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The Community Theatre Project's new logo by local designer Nicola Bullock.
The drama workshops start on May 2nd - see page 28 for more details.



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CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

7 th	Braunston	Service with Holy Communion	10.30
14 th	Ashby	Service with Holy Communion	10.30
21 st	Welton	BCP Holy Communion	09.30
21 st	Braunston	Family Service	10.30
28 th	Welton	Service with Holy Communion	10.30

Rector's letter

May is shaping up to be a busy month.

We have the Coronation of King Charles III to look forward to. I wonder what that means to you? I'm certain that the King himself will be very aware that it comes at a time of uncertainty, and a time when many are struggling financially and mentally. It will no doubt be quite different in many ways from the last Coronation. The world has changed, and our society has changed. On the other hand, in 1953, post-war rationing hadn't yet been lifted completely. Rebuilding was still taking place. Technologies were rapidly advancing. I wonder if now, as then, these ancient ceremonies might just provide some sense of stability and endurance in a rapidly changing world; the ringing of bells, communities gathering, prayers said, promises made. Whatever your politics, we all want to see our society flourish.

May also brings Mental Health Awareness Week. From the website of the Mental Health Foundation:

“Mental Health Awareness Week happens every year, and it's the biggest opportunity for the whole of the UK to come together to focus on getting good mental health. The week aims to tackle stigma and help people understand and prioritise their and others' mental health.”

In doing my part to tackle stigma, I'm more than happy to tell you that I live with depression. I'm very glad to say that it is successfully treated, but I have lived through some very tough times. If you're struggling, please speak to someone. I always recommend that people speak with their GP. I know it can take time to get an appointment, and I'm always willing to listen in the meantime. The important thing with mental health, as with all health, is that you don't need to go it alone.

So perhaps the thing about May is community – what it means to be together as a society. For our national community, I hope the Coronation will be a chance to gather all of us together in some way. I hope that our communities will be places to share some fun and perhaps even some hope. And may they be, above all, places of safety and acceptance, where we can all be honest about how we're really doing.

Every blessing,

Kathryn

BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

Saturday 25 th March	Burial of Ashes	Christine Wells
Saturday 25 th March	Wedding	Aaron & Letitia May Crampton
Sunday 19 th March	Baptism	Sophie Zalenska
Tuesday 28 th March	Funeral/Burial	David Cullinane
Sunday 2 nd April	Baptism	Benjamin Bates

Peter R. Dickinson 1948-2023

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our wonderful dad, granddad, uncle, husband, brother and friend, Peter Dickinson.

Peter slipped away on Sunday afternoon at Derriford Hospital in Plymouth, following a relatively short battle with cancer (amongst other things - he didn't do things by half), whilst being held close by family members. It was peaceful and painless.

So many thoughts, and feelings to grapple with, but for now we look to the practicalities - letting people know. We will share funeral arrangements as soon as these are confirmed.

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.

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.

Prayer Chain

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

Friends of All Saints'

The Friends are dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the church building and its contents. We play no part in funding the clergy, staff, or religious activities. We were formed when the building's future was threatened through lack of maintenance. We remain committed to preserving one of the village's most iconic buildings.

Membership costs £2 a month, or £20 a year (minimum subscription). All members are entitled to have the spire floodlit at no extra charge on a date of their choosing. To subscribe, please contact the treasurer, Ralph Maltby, at 8 Mill Close, Braunston.



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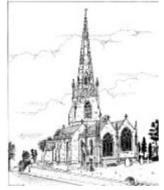
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Church Floodlighting



The complete **April** list

- 1st * Janet & John's Wedding Anniversary
- 3rd * Happy Birthday Pat
- 5th * Love to all the family, from Geoff & Jean
- 5th In loving memory of Margaret & Brian Phillips. Love Jane & Tim x
- 9th * Happy Birthday Rosemary 9th April.
Always In Our Thoughts xx J & K
- 15th Happy 80th birthday to Michael Batchelor.
Love from all the Family xxxx
- 15th Well done Sue Batchelor on looking after the old man xxxx
- 23rd To celebrate Sybil and Pat Herlihy's Wedding Anniversary
- 26th * Julie's Birthday

The **May** list so far ...

- 4th For John
- 5th * Rowena & Mark's Wedding Anniversary
- 5th * Brian and Marty's Wedding Anniversary
- 12th Happy Birthday Caroline. Lots of love. Richard, Marie and Jean.
- 20th My darling Philip. Missed every moment of every day.
Love you eternally, Sandy x
- 27th In loving memory of our beloved Great Granddaughter Ava-May
on her 13th Birthday. Always in our hearts.

* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – 18th May 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".

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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	Alan Mawer	01788 890340
Ashby Road	Vacancy	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)	Vacancy	0800 002 9783
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	Sandra Stapley	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.

- 15th May 7.30pm - Full Council Meeting
- 20th May 10am-12noon - Annual Parish Meeting (see p.10)
- 5th June 7.30pm - 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 Surgeries

The council is reviewing the frequency and times of surgeries when the current programme is completed in May this year. The date and time of the May surgery is yet to be announced.

Further information will be provided. Access to councillors and the Parish Clerk will continue to be available by using the phone numbers and email addresses in the BVN and on the village website.

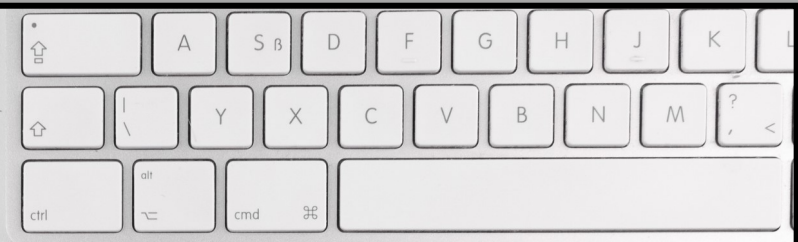
Please send any comments to pete.morgan@braunstonpc.org or clerk@braunstonpc.org

Annual Parish Meeting

10am, Saturday 20th May in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

The Parish Council's annual report will be presented. Reports from groups within the village will be available.

There will also be a focus on the theme of transport for the community. This will cover community transport, the bus service and sustainable and active travel. We hope that many stakeholders will be able to attend.



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To hire the hall please visit the website:
www.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 st 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 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

Braunston Preschool - Monday to Friday 01788 891891

braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

Braunston C of E School

As I sit here in my office, the sun is streaming gently through the blinds, and I can begin to feel the warmth of spring approaching. With it I can see new life growing around me in the shape of the plants starting to emerge below my window and the birds singing their joy at the warmer weather. It is not only the natural world that continues to thrive and grow but also our children in school. They have returned after their Easter break smiling and I am sure they have all grown in the time since I last saw them!

We welcomed them back through the school gate knowing that they will continue to grow this term in their resilience and in knowledge that they acquire in their learning. This term, as always, is full of enriching experiences for the children that will broaden their understanding of the world around them and prepare them for life ahead.

We have a number of school residentials ahead that I know the children and staff are looking forward to as it brings learning beyond the classroom and for some provides them with their first night away. I look forward to visiting and seeing the children's excitement in these learning opportunities.

We are also working closely with Alarum Productions on the Braunston 1920s-2020s years project. The children are enjoying this and look forward to putting everything that they have learnt into a final, polished production.

School continues to thrive and grow and soon we will be inviting our new families, whose children are due to join us in September, to come into school to meet with us and each other. We continue to operate in our normal way with a number of clubs and after school activities running. Look out for our cross-country team who train on a Tuesday lunchtime at the sports field. If you see us, please feel free to give us a wave!

I close now with my thoughts beyond the school gate and to you as our community family. If you would like to become involved with school and perhaps join our team of volunteers (whether it is for a few hours gardening or hearing children read) then, please contact me in school and we can arrange for you to drop in for a chat.

Lianna Willis
Headteacher

Our school telephone lines are open from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday, excluding school holidays. The number is: 01788 890494.



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Braunston History Society

Tuesday May 16th 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Kate Saffin of Alarum Productions, will be with us to share some of her research into Braunston village and canal in the 1920s, the boatmen's strike of 1923 and their work with our village school.

Please come along and support your local history society.

Members free, guests £4

Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd May. We will find out more about Braunston's EV charging points. Further information about other 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.

Braunston Cinema Club

Saturday May 27th 7.30pm in Village Hall

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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 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 8th May – NO MEETING – Bank Holiday
- Monday 22nd May – Boat cruise along the River Nene.

For those who have booked their place please meet at the old bus bay at 10am. We will travel to Northampton on the DACT bus. For more information telephone Kate 01788 890340

As we have no Village Hall meetings this month do contact Jenny or Kate if you would like to find out more about the Friendly Club, and to find out what we will be doing back in the hall during June.

Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340

The Hive



Members of The Hive showing off their Easter bonnets



Rugby Male Voice Choir will be singing on Friday. May 19th, at 7.30 pm in Braunston Church.

Tickets, £5, (including wine/juice), available now at Post Office, Wheatsheaf or from any Hive member

The Hive will be ahead of the game in celebrating the Coronation of our new King!

On May 3rd, 2.15 pm. in the Village Hall, we are holding our

CORONATION TEA PARTY

Enjoy the company of friends, and the Musical Entertainment

Dress code will of course be red, white and blue!

Visitors are welcome at a cost of £5.

Jetty Field, Braunston's Pocket Park

You would be most welcome to join a small group of volunteers who help maintain Jetty Field. Our May work morning is on Saturday 13th from 9am to 12 noon. You do not need to stay for the whole morning; an hour of your time would be appreciated. On the same morning there will be Braunston Bakes at the Wheatsheaf and the Gardens Association Plant Sale at the Village Hall. You can do an hour of work with us, buy some Braunston grown plants and a Braunston baked cake, all in the middle of the village.

Braunston Village Gardens Association

Plant sale at the Village Hall Saturday 13th May 9.30am to 12 noon

We are delighted to be linking with the Braunston Bakes sale in The Wheatsheaf and the Jetty Field work morning. All plants will be £5 or under. If you are donating plants to sell then bring them along from 9.15am. Please label the plants to say what they are!

Braunston Gardens Community Shop

We are open at the Village Hall every Sunday morning from 11am to 12 noon during May. The shop will also be open at the same time as the Plant Sale on Saturday 13th May from 9.30am to 12 noon. We have plenty of compost, canes and Tomorite tomato feed, as well as fertilisers, bark and garden twine.

Please get in touch if the above times are not convenient. We can deliver for those who cannot get purchases home.

Alan: 01788 890340 a.mawer@virgin.net

Roger: rbull82@hotmail.com

Braunston Open Gardens Sunday 11th June 11am to 6pm

Join us in June when a variety of gardens will be open in the village to share gardening ideas while raising money for

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Refreshments available in the Village Hall

The welcome desk will be in Braunston Village Hall Car Park NN11 7HW, opening at 11am. The toilets will be open throughout the day.

Buy your programme from the welcome desk or from any participating garden. Entry to all the gardens is available at just £5 per adult.

Accompanied children, under 16, have free entry.

Plant sales will be held in some of the gardens that you visit.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the day.

If you would like more information, please contact Catherine Eastaff
catherine.eastaff4@hotmail.co.uk

Braunston Show Saturday 2nd September

It is time to get ahead with your entries for the Show.

The 2023 schedule is available on the BVGA Show pages of the Braunston website.

Photograph class titles for 2023 are:

- Out and about in Braunston
- Flower close up
- Yellow
- At night
- Wildlife
- Moving water
- Creative Fun! (This is the annual side by side image)

Handicraft classes

There are the usual favourites, but don't forget the open classes; patchwork, embroidery, jewellery, drawing. Also, a collage to mark the Coronation and a class to make a box from any materials.

Please encourage your family and friends to take part in these classes with you.

New this year we have a class for an item made from wood and another class for an item made from clay.

For those of you who prefer to wait for the paper copy of the schedule it will be delivered during July.

Next month in the BVN we will have more ideas for you to enter.

For more information about the show please contact the Show Secretary, Gill Astley via the email contact on the BVGA pages of the Braunston website or by phone 01788 890340.

BRAUNSTON OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 11am-6pm



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or any participating garden

Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall

PLANT SALES in some of the participating gardens

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Braunston Canal Society

March saw the BCS team install a bench in memory of Arnie Brewer.

During his retirement, Arnie had become a lock keeper for CRT and a member of BCS. After a request from Arnie's wife Carol, BCS willingly agreed to install the bench between locks 3 and 4.



Other teams completed our vegetation cutting season with a cut on the offside below lock 5 and by chipping the arisings we had previously stacked at the junction waterpoint.

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





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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 Heart

We again provided assistance to West Northants Council as a distributor for the Household Voucher Scheme. WNC policy is that advertisement is to be limited – we approached groups such as the Church, Friendly Club and school. If you feel that you are struggling financially – and to be honest many are in this position – then make contact and if we can't help now (we may be able to or know where to signpost) then at least we have your details for the next rollout. It is frustrating to be able to give vouchers that are badly needed but not being able to identify you.

Remember that 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.

The Twinkle Team

Coronation Big Lunch Activity Day.

Sunday 7th May Noon – 3pm Playing Fields

The band **All About Everything** has been booked, as has a bouncy castle and Black Cat face painting and glitter bar. Picnics are welcome on this day which has officially been deemed the Big Lunch.

There will be archery, stocks, stalls and other fun activities run by the cricket club and others. Please make contact if you would like a stall. Braunston community groups are free of charge. The Twinkle Team are a little thin on the ground for this afternoon so any volunteers would be gratefully received! hearttwinkleteam@gmail.com

We would welcome donations upon entry which would help Braunston Heart fund this event. Suggested amount is £10 per family but pay what you feel is affordable. The cricket club will arrange food and drinks for purchase and those profits would go to the club.

Fingers crossed for good weather but otherwise, bring your raincoats....

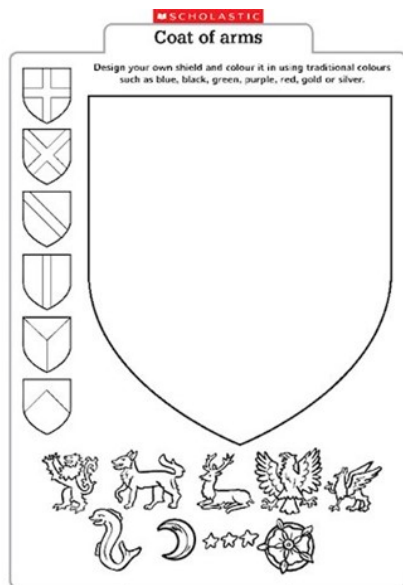
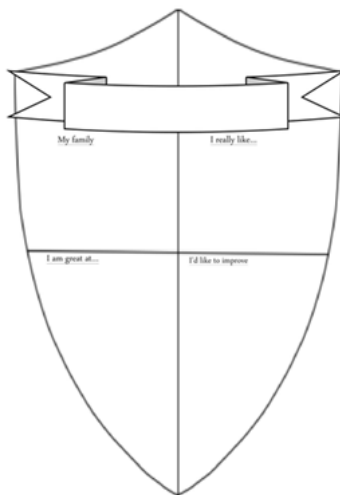
Braunston Coronation Shield Competition

We are holding a competition which anyone can take part in whether you are 4 or 116. Entries are to be handed into the shop – thanks Jay – alongside an envelope containing the designer's name, age, contact details and a £1 entry fee per design. Please remember to add your name and age to the design too or we won't be able to marry them up. To be submitted by closing on Wednesday 4th May.

Designs will be displayed in the church over the bank holiday weekend with voting slips available to vote for your favourite. Small prizes for all 4-7s and prizes for winners of 8-11, 12-15, 16-116.

The aim is to create a shield with a personal design that reflects who you are and what you like and/or value. Each age category will be judged on the way different parts of the shield are designed and how effective the overall design is. Creativity and a sense that the shield represents the person who designed it is important.

- A4 size paper. Choose the shape of your shield.
- Choose the layout. Will you divide it into sections or perhaps use stripes or chevrons?
- Select your colours.
- Time to choose some pictures. Younger children might use pictures of a favourite animal, their house, something that means a lot to them. Older children and adults could use symbolic heraldic animals to add to the meaning of their coat of arms. You might want to think about your values, strengths, goals, what you love the most. What will your shield say about you? Feel free to add a note explaining the meaning.
- Would you like to add a motto? This is a short phrase that says something about what is important to you or the kind of person you want to be.



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Twinkle on the Green

Sunday 3rd December 4-6pm.

















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Jo Glover

Kindness and Compassion

Coat of Arms Colours and Symbols

							
Yellow or Gold	White or Silver	Red	Blue	Purple	Orange	Green	Black
Generosity	Purity and light	Strength in battle	Truth and loyalty	Royalty and justice	Ambition	Joy and hope	Grief and sadness

	<u>Anchor</u> Hope and steadfastness		<u>Dragon</u> Defender of treasure
	<u>Arrow</u> Ready for battle		<u>Falcon</u> Not stopping until you reach your goal
	<u>Bear</u> Protection of your family		<u>Fleur-de-lis</u> Purity and light
	<u>Bee</u> Hard work		<u>Harp</u> Person of fair judgement
	<u>Castle</u> Safety and protection		<u>Heart</u> Charity and love towards others
	<u>Cinquefoil</u> Hope and joy		<u>Lightning bolt</u> Speed and power
	<u>Cross</u> Faith in God		<u>Lion</u> Bravery and strength
	<u>Deer</u> Peace, not fighting unless provoked		<u>Star</u> A noble person, excellence

Braunston Walkers

Byfield 15/4/23. 8 miles

With the weather set fine and dry 14 of us drove to Hellidon to start the walk. It was extremely soggy underfoot as we set off on a field path that starts opposite the Red Lion pub. We slipped and slid steeply uphill (how come it's just as wet and muddy at the top of the hill as it is at the bottom?) The views all around were just magnificent although most of the time we were watching our feet trudge through the quagmire! We passed lots of sheep who were probably asking themselves "we have to be out here but what are you doing?" We could see Arbury Hill the highest point in Northamptonshire and the source of the River Nene in front of us but we crossed yet another wet field to reach and cross the road at Charwelton and the entrance of the tunnel now used to test Formula 1 cars. On our left we could see the tunnel ventilation towers.

After crossing the busy A361, our path led us over fields and then over the disused Grand Central Railway and on to reach the beautiful old church and hamlet of Church Charwelton. It's a lovely spot set in rolling countryside with some fantastic old stone cottages alongside the church. Nigel kept our spirits up with sweets. We continued on the bridleway toward Woodford Halse, slightly less muddy, before we branched off over fields toward the road running between Woodford Halse and Byfield. We arrived at the Crosstree Pub in Byfield dripping with mud ready for a splendid lunch. The food was supplied by an Israeli snack bar in the pub. We had pre-ordered and were soon tucking in to some great and interesting food at a reasonable price with great local beer.

All too soon we had to saddle up and start the afternoon stint.

We set off over fields in the mud again after following the footpath through a very attractive cottage and garden. After walking along a couple of field edges we had to climb a very steep hill. It's actually only 210 metres above sea level but it felt like the Everest base camp. The other side of the hill was gently downhill till just before Hellidon where we had to climb Windmill Hill on the road back to the cars. Normally our walk in April is fairly dry underfoot but not this year! A really splendid walk with super countryside all round.

Our next walk is 20 May when Phil will take us around Frankton

2nd Braunston Brownies

This month we have attended a Brownies takeover of Tigers in Daventry, finished our innovate badge and we made chocolates and origami rabbits for Easter.



Lots of badges were given out at the end of term including Gold awards for Sophie Wood and Lottie

Beech and Silver awards for Isobelle Mason and Charlotte Dunkley. Well done girls!

If you know a girl aged 7-10 who would like to join us please go to www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the links to find out more. Or email secondbraunstonbrownies@hotmail.com

We meet 5:30pm - 7pm during Term time on Thursday nights in the Village Hall.

2nd Braunston Scout Group



BEAVERS Boys and girls aged 5¾ to 8 are welcome to come along to our Beavers section where they can enjoy fun and games, crafting and adventures. We meet on Tuesdays during term time between 6:15 and 7:15pm.

Please visit our website www.braunstonscouts.co.uk or email Jason@braunstonscouts.co.uk for further information.

cubs For information about Cubs please contact: david@braunstonscouts.co.uk

Planting trees in '23

On Sunday 26th March Braunston Village Scout group and Brownies joined forces to plant over 100 trees in Braunston, split equally between the Pocket Park and the playing fields. Supporting us was Mike Gunn who helps manage Jetty Field. Mike selected trees to provide a variety of food sources and habitat for wildlife and provided expertise at planting the tiny saplings, which were kindly donated by Rivendell Bees Honey Co. Over 30 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Brownies took part and they all enthusiastically dug holes in the wonderfully wet ground.



Features

“To be or not to be, that is the question”

- next steps from The Community Theatre project -

Possibly the most famous lines from Shakespeare but you won't be hearing them as part of the Braunston Community Theatre Project 2023!

Local writers have been busy preparing original scripts and so the stage is all set for local performers to start on the community theatre show. It's all for our Braunston (world!) premiere which will be in October this year.



Local boater and stand up comedian Joel Sanders leads a writing workshop in the Community Cafe. .

Do you have performance experience – acting or music – and would like to brush up your skills? Perhaps you have always wanted to give acting a go but never found the right opportunity. Well now we are bringing free drama workshops to your door. If you would like to find out more and get some hands-on performance skills then join up for our taster workshops (no auditions):

- Taster drama workshops (with support from Royal and Derngate Theatre)
 - ◇ Tuesday 2nd May
 - ◇ Monday 8th May and Tuesday 9th May
 - ◇ all at 7pm Braunston Village Hall

Come along to one, two or all workshops to find out what we will be performing in October. You will learn acting and devising skills. Thank you to those of you who have signed up so far to take part.

To sign up:

- Joanna (Matthews) – joanna@alarumproductions.org.uk
- or phone Kate on 07976 818959.

Devising and rehearsing the show will start in workshops led by Northamptonshire Director Andy Routledge. There won't be any scary auditions, just a chance to take part in whatever way suits you.

- Mondays from 5th June to 10th July all at 7pm (venues to be advised);
- weekend of 15th/16th July (10.30am - 4pm either the Saturday or Sunday), in the Village Hall.

Looking ahead - rehearsals will start in the last week of August. There will be at least two rehearsals per week, but if you have a smaller part you won't need to attend all rehearsals.

We are very lucky that Braunston has such detailed local archives, held in the village hall library, and looked after by Braunston History Society. During April the writers have been working with local researchers to find funny, exciting and tragic stories of life in Braunston in days gone by. Get in touch if you want to share your family story.

With thanks to Braunston Village Hall, Braunston Players and Braunston History Society for their support of the project so far.

Joanna, Kate and Ann-Marie
www.alarumproductions.org.uk



Other news

Defibrillators

With the installation of another Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at the Village Hall, we now have five defibrillators in the village, all available 24 hours a day. These are at the following locations:

- outside the Village Shop (to the left of the entrance);
- outside the Village Hall (to the right of the front door);
- outside Braunston C of E School gates on Barby Road;
- on the wall of the Pavillion at Braunston Playing Fields;
- outside the Marina Shop (to the left of the entrance).

If you find someone is unresponsive and not breathing normally, the first priority is to call an ambulance using 999 or 112 and start CPR, while someone runs to get a defibrillator.

To access the defibrillator cabinet, call 999 to obtain the access code for the keypad lock. The defibrillator inside is ready to grab and carry away. It is used by pressing the 'on' button and following the voice instructions given by the defibrillator.

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I am a sixth form student and a resident of the village. I have recently started volunteering for The Cinnamon Trust, a charity which supports elderly and terminally ill people by walking their dogs and caring for their pets, when they are unable to do so themselves. I am aware that there may be residents of the village who would benefit from having access to this service. If so, please contact the Cinnamon Trust, using the details above.

Elisabeth Holland

Update on bench for Chick (Alan) Eley

Chick's bench was installed near bridge 89 of the Oxford canal by a team of volunteers from the Canal and River Trust on 11th April.



Wanted - Used stamps postcards and old coins

Any stamps old or new any age, any coins old English and foreign or notes.

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Seeking information

I am trying to find out if anyone in the village has information about burials around All Saint's Church as gravestones have gone. My great great grandmother was buried there in 1839/50 and I cannot find any records of grave layouts or plan on grave positions. I am doing family research and this is the only one I cannot find. The Rector doesn't know of any plan, map or record. Her name was Elizabeth Vann and she died aged 49. Her husband, Richard Vann, was the landlord of The Ship Inn pub in the 1820s.

Anthony Stait, 01327 877924 acstait@gmail.com

Local weather

Hello everybody.

My weather report for March 2023 in Braunston is as follows.

Total rainfall:

- year	149.1mm
- month	89.4 mm

Wettest Week	30.0 mm ending Saturday the 11 th at 23.36
Wettest 24 hours.	12.7 mm on Thursday the 9 th ending 22.05
Wettest Hour	5.9 mm on Monday the 13 th ending at 05.37.

Highest Temperature	16.3 °C at 15.23 on Thursday the 30 th
Lowest Temperature	3.0 °C at 07.19 on Tuesday the 7 th

Highest Pressure	1047.7 hPa (date data unavailable)
Lowest Pressure	982.2 hPa at 08.07 on Friday the 31 st

Strongest wind gust	41.2 mph at 11.01 on Thursday the 13 th
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Brightest Sun	1010 W/m ² at 12.18 on Friday the 24 th
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Highest UV Index	10 at 12.18 on Friday the 24 th
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The average rainfall for March since 2015 has been 54.8 mm (2"). So, we have received 1.625 times more than the average rainfall this month.

Adrian Pell



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.

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Bin Collections

Wednesday	3 rd May	Food and Garden
Wednesday	10 th May	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	17 th May	Food, Garden and Waste
Wednesday	24 th May	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	31 st May	Food and Garden

The full calendar is on the village website.

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 BVN

The next BVN will be published on 1st June. Our email address is: bvn@braunstonpc.org

If possible, please send your contribution as an attachment to an email. You can also submit on paper to the Post Office counter.

The deadline is noon on 18th May.

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