan & Janet Stuart, to Commemorate our son Jonathan

8<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday big brother. Lots of love - Diane

13<sup>th</sup> - \* In memory of Peter Wenham, friend & ringer



The **February** list so far ...

10<sup>th</sup> - \* In memory of Mansel Davies

12<sup>th</sup> - \* Gordon & Helena Lane Anniversary

19<sup>th</sup> - \* In loving memory of my brother Rowan on his birthday. Miss you loads. Duncan x

23<sup>rd</sup> - \* Happy birthday Zoe. Love, Mum

23<sup>rd</sup> - Remembering our daddy on his 45<sup>th</sup> birthday. All our love forever and ever, Autumn and Danny xxx

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

These are requests received before the BVN deadline, 12.00, 18<sup>th</sup> Jan.

The fee is £7 per evening, you can give more. Please try to keep the length of the dedication to not more than 12 words.

The completed message with the donation can be left at the Post Office. Requests are collected from the Post Office on the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please mark the envelope 'Church Floodlighting'.



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## Parish Council Information and News



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Chair: Sandra Stapley, Vice-Chair: John Pomfret

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

Archer Avenue and Cross Lane	<b>Alan Mawer</b>	01788 890340
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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	<b>Adrian Honeybill</b>	07787 556078
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>Carrie-Ann Biggs</b>	07796 712408
Welton Rd, School Cl, Maple Cl	<b>Sandra Stapley</b>	01788 890475

Councillors can also be contacted by email. Addresses are councillors' names separated by a full stop and followed by [@braunstonpc.org](mailto:@braunstonpc.org) for example [alan.mawer@braunstonpc.org](mailto:alan.mawer@braunstonpc.org)

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

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

6 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30pm	Full Council Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website.

## **Improvements to the bus service**

The Parish Council has thanked Stagecoach for the improvements to the timetable. There are now nearly double the number of journeys with a bus every hour in most parts of the day, an earlier start to the service and a slightly later finish. The route to Rugby now goes through Barby and the service number is changed to D1.

The council has suggested that the route could be further amended so that it also serves other stops in the parish. We await a response.

At the time of writing the information at the bus stops has not been updated by Stagecoach. We have put a timetable for both the Rugby and Northampton directions in the bus shelter by the Village Hall and a copy of this on page 14.

The single fare for all journeys is £2 until the end of March. All boardings, both fare-paying and concessionary passes, are recorded. Please use the bus as much as possible to help keep the service running to Braunston so that we have the option of using it when we might need it. Even a short trip in the village counts as a journey.



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Rugby	0618	0708*	0818	0928	1028	1128	1228	1338	1438	1538	1638	1748	1848
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
<b>Braunston</b>	<b>0656</b>	<b>0746*</b>	<b>0856</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>1306</b>	<b>1416</b>	<b>1516</b>	<b>1616</b>	<b>1716</b>	<b>1826</b>	<b>1926</b>
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Davertry	0726	0816*	0926	1036	1136	1236	1336	1446	1546	1646	1746	1856	1956
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Northampton	0815	0911	1015	1125	1225	1325	1425	1535	1635	1735	1835	1944	2042

\* The bus marked with this symbol runs 10 minutes later on Saturdays between Rugby and Daventry

Northampton	0720	0820	0920	1020	1130	1230	1330	1430	1540	1640	1740	1840	1950		
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Davertry	0550*	0700	0810	0910	1010	1110	1220	1320	1420	1520	1630	1730	1830	1930	2035
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<b>Braunston</b>	<b>0621*</b>	<b>0731</b>	<b>0841</b>	<b>0941</b>	<b>1041</b>	<b>1141</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>1351</b>	<b>1451</b>	<b>1551</b>	<b>1701</b>	<b>1801</b>	<b>1901</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2106</b>
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Rugby	0702*	0812	0922	1022	1122	1222	1332	1432	1532	1632	1742	1842	1942	2042	2147
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\* The bus marked with this symbol runs 10 minutes later on Saturdays.

## Village Hall Information



To hire the hall please visit the website: [braunstonvillagehall.org.uk](http://braunstonvillagehall.org.uk)

### Contacts for Village Hall activities

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

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

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

[braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com](mailto:braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com)

## Braunston C of E School

### **'Impressive' Ofsted report reflects the effort of the school community**

The teachers and staff finished for Christmas with smiles on their faces as their Ofsted report was published. Following an inspection in November, inspectors gave Braunston, which is part of the Peterborough Diocese Education Trust (PDET), a 'GOOD' rating overall. The report says that pupils are "proud of their friendly school", with pupils saying to inspectors that their school is a family "because we care and help each other". The report goes on to say that "leaders and staff are ambitious for all pupils" and "have created a positive and purposeful environment for effective learning."

Headteacher, Lianna Willis, said: "We are delighted with the outcome. This judgement is a brilliant reflection of our school's many strengths. What I particularly like are the comments about our children - they truly are the best reflection of what we do well as a school. The inspection team found them to be caring, happy and flourishing in their learning."

The report states that "pupils aim to be responsible citizens in their community and beyond. They fundraise for charities. Older pupils are considerate helpers around the school." They also found that "leaders have ensured that pupils have developed a clear understanding of right and wrong."

Mrs Willis added: "The quality of education we provide has been captured by the inspectors. We put a real focus on reading, and I was delighted that the report says how much our children love reading and can talk about their favourite authors and books they enjoy. We are also very proud of our Forest School provision which gives an outdoor learning opportunity to all children. Being able to share the report makes a wonderful end to what has been a fantastic year for our school and our community."

The inspectors also praised the school's sense of community. The report concludes: "Parents appreciate that their children are happy and learn well at this school. Staff are proud to work here... they say that they are well supported by the trust, leaders and colleagues."

Ruth Walker-Green, CEO of PDET, added: "Alongside the great feedback on learning, what strikes me the most when I read the report is how there is a real team effort to ensure the very best provision for the children."

"My colleagues, both in the school, on the governance committee and across the wider PDET family should be applauded. This is an impressive outcome and one that the whole community should be proud of."



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Any payment is by voluntary contribution. To request a journey call Community Car number 07984 412921 (24 hours notice where possible please).

Our huge thanks to the person who so generously donated £3,000 to the Community Car on 1<sup>st</sup> December. This will certainly make a difference to the future of the service which is used by so many Braunston residents.

Thanks also to the Village Post and the Hive for their wonderful donations to our fund of £109 and £900 respectively. We appreciate all the efforts made and these donations really do help to continue and improve the service.

Please note that due to lack of demand we are now withdrawing the Sunday Church run service.

As always our grateful thanks also, to Zak of Vinetree Automotive, Staverton for his continued support.

### **Braunston History Society**

First of all, we would like to pay tribute to our dear friend Annie Rogers who sadly died just before Christmas. Annie was involved with the history society for many years and was secretary for over 12 years. She had a keen interest in local and family history and was involved in the production of many of our leaflets and booklets. She was always good fun; and we could rely on her to come up with interesting ideas and topics. We were so fortunate to know her and we will all miss her so much. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

Tuesday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm in Village Hall

We will be showing a selection of Historic Waterways Films. Always sure to initiate comments and recollections.

Please come along and support your local history society.

Members Free, Guests £4

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Braunston Scout Group

A record!

12 Braunston Cubs earn top award

12 Cubs from Braunston have just been awarded the Chief Scout Silver award. That's 14 Silvers in 1 year, a new record. In recognition of this outstanding achievement Irene Lockley & Patrick Richardson from Daventry District Scouting presented the certificates and the moment was captured by Northamptonshire County photographer David Curtis.

Silver is the highest award a Cub can earn covering: Adventurous & Outdoor activities; Skills, Personal challenges, Teamwork & Team Leading and Global awareness plus a minimum of 6 other badges.



Cub leader David Coleman said “they are all super Cubs, and a credit to scouting, I am immensely proud of them all”

**cubs**

<https://www.braunstonscouts.co.uk/>

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## **Braunston Friendly Club**

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

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

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Fish and Chip lunch. Note change of time 12.30 to 2.30pm

Be sure to pre-order your fish and chip lunch with Kate and enjoy meeting with friends, and of course, eating Jenny's pudding!

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Musical entertainment with Nick Wood - 2pm to 4pm

Nick, one of our members, will entertain us with his guitar playing and singing. Do come along and join in with the fun at this relaxed event. We will be having a fundraising Bring and Buy stall so don't forget to bring something for the stall and some cash to buy!

More information: Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340

## **Braunston Walkers**

16 of us met for a pre-Christmas local walk finishing at the Old Plough where there were stalls in the car park and Santa's Grotto was in the bar as we sat down to enjoy the hog roast.

Our next walk will be on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. [rayscrivens@btinternet.com](mailto:rayscrivens@btinternet.com)

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## The Royal British Legion

Last November's Braunston village collection raised £1,139. The original Braunston Legion Branch has now amalgamated with Daventry and the collection proceeds have been added to their total. Thanks to all those who contributed and to Colin White for organising the collection.

You are reminded that all past and present members of the armed services and their families and dependents can call upon the Legion for help in many ways, details of which can be found on the internet.

Tony Saunderson

## The Village Café, Braunston



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## Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

We recently discussed - Food for thought!

The world has recently achieved a new record: there are now 8 billion humans inhabiting the earth - over 3x more than in 1950.

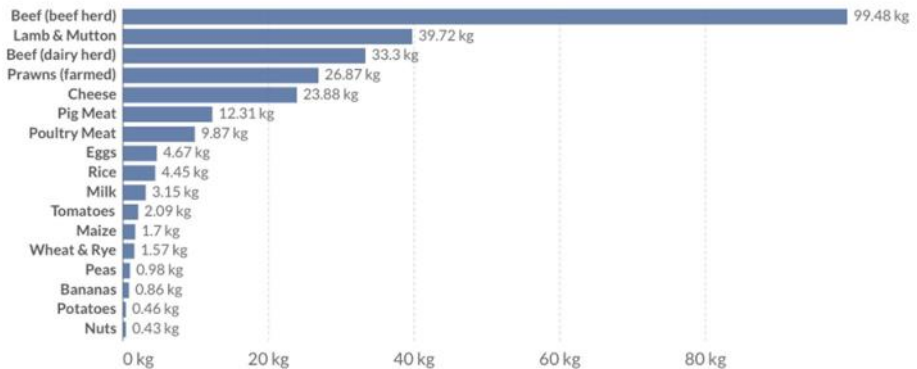
The other mammals that have also increased massively in number during this period are 'livestock' – particularly cattle, sheep and pigs – to provide food for humans.

The environmental consequences of these high numbers in terms of emissions highlight the need to examine more sustainable ways of tackling global food supplies.

### Greenhouse gas emissions per kilogram of food product

Emissions are measured in carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>eq). This means non-CO<sub>2</sub> gases are weighted by the amount of warming they cause over a 100-year timescale.

Our World  
in Data



Source: Poore, J., & Nemecek, T. (2018). Reducing food's environmental impacts through producers and consumers.

Note: Greenhouse gases are weighted by their global warming potential value (GWP100). GWP100 measures the relative warming impact of one molecule of a greenhouse gas, relative to carbon dioxide, over 100 years.

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This data shows that reducing our meat and dairy consumption - whilst increasing plant-based consumption - would significantly reduce our emissions. It would also provide other major benefits: more efficient use of land and water; reduced pollution; better animal welfare; improved health outcomes across the globe.

For more information about food choices visit:

[ourworldindata.org](http://ourworldindata.org)      [veganuary.com](http://veganuary.com)

Further information about BCAN projects can be found in the 'Village Info' section of the village website under 'Climate Emergency' and on Facebook at 'Braunston Climate Action Network' (BCAN). If you are interested in joining us, please message 07989 421836 or 07554 264742 or come to our next meeting, 7.30, 1st Feb in the Village Hall.



## Braunston Cinema Club

Mrs Harris Goes to Paris

Sat Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in the Village Hall. 2022 PG Rating

Lesley Manville, Jason Isaacs, Isabelle Huppert

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## Braunston Village Gardens Association

### Braunston Open Gardens

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June Open Gardens - Please contact Catherine if you would like to open your garden this year and your name is not on our current list. This village event raises funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Visitors enjoy seeing the variety of Braunston gardens so it would be lovely to hear from you if you would like to take part this year.

catherine.eastaff4@hotmail.co.uk

### Braunston Gardens Community Shop

We've had the first delivery of stock for the Garden Community Shop and are expecting more this month.

The shop will be open on Sunday mornings between 11 and 12, from 5<sup>th</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> May when you can buy products listed below.

You can also place an order from the list and for any other gardening products including netting, seeds and other fertilisers. Please contact us for details and let us know what you would like by 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Contact details:

Richard: rmstapley@talk21.com or ring 01788 890475.

Alan: a.mawer@virgin.net or ring 01788 890340

Composts:

General purpose, organic, peat-free, also works well as a growing bag.	40 ltr	£6.60
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Fertilisers:

FBB organic	1lb 70p	7lb £4	14lb £7	25kg £24.50
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Bonemeal organic	1lb 70p	7lb £4	14lb £7	25kg £24.50
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Growmore	1lb £1	7lb £6	14lb £11	25kg £40
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Pelleted poultry manure	1lb 50p	7lb £3	14lb £5.50	15kg £10
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Other products:

Bamboo Canes	8 feet	70p
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Tomorite	1 ltr	£4.50
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Natural Jute Twine	110 m	£2.80
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Mini Bark Chips, for mulching pots and containers.	75 ltr	£8.50
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Large Bark Chips, for covering larger areas	100 ltr	£8.50
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## The Hive – A Club for ladies living in and local to Braunston

New to the village? Recently retired or at home and wanting to get involved in village activities? This group of busy bees has a varied programme of activities, outings and talks and welcomes new members and guests at our meetings. So why not give The Hive a try? Come along and join us! You'll soon find new friends!

The busy Hive members, together with much generous support from the community, have managed to raise the amazing amount of £900 for the Braunston Community Car. At the January meeting a cheque was presented by Jennie and Gill to Lynda Leadbetter, representing the Trustees of BCC.



NEXT MEETINGS – Village Hall at 2.00 pm

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> February – Talk & Demo by Christine Wood on Canal Folk Art

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March – EGM/AGM – Members only - new financial year end

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Meeting - Quiz, Buffet & Bonnet

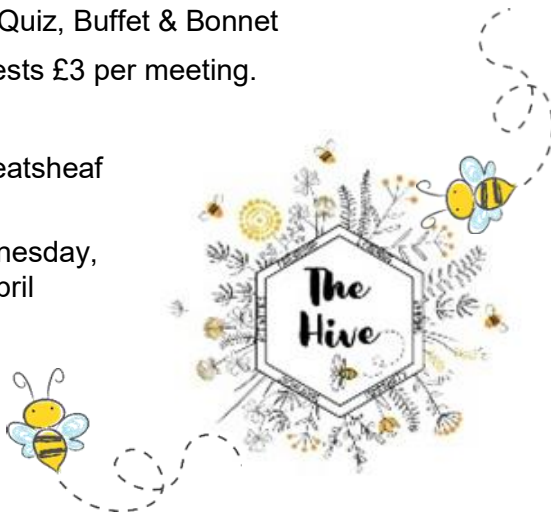
Members 50p per tea/coffee, guests £3 per meeting.

COFFEE MORNINGS - The Wheatsheaf  
PH 10.30 am

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday,  
15<sup>th</sup> March & Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April

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annum

Contact Valerie 01788 891975



## Brownies

Second Braunston Brownies have had a busy month, we did numerous Christmas crafts and had a party at the end of term, rounded off with a panto visit to the Derngate.



We have started 2023 with a bang... working towards our 'Express Myself' theme this term, using our imagination to invent new uses for things and edible architecture where we got creative with food!



If you know a girl aged 7-10 who would like to join our unit please visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and find the join us links

We meet 5:30-7:00pm on Thursdays during term time in the Village Hall.

## Braunston Village Charity

At Christmas, the Charity distributed 69 gifts to a value of £1316 as well as a number of quilts made by the Village's Quilting Group. This compares to 2021 when 65 gifts to a value of £1410 were distributed. A number of expressions of thanks have been received, either directly to the Trustees or posted on the Braunston Bugle.

The Trustees would like to thank the Quilting Group and the Whilton Locks Garden Centre and B&M who generously supported its work and enabled more gifts to be distributed while reducing the overall cost to the Charity.

The Trustees have developed a webpage for the Charity which 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.

The Trustees will be reviewing the criteria for a Christmas gift in 2023 due to the increased levels of need in the village. The Trustees are also looking at ways that villagers could make donations to support the Charity.



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The cricket club held their annual presentation evening in the Village Hall just before Christmas. Nearly forty club members, family and friends attended with the awards presented by former player Paul Hankinson.

Club chairman, Adam O'Connor, gave a speech outlining the past season, which on the whole, had been successful, with more matches won than lost. In total 54 members played this season, eight of whom were new to the club.

Each of the captains of the three league teams gave a more detailed account of their respective seasons and a lighthearted presentation was given at the end of the evening to celebrate some of the funnier aspects of the season.

### Award winners

1 <sup>st</sup> XI Batting award	Jordan Shingler
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Bowling award	Ryan Haynes
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Batting award	Simon Stapley
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Bowling award	Aston Shingler
Midweek XI Batting award	Jordan Shingler
Midweek XI Bowling award	Adam O'Connor
Fielder of the Year	Jordan Wood
Most improved player	Noah Eyles
Captain's award for the clubman of the year	Terry Isom and Rakesh Patel
Paul Beck award for the outstanding performance of the year	Graham Whitcroft
Junior player of the year	Noah Kemp
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Player of the Year	Jordan Shingler
2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Player of the Year	Kurt Shingler, Richard Stapley and Simon Stapley



Standing (L to R) Terry Isom, Noah Eyles, Ryan Haynes, Aston Shingler, Graham Whitcroft, Simon Stapley, Richard Stapley

Kneeling (L toR) Noah Kemp, Adam O'Connor, Rakesh Patel, Jordan Shingler

Indoor nets at the Parker Academy Sports Hall are on Mondays from 5 till 6. When the light and weather permit, we will be holding net practice sessions at the playing field. Days and times to be confirmed.

The AGM will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 6.30 in the Village Hall.

## **Braunston Short-Mat Bowls Club**

The club runs at the Village Hall from 14:00 to 16:00 on Thursdays.

We run two annual competitions for members. Our 2022 Accuracy Competition was won by Ron Hill with an impressive display of precision bowling. Ron also contested the final of the knock-out competition with Annie Rogers. The final was exciting, with Annie Rogers finally producing the winning bowl.

We have some space for new members, so if you're interested, contact Bill Adams on 01788 891145 to come along and join in a meeting.



## Braunston Twinners

### THE FRENCH ARE COMING !



Our Twinning friends from Quincy-Voisins are visiting us this year over the Bank Holiday weekend Apr 28 - May 1.

Everyone is very welcome to join in the festivities, whether you are able to 'host' or not.

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## Braunston Canal Society



Early December saw the start of a BCS project to rebuild the steps at bridge 98. CRT West Midlands asked if we could help. The steps are on a popular Braunston walking route and had already been closed. After an initial survey that found most of the wood was rotted the BCS committee decided to take the job on. Preparations began in November with a design that was subsequently approved by CRT. This was followed by the procurement and preparation of materials.

With a four day window of opportunity work commenced at the beginning of December. Work boat 'Skippy' was needed to transport men, materials and equipment to the site, the only other access being a rough track passing Wolfhampcote church.

With daylight hours being short, time on site was limited but after four visits significant progress had been made.

BCS were hoping to complete the project before Christmas with three additional visits. This plan was thwarted by the canal freezing over. 'Skippy', as useful as she is, could not navigate safely due to her square bow even against relatively thin ice. The BCS crew resolved to return in the New Year to complete the project.

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



## Braunston Heart

Please remember that we are here for you to contact when you are unable to collect your own shopping, medication, change light bulbs or even to walk your dog. We will try to help with most things.

Freephone 0800 0029066                      [heart@braunston.org.uk](mailto:heart@braunston.org.uk)

Please make contact if you would like to join our volunteer group, This doesn't have to be a regular commitment, just whenever you can.

### Cosy Club

The club will not continue. We will let you know if things change I am disappointed as I believed there was potential especially to help mitigate loneliness, but sadly, numbers disagree.

Volunteers from Spring are interested in coming to deliver a talk and offer their help. They are a team that support people living with a physical or mental long-term health condition who would like to make some changes in their life to improve their wellbeing. Alternative arrangements will be made for them to visit.

Braunston Heart paid £475.95 (-£100) to facilitate the sessions. Thanks to Braunston Parish Council who kindly contributed £100 to assist with this community endeavour. Thanks also to The Wheatsheaf who donated some of the hours free of charge and purchased board games.

### The Twinkle Team

#### Twinkle on the Green

What an evening! Northampton Pipe Band were fantastic, I loved hearing the bagpipes and drums and enjoyed the hot spiced cider from outside







The Wheatsheaf. It was lovely to see Carmela wave her wand to turn on the Christmas tree lights. Although there was a technical hitch, she dealt very well with the delay, getting the audience to join in. The Christmas tree looked lovely and we thank the Parish Council for providing it and Arthur for use of his ladder.

Thank you to the Braunston Singers and the young dancers from Rhythmic Expressions dance

school. C Butt Ltd loaned us the trailer. We were very fortunate that Santa was able to visit and many children were able to visit him. The fairground ride was a good addition. The village hall was kept busy with shoppers and the stallholders were happy with trade.

If anyone would like to perform next year, then please make contact, I'm sure there must be talented people in the village who would like to entertain. We would welcome any feedback and ideas. Pencil in your diaries Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023. [hearttwinkleteam@gmail.com](mailto:hearttwinkleteam@gmail.com)

### The Coronation

We have started discussing what we might organise. Ideas ranged from dragons to stocks, knights to recycling. What would you like?

Jo Glover, Kindness and Compassion

## Jetty Field, Braunston's Pocket Park

With the recent cold weather there is little to report from Jetty Field this month.

Planned activities in the near future include moving the Poppy bench from the field to the garden and planting hedging saplings to replace those that have not survived the winter. The Cubs and Brownies will also be planting some hedging whips, probably at the bottom of the field on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Thanks to Rivendell Bees for the saplings.

The repaired noticeboard will be re-erected as soon as the weather permits.

The volunteer gardeners will soon be planting some perennial plants in the garden. The committee would like to thank them for their contribution, both in Jetty Field and other sites around the village.

We are awaiting planning permission to be agreed to enable the essential tree work to be carried out in the spinney and the wild area.



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### Community Theatre Project for Braunston

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We are waterways theatre company: Alarum Productions. Some of you may have seen us at the historic boat rally sharing the stories of the women trainees who worked on the boats during the war; or a couple of enterprising women of the night on a boat or, most recently, the women who helped save the canals after the war.

I've been exploring an idea to tell the stories of the village in the 1920s based on the 1921 census, news items and a 14-week strike by boatmen - far from being quiet and peaceful it was kicking off in Braunston in the 20s! We had some funding to do some exploring – meetings with local groups, workshops in the school and with the Players and now the Arts Council have awarded us a grant for a full-on community theatre project. There will be something for everyone to join:

- Local history research,
- 'Have a go' writing and drama workshops
- Performing – as an actor or musician
- Helping backstage

With shows around the village, at the school and the marina over the summer and autumn. It doesn't matter if you've never done anything like this before, or feel you can't because of health or other issues - the funding means we can provide extra help to anyone who needs it.

You can find out more on our website:

<https://alarumproductions.org.uk/portfolios/braunston-1920s2020s>

Or our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/alarumproductions>

Please see our job advert on page 34

Kate Saffin, Artistic Director (and regular boater to Braunston!)

### Stamp appeal

A big thanks to all who have collected stamps, postcards and coins. Our total for 2022 was £7,046.06 for the dogs charity. Please carry on saving stamps, coins and postcards, perhaps raise another £7000.

Val Ward, 51 High Street. 01788 890200

## **Braunston Village Gardens Association**

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Richard Dibben, a longstanding member of the BVGA committee, passed away at the end of 2022. Shortly before this, on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, Richard and his wife Jean, decided that it was time to stand down from the committee, although they were keen to continue to support our future activities.

Prior to Richard's death we wrote this article for the BVN. We have decided to publish it as it was initially written. We wish Jean all our support and love at this difficult time.

### **A Village Thank You to Jean and Richard Dibben**

The Braunston Village Gardens Association is in the privileged position of being able to thank Jean and Richard Dibben for their amazing contribution to the BVGA committee.

Looking back to April 1967, at the AGM held at the school, we find Mr and Mrs Dibben being welcomed to the committee by Mr J Wright, Mr R.F. May, Mr O. R. Tucker and Mr B Harrison. In December 2022, at our recent AGM, Jean and Richard stood down from the committee after 55 years and we were delighted to be able to thank them for all their contributions. Within a month of the 1967 AGM they were helping to run the annual Flower Show and within six months Richard was elected to his first officer role. During the 55 years Richard held the position of Chairman, Show Secretary, Treasurer and organised the 'Fertiliser Store'. Most recently, he has been Vice Chair ensuring a smooth transition for new committee members and officers by sharing

his knowledge and experience of the organisation.



Members of the 1970s committee celebrate 60 years of the BVGA (2015)

Having hosted the BVGA committee meetings in their home from 1968 it was no surprise that Jean, in 1977, took on the role of Treasurer. But, to then stay in that role for 45 years is clearly an incredible service to the village, for which we all say a huge thank you. With Jean's clarity of accounting and understanding of our annual expenditure she has ensured that the BVGA continues to run successful events for the benefit of the whole village community as well as supporting other good causes. The Village Open Gardens event, raising funds for the Daventry area Macmillan Cancer Support charity, would not be taking place if it had not been for Jean and Richard. They both ensured the continuity of BVGA events, for example, regularly escorting the Garden Competition judges and explaining to new committee members how this unusual annual competition, where nobody has to enter, is organised. Over 10 years ago Richard was encouraging the addition of peat free compost to the 'Fertiliser Store', determined to support this initiative and reduce the damage caused by horticulture to precious peat bogs.



We thank Jean and Richard, on behalf of everyone who has enjoyed BVGA activities, for all that they have done to “promote interest in gardening” in Braunston and ensuring that this village organisation is fit and healthy to flourish for many more years.

Finally, when thanking them we should remember that their volunteering goes beyond gardening. Richard played a role in the conversion of the old school to a village hall, and served that committee for many years. Jean, an active member of the Girl Guides Association, ran a village group and continued as a member of the Trefoil Guild. Both organised the Braunston WEA courses with Jackie Green and, over many years, they have volunteered for a number of charities in the Daventry area.

A Huge Village Thank You

## Braunston Weather

2022 saw the hottest temperature ever recorded in the village, 39.2°C on 19<sup>th</sup> July. At the other extreme we experienced -8.6°C on 15<sup>th</sup> December, not a record, but one of the lowest temperatures for some years.

We are indebted to Adrian Pell for collecting Braunston's weather data. His full data for Nov and Dec 2022 are available on the village website.

## Bin Collections

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.

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> February	Food, Recycling and Waste
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> February	Food and Garden
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> February	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Food, Garden and Waste

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