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### CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

5 <sup>th</sup>	Service with Communion	Braunston	10.30
12 <sup>th</sup>	Service with Communion	Ashby	10.30
18 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Church	Welton	11.00
19 <sup>th</sup>	B.C.P. Holy Communion	Ashby	9.30
19 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	Braunston	10.30
26 <sup>th</sup>	Service with Communion	Welton	10.30

## Thoughts from the Church

The month of March brings with it signs of a new beginning. The start of new growth, or at least it used to be until the seasons seemed to move. Now we can get spring bulbs appearing as early as Christmas in some cases.

Traditionally, March was the time when we saw hedges, trees and bushes produce buds and start to grow, and our favourite bulbs produce a variety of colour in gardens, parks and in the wild. Bulbs can even be seen along some road sides. It was a time sheep and cattle had their young, wild animals and birds also produce their crop of youngsters. There are so many people who have travelled in the country and enjoyed the sight of new born lambs frolicking in the fields, chasing each other and leaping over obstacles often to the concern of their mothers. There was an air of great expectation all around, and no matter when spring actually starts there is still an air of newness all around.

March is the month which contains the Christian season of Lent. It often starts during the last week of February and goes through March to Good Friday and Easter. There is a story in the Bible telling of John the Baptist who spent the whole of the forty days of Lent on his own in the desert with only locusts and honey to eat. I like honey, but I'm not so sure about locusts! This is a story often related in Church and Sunday Schools describing how John resisted temptation during that time, even when his resistance would have been low.

Over the years it has become a custom for a number of people to give up something for the period of Lent. Drinks, possibly containing alcohol, smoking or biscuits and cake were used as useful items to give up for that period of time. This has the benefit, if certain people wanted to use the time to diet and lose some unwanted weight! Having of course, first of all filled themselves up with pancakes on Shrove Tuesday! Do we keep it up? Well it is a bit like New Years resolutions, we all start off with good intentions but so often fall by the wayside.

We look forward to a time of reflection as the seasons continue.

Pat Milner

Churchwarden

## BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

Burial of ashes	21 <sup>st</sup> January	Bob Bunn
	13 <sup>th</sup> February	Laura Kibblewhite
Funeral and burial	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Richard Dibben
	9 <sup>th</sup> February	Mary Taylor
Memorial service	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Laura Kibblewhite



## Outdoor Family Church Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 11am-1pm. Welton

Family games and activities outside and inside.

A short Bible story.

There will be hot drinks and food (vegetarian option)  
(or you can bring your own picnic)

All families welcome (you don't have to live in one of the villages).

No charge, but donations towards costs are welcomed.



## 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.

## 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).

## The 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 **February** list

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



The **March** list so far ...

15<sup>th</sup> - \* In memory of Ada Littlemore - boat woman

15<sup>th</sup> - \* Happy Birthday Debbie. Love Martin

26<sup>th</sup> - \* Wedding Anniversary for Judith & Nigel Sykes

27<sup>th</sup> - \* Pat and Alison's Wedding Anniversary

28<sup>th</sup> - \* Our Wedding Anniversary. Jean & Brian Branch

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

These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – 18<sup>th</sup> February.

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'.

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Chair: Sandra Stapley, Vice-Chair: John Pomfret

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

Archer Avenue and Cross Lane	<b>Alan Mawer</b>	01788 890340
Ashby Road		0800 002 9783
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Welton Rd, School Cl, Maple Cl	<b>Sandra Stapley</b>	0800 002 9783

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> March	7.30pm	Full Council Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	7.30pm	Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website.

## **Braunston Playing Field**

The Parish Council has received the following report from the Playing Field Association.

### Summary from the Braunston Playing Field Survey

We received 97 responses to the survey with 68 indicating they lived in the parish.

95.9% agreed that the playing field should have a pavilion.

85.6% agreed that this should include a community room and not just changing facilities.

There was a broader response regarding the size of the community room (36.1% - 50 capacity, 20.8% - 40 capacity, 19.6% - 30 capacity & 9.3% - 20 capacity). 14.4% - No community room (14 votes).

There was a selection of activities that people would like to see there. The majority of these related to sporting activities for all ages.

Of the design options proposed the favourite was Option B receiving 40.2% of the vote, with Option C on 28.9% of the vote and Option A receiving 18.6%.

In the free-text field various ideas were included, summarising; improved accessibility, opening up parking, sustainable and eco-friendly building, extended outdoor area.

Regarding funding, people were accepting of some increase in Parish Council Tax (56.7% supported a £2 increase). Many would also like to see grants and other funding to be explored to mitigate the cost (24.7% - 50% Grant/Other Funding, 38.1% - 100% Grant/Other Funding). 16.5% felt that the Parish Council Tax should not pay for any funding.

We received details of 5 people who would like to be involved with the project going forward.

The free text at the end of the survey was also useful to get wider opinions and views that were not addressed in the survey. Some themes emerging were:

- The costs are too excessive.
- Reviewing the proposals in conjunction with the Village Hall, e.g. the long term development/funding of these facilities.

- Reviewing the proposals in conjunction with the proposed property development in the adjacent field.
- Speaking to other parishes that have recently completed such a development (e.g. Napton/Crick)

### Proposed Next Steps

- Parish Council to review feedback and look to publish results. Let's be transparent with the parish, in particular responding to any suggestions and to include in revised designs.
- To progress further with funding, we need to get a clearer target design including location and funding cost. Without this it will be very difficult to engage grant or other funding bodies as they will want to see that the project is deliverable and fully costed. The Playing Field Association have some funding that could be used to get us a viable plan to progress with. Suggest we contact some local Parishes to see who they hired for some of the architect/design work (e.g. Crick/ Napton).
- Pull together some of the additional volunteers into the group to take this forward. This is critical as at the last meeting there were only 3 people in attendance.
- With a viable design we can then explore development costs and funding options.

### **Bus service**

The £2 single fare for all journeys has been extended until the end of June.

### **Housing**

The Parish Council has received information about discounted housing in Binley Woods. The properties are for sale at 75% of the full market value depending on salary. You may be eligible if you work in the area of Rugby Borough Council

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### 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

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## Braunston C of E School

### Term dates

For pupils the last day of term is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

The next term starts on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

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## **Who wants to be part of a choir?**

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My contact details are - Jenny Flynn, 07434 966529

## **Braunston Community Car**

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



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



## **Braunston History Society**

Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> in the Library at the Village Hall 7.30pm

We will be opening our Archives, maps, deeds, photos etc. for everyone to look at and discuss. If you have any photos or memories you would like to share with us then you will be most welcome.

As there is no speaker there will be no admission fee, so please come along.

Advance notice for April 18<sup>th</sup>. Tim Coghlan will talk about the history of Braunston Marina.

## **2023 Braunston Open Gardens**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Organised by Braunston Village Gardens Association to celebrate gardening and to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Would you like to take part this year?

We like to welcome new gardens and gardeners.

Visitors enjoy the wide range of gardens; all shapes, sizes and styles that show off the variety of gardening taking place in Braunston.

To be more involved in any way or to ask for some more information about the event please contact Catherine Eastaff at [catherine.eastaff4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine.eastaff4@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Braunston Village Gardens Association**

Braunston Gardens Community Shop

Open for the sale of compost, fertiliser, canes, bark chips, garden twine and tomato feed on Sunday mornings from 11 to 12 at the Village Hall shed.

Please let us know if you would like to help with stacking stock, deliveries or selling on Sundays.

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

Roger: [rbull82@hotmail.com](mailto:rbull82@hotmail.com)

## 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> March

A craft inspired activity for Easter – 2pm to 4pm. Joan Wood will bring some special Easter themed activities for us to create.

You can pay for your boat trip place today.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Board Games and a Raffle - 2pm to 4pm

We will have a variety of board games and cards for you to play. Do come along and join in the fun at this relaxed event. There will also be a fund-raising raffle.

You can pay for your boat trip place today.

Reminder – the first April meeting will be 3<sup>rd</sup> April as there is no meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

For more information telephone

Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340

## Braunston Canal Society



During December and January the BCS teams rebuilt the steps at bridge 98. Reopening the popular route for Braunston walkers was our prime motivation for



accepting the request from CRT for our assistance. After delays due to the canal freezing and time out for the holiday period the project was completed. Eight visits were required using our work boat 'Skippy' to transport materials and crews, to and from the site.

The crews, made up from 15 volunteers, put in 584 hours to finish the project. As well as the steps, a protective fence and stile were constructed to ensure safe passage for the public. Great teamwork, including support from CRT, overcame the many challenges to produce a successful outcome.



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

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## **Braunston 1920s:2020s – news from the project**

Thanks for all the interest and enthusiasm so far. We have been getting emails and phone calls from residents and businesses wanting to join in with various parts of the project, and some donations too which means work can start on local history research, delving into the records of who lived in Braunston in the 1920s.

We do still need a few more donations to boost the research fund; the Crowdfunder is open online (we can email you the link). Trevor, our Musical Director, Kate and I had a fantastic day with the older classes in the Braunston School – thanks to the lovely welcome we had from staff and children. They have already started writing songs for the end of summer term production.

### March events

The project launch event on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall and the writers group starting on Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>. There are 6 sessions led by professional tutors and awarding winning guest playwrights (Tanika Gupta and Igor Memic).

Thanks to the Community Café for hosting the sessions from 7-9pm on Monday evenings. There will be small charge of £30 (for the whole course) but the first session, a taster, will be free. This is a fabulous opportunity, on your doorstep, to come and have a go at turning Braunston's past into contemporary writing in poem, plays and song. You may have never written but want to give it a go, or be a budding poet, short story writer and even playwright – all welcome. If you want to join in but can't meet the cost we can offer a bursary.

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

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. We will be hearing about the EV charging points to be installed in Braunston and looking at the Oxford Energy Superhub. We meet in the Meeting Room/Library at the Village Hall. You can also join the meeting on Zoom. Please get in touch to receive the link.

If you are interested in joining us, please message 07989 421836 or 07554 264742. We are on Facebook as Braunston Climate Action Network (B-CAN). We also link with Climate Action West Northamptonshire who can also be found on Facebook.

Information about our projects is on our webpage, in the 'Village Info' section of the village website, under 'Climate Emergency'. These projects have a direct impact on carbon emissions and climate as well as bringing co-benefits that will come with the post-fossil fuel age.



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## The Hive – A Club for ladies living in and local to Braunston

Next 3 meetings - Village Hall at 2.15pm

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - EGM/AGM - Members Only - followed by Beetling!

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Meeting - Speaker Kate Saffin - Braunston Boat People of the 1920s

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Coronation Tea Party

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



Coffee Mornings - The Wheatsheaf PH 10.30 am

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

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## **LNBP Community Boating**

After a few year's absence, LNBP Community Boating will once again be running their Braunston Week Community Trips Programme in 2023.

From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023, we will be providing opportunity for Braunston-based community groups and organisations to enjoy short trips out on our boats to sample life on the Oxford and Grand Union Canals in and around Braunston. Daytime and evening trips will be available for local groups and organisations based in the village to enjoy a short leisurely trip to enjoy the peace, calm and gentle pace of our local canals and the beautiful countryside around us.



These trips during this dedicated week for village groups are offered free of charge (although donations are welcome), hence they are always popular and are therefore subject to availability

For further details and to make a booking for your community group or organisation, contact us by speaking to Nigel on 07783 002073 or via email: [bookings@lnbp.co.uk](mailto:bookings@lnbp.co.uk)

## **Braunston Village 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.



## **Brownies**

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 Walkers**

Walk Saturday 21/1/23 Staverton

It was a freezing day with all round bright sunshine as 16 of us set off. The ground was very hard in the early morning sun so no mud yet. Yippee! We strolled down through Jetty Field and along to Nibbits Lane then down to the frozen canal. We crunched our way over to Wolfhampcote. Passing the church and the ancient wool tithe barn, we crossed the old canal over what, I am told by a local, was a tunnel and took the winding road to Flecknoe.

It was icy but firm underfoot with the sunshine still blazing and unbroken blue sky, just perfect. After negotiating a slippery stile we crossed the old Grand Central Railway and then several fields to reach a wood at the bottom of a steep hill up to Staverton. The views from this hill are magnificent. At the top we emerged in the village next to the Manor House and made our way to The Countryman for lunch. We were joined by more members at the pub and enjoyed the beer and great food.

Reluctantly we came away from the warmth and followed the Jurassic Way back to Braunston with the church shining in the distance. By now the sun had melted some of the frost and the fields were becoming tacky. We paused in the field at the top of Old Road to scrape some of the mud off before descending to the village then steeply up Nibbits Lane back home for a cuppa.

A fantastic local walk made even better by the sunshine.

Our March walk will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Location and route to be decided.  
[rayscrivens@btinternet.com](mailto:rayscrivens@btinternet.com)

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

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

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 Quilters**

Having handed over 14 quilts to the Braunston Charity for distribution in the village, we were delighted to welcome Braunston Primary School Governors Jane Morgan and Jean Waghorn to our December meeting to talk to us briefly about what happens to the quilts we donate locally. Details of individual recipients are confidential, but they were able to describe in general terms how the quilts are used in the school and the wider school community. It is gratifying to know that our quilts can make a real difference to the well-being of the recipients, and it was agreed by all that Jane and Jean's feedback re-energised us for the year ahead.

Recent deliveries via our Project Linus Co-ordinator have included Re:Store in Northampton (a charity that runs a food bank); Growbaby (a scheme that operates by way of referrals from health visitors, midwives, Domestic Abuse Service, Police etc); Northampton Domestic Abuse Service and also Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

During the Covid restrictions, which curtailed distribution, we built up a large stock of quilts, however these have now all been allocated. All the feedback we have received makes clear that there is still a need for our quilts, and so we start the new year determined to deliver as many as we can. Please contact us if you are able to get involved. Do you have any surplus cotton fabric that you can donate? Would you like to nominate a charity local to Braunston or Daventry? Would you be interested in joining the group?

The group is very friendly and flexible with everyone working in a way that fits with their commitments and abilities. All levels of experience are welcome, including beginners. We have a mix of members ranging from those who regularly attend the monthly meetings to those who attend periodically to collect fabric/wadding etc or to deliver finished quilts. We have quilters who prefer to concentrate on the separate elements of patchwork, quilting and hand-sewing and we exchange ideas and help each other to learn new techniques (in January we all had a go at Free Motion Quilting, a skill that was new to many) and there is always tea and coffee available and plenty of chat!

Please do get in contact or come along and meet us at the Village Hall on the fourth Thursday of each month anytime between 9.45am and 1pm via the Ashby Road entrance. (Note: if the outside door is closed when you arrive, please ring the bell on the door frame).

Laura Sturrock: 01788 890102 or [laura@whitenap.plus.com](mailto:laura@whitenap.plus.com)

## 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

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.

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



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

[david@braunstonscouts.co.uk](mailto:david@braunstonscouts.co.uk)



## Jetty Field, Braunston's Pocket Park

The noticeboard at the entrance has been renovated and put back in position.

The tree surgeons will start work on removing the diseased poplars on 6<sup>th</sup> March. The entrance from The Green will be closed for the days when they are working. Please be aware and keep away from the spinney area.

The poplars are a relatively short-lived species, not native to Great Britain that were planted before the village acquired Jetty Field. They have become diseased and would be dangerous if left.

Removing them will allow more light into the spinney and allow us to manage this area in ways that encourage the growth of native species and create a balanced environment. During this time, the skyline of the spinney will change.



## Features

### Braunston in numbers

The last census was in 2021. The Office for National Statistics has released data from this census. This enables comparisons to be made between Braunston parish and the average for England.

Here are some data:

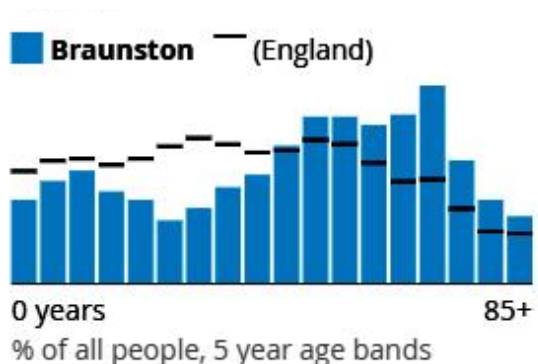
Accommodation type % (households)	Braunston	England
Whole house or bungalow	91.8	77.4
Flat, maisonette or apartment	6.2	22.2
Caravan or mobile or temporary structure	1.9	0.4

Health category % (people)	Braunston	England
Very good health	44.2	48.5
Good health	37.5	33.7
Fair health	14.5	12.7
Bad health	3	4
Very bad health	0.9	1.2

There are more than 30 topics on the ons website. Search for 'Build a custom area profile'.	Sex %	Braunston	England
	Female	52.9	51
	Male	47.1	49

The website provides data, maps and graphs.

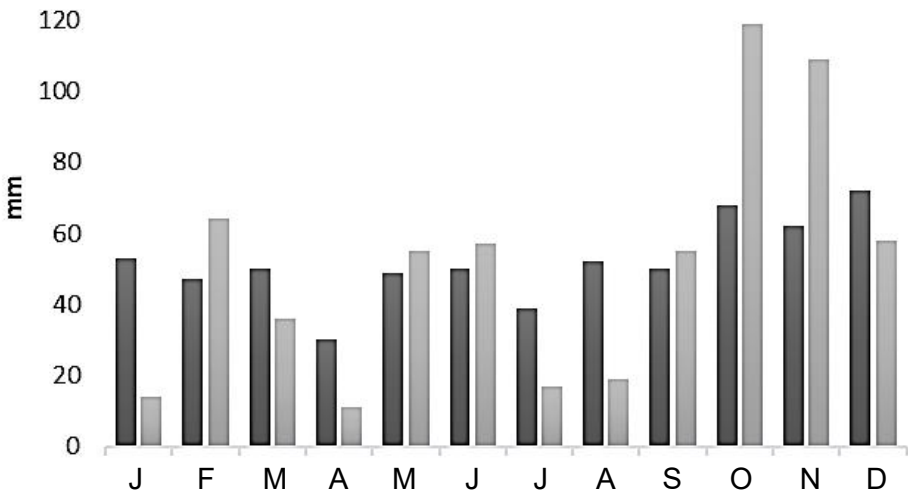
This graph shows Braunston's age profile and compares it to the average for England. The bars show the percentage of the population in each 5 year age band, the highest % in Braunston being in the 70-74 band.



### Braunston Rainfall Data

		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Jan</b>		53	72	55	62	25	67	87	14
<b>Feb</b>		31	37	47	24	36	103	32	64
<b>Mar</b>		25	79	54	104	47	22	37	36
<b>Apr</b>		14	43	12	70	23	33	31	11
<b>May</b>		45	33	71	72	36	3	80	55
<b>Jun</b>		25	68	32	1	109	68	37	57
<b>Jul</b>		48	8	54	14	47	55	67	17
<b>Aug</b>		44	60	53	42	64	98	34	19
<b>Sep</b>		33	43	72	29	76	30	63	55
<b>Oct</b>		48	16	11	50	102	80	100	119
<b>Nov</b>		61	74	29	39	115	47	22	109
<b>Dec</b>		72	21	92	72	78	114	72	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>mm</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>614</b>
	<b>in.</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>24.2</b>

The darker bars on the graph below show the average rainfall per month for the eight years that we have Braunston’s rainfall data. The lighter bars show the rainfall recorded in each month in 2022.



## Other news

### Stamps wanted

Total so far for 2023 for the dogs charity is £1126.93. Val Ward, 51 High Street. 01788 890200

### Bin Collections

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Food and Garden
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Food, Recycling and Waste
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Food and Garden
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	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.

The full calendar is on the village website.

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### BVN Deadline - April 2023 Edition

The next newsletter will be published on **1<sup>st</sup> April**. Please submit to [bvn@braunstonpc.org](mailto:bvn@braunstonpc.org) or the Post Office by noon on **18<sup>th</sup> March**.