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CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

4 th	Braunston	Service with Holy Communion	10.30
11 th	Ashby	Service with Holy Communion	10.30
18 th	Welton	BCP Holy Communion	09.30
18 th	Braunston	Family Service	10.30
25 th	Braunston	Marina Service	09:30
25 th	Welton	Service with Holy Communion	10.30

Rector's letter

Dear Neighbours,

What does the word 'ordinary' mean to you?

I looked it up and found these two definitions:

1. with no special or distinctive features; normal.
2. not interesting or exceptional; commonplace.

I probably used to think that if something was ordinary it was boring, or mundane; not very special, like the second meaning. But I've changed my mind.

These days I have more positive associations with 'ordinary'. Though I'm not sure what normal is meant to mean, I think I'm appreciating times in life that are ordinary—that have no special or distinctive features. It might not be exciting and society often tells us that things need to be novel or exciting. But after the last few years, and after a move and starting a new phase of life, I'm exhausted! I could do with a bit of ordinary.

Ordinary to me means time to plant out some of my seedlings. It means catching up with people that I love. It means being able to make some simple plans and enjoy the simple things in life, which, actually, are usually the most valuable.

After Christmas and Easter, the church is now in a period called "Ordinary Time". Nothing spectacular happens. It's a calmer, quieter time where we catch up with ourselves, be still, listen and make time to grow. I'm hoping I'll have some time to grow some veg, and to spend time with family, friends and neighbours.

Speaking of neighbours, I've completely fallen in love with living in this village. There are lots of wonderful things to get involved with, to do, and ways to spend time with others. At the risk of contradicting myself, I'd say that's pretty extraordinary, and I don't want to take it for granted.

I hope that whatever the next few months holds for you, you know the blessing of a contented 'ordinary'.

Every blessing,

Kathryn

BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

Thurs 4 th May	Funeral	Judith Rowley
Tues 9 th May	Funeral	Joy Pittam
Weds 17 th May	Funeral/Burial	Thomas Kendall
Weds 24 th May	Funeral	David Finch
Weds 31 st May	Funeral	Amelia Sanders

CHURCH FETE

Saturday, 17th June

12 noon until 3.30pm

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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.

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

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Church Floodlighting

The complete **May** list

4th - For John

4th - Remembering with affection Jude. From your Walking Netball family xx

5th - * Rowena & Mark's Wedding Anniversary

5th - * Brian and Marty's Wedding Anniversary

12th - Happy Birthday Caroline. Lots of love. Richard, Marie and Jean.

13th - In memory of Liza Marchant

17th - "Only a moment in thought away, loved and remembered every day." With love from Ann and all the family

20th – My darling Philip. Missed every moment of every day. Love you eternally, Sandy x

26th - Remembering Iris Fearn's Birthday. With love, Pete, Kate, Heath, Ben, & Liberty

The **June** list so far...

3rd - For Gez's Birthday

12th - * With love to the Morgan girls and their families

13th - * Patsy & Colin wish to send love to all Friends & Family

18th – Remembering my wonderful Dad on Father's Day. Love you always, Amanda xx

24th – * Happy Wedding Anniversary Trevor & Angela

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

These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – 18th May

Floodlighting

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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e: clerk@braunstonpc.org

Chair: David Cary, Vice-Chair: Graham Newman

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

Archer Avenue and Cross Lane	Alan Mawer	01788 890340
Ashby Road	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.

Forthcoming meetings:
5th June — Full Council Meeting
3rd July — Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website at:
<https://www.braunston.org.uk/org.aspx?n=Braunston-Parish-Council>

Planning application

Parish councillors considered information submitted by parishioners and the applicant regarding the outline planning application for 29 homes off Barby Road. Following this the council voted by a majority to oppose the application as it did not conform to local planning.

Elections and appointments for 2023-2024

David Cary was elected Chair and Graham Newman Vice-Chair. Other posts were also filled. Full details are on the website.

Internal Audit

The annual Internal Audit and Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been successfully completed.

Marina Bridge Project

The council's opinion on the colour of the bridge was requested. After discussion and information about previous colour, it was agreed to suggest that the current black and white scheme is continued.

Report from West Northamptonshire Councillor Rosie Humphreys

Coronation Weekend

I hope that all parish councillors and Braunston residents enjoyed the Coronation Weekend (whether royalists or not). It was great to see so many neighbouring villages and communities throughout West Northants celebrating.

Planning Committees

The Daventry Area Planning Committee met for the final time. The three existing planning committees are due to be abolished after a vote at Full Council. All planning applications that fall within Braunston will be heard by the North Planning Committee which will meet in Northampton. More details in the link: (Public Pack)Agenda Document for Council, 18/05/2023 17:00 (moderngov.co.uk)

I will be moving to the Strategic Planning Committee as will Cllr Alan Chantler (we have both been members of Daventry Area Planning Committee). However Ward councillors can of course speak at Planning Committee meetings and the application relating to development off Barby Road WND/2023/0235 will be brought to the Committee as it is classed as proposed major residential development.

Daventry Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

There is no date yet for public consultation on the Daventry LCWIP and stakeholders are still waiting for the draft version to be circulated. Unfortunately, as in many services in West Northants Council (especially Planning) there are a large number of vacancies in this area with a single officer constituting the Transport Planning team.

The Plan was due to have its public consultation this year but there is no certainty about the date until staff vacancies are filled. Without a 'shelf ready' LCWIP the Council will be unable to bid for government funding to improve local active travel routes.

While the Council's commitment towards sustainability has recently been recognised by a bronze accreditation with the Investors in the Environment scheme, its ambition for all residents and businesses to be net zero by 2045 will be difficult to achieve if there are insufficient staff in place.

I will be pleased to join the Annual Meeting on 20th May and supply what information I can as regards the consultant reports relating to the 2022 Bus Network Review and the Daventry LCWIP.

Free adult numeracy courses

A range of free adult numeracy courses have been launched by our Council to help people brush up on their maths skills and become more confident with numbers. The courses, known as Multiply, are designed to make maths simpler for everyone, and to show that even those who struggled with maths in school can feel confident with numeracy in their day-to-day lives. They are available to anyone who does not hold a grade C or 4 in GCSE maths.

Launched as part of the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund programme, Multiply includes numeracy courses for beginners and those who want to build on the foundations of their maths knowledge, to more advanced offers such as GCSE Maths and Level 2 Functional Skills Qualifications. There are a range of flexible online courses available as well as one-to-one mentoring – all designed to fit around people's busy schedules. For more information see the link: [Multiply courses | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](#)

Cllr Rosie Humphreys

Village Hall Information

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

To hire the hall 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.

Braunston Preschool - Monday to Friday 01788 891891

braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

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



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Braunston C of E School

Our Year 6 children have completed their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) and have been supported by the whole school community. You may be aware from the media, that SATs have been incredibly challenging this year and this has led to increased stress and anxiety for Year 6 pupils. You may not be aware that schools do not choose to deliver SATs but that it is a directive from the Department of Education.

We have all been so proud of how Year 6 children have conducted themselves. They have remained calm, approached their assessments sensibly and have shown resilience each day. The children turned up to Breakfast Club smiling and joking with each other and always displayed polite manners to the staff who have supported them. The Year 6 children were incredibly well supported by staff and by many volunteers who gave up their time to support classes where Teaching Assistants have been involved in the administration of the tests.

Whilst we appreciate that many of the children were nervous during SATs week, they managed their emotions incredibly well. We all know that the children at Braunston have so many talents and we work hard to ensure they are valued for these. The SATs measure a small part of learning and now that they are completed, I hope that the children look back on this time and remember their positive attitudes, the support given from the school community, the loud cheers that raised the roof and their tasty pizza, brownies and goodies!

Thank you to all the Year 6 parent community too – I can imagine that it was a tough week for you too! We are so proud of Year 6.

Year 1 went on a school trip to Woburn Safari Park that linked to their science learning about animals and how to sort them into groups depending on their features. On the safari they saw lots of different animals from around the world, including a hungry lion, a nosy giraffe and two playful bear cubs. A cheeky monkey even climbed on top of their coach and didn't want to get off! Year 1 were ambassadors for the school and showed our Braunston School Values throughout the day. Year 4 have also enjoyed a successful residential in Everdon where they learnt about the local area, investigated the habitats of the animals that live in the woods and learnt some tracking skills.

We have started to plan for next academic year. You may have noticed

a teacher vacancy has been advertised. Miss Tant has secured a promoted post and will start her new role as Deputy Headteacher in September. We are delighted for her and know that she will be a valuable member at her new school – but, of course, she will be greatly missed.

Swimming for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 started on Monday 15th May. The pool continues to be lovely and warm despite the ever-changing weathers that we are experiencing. The children continue to delight in their experiences of our outdoor pool.



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Clubs and Groups

Braunston History Society

Our June meeting will be a walk around Braunston and the canal, information regarding the route will be in The Bugle nearer the time.

We will meet up at 7pm June 20th outside the village hall and hope for good weather. Walk for about an hour with time to discuss various buildings, history and people, then back to The Wheatsheaf for an evening drink and more conversation.

Everyone Welcome. Members free, guests £4

There are no meetings in July or August so resume on September 19th 7.30pm in the village hall.

Have a good summer everyone.

Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th June. We will be outdoors investigating sustainable hedge and tree planting. You are welcome to join us. Please contact us by email abigailathome@gmail.com or a.mawer@virgin.net or message 07989 421836 or 07554 264742.

At our May meeting we worked towards writing visions for sustainable and active travel in Braunston. We plan to produce a Sustainable and Active Travel Map. We are trying to ensure that West Northamptonshire Council releases the reports it has commissioned into Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure in the Daventry area and into commercial bus services.

We are producing new sign boards for the wildlife-rich grasslands at Butlin's Hill and Jetty Field.

Further information about other B- CAN 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).

BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

Sat June 24th 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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Braunston Singers

We are coming into our 14th year as a group of singers.

We have sung at most events in the village also at weddings, christenings and funerals. We go into care homes and sing for the residents which is wonderful to see happy faces singing along with us. The joy of singing covers endless boundaries.

If you would like more information please don't hesitate to call Jacqui Lancaster 07484 704810

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 12th June – Cream Tea

Another favourite from our yearly programme of meetings. There will be delicious scones, cream and jam, but of course it is the season of strawberries, so plenty of fruit options too.

Kate will be collecting £8 today for the visit. See below.

Monday 26th June – Garden centre visit, Stapleton, near Hinckley 1pm
at Old Bus Bay.

£8 per person to cover transport. Once at the Garden Centre make your way to the café to buy refreshments and/or visit the shops. Pre booking with Kate is required. We will travel by DACT bus. For more information telephone **Jenny 01788 890186** or **Kate 01788 890340**

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.

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

Many thanks to the mixed skittles team of the Old Plough and the Wheatsheaf for their donation of £50 Many thanks to the trustees of the Braunston Community Cafe for their kind offer of continuing support of £50 per month. As always our grateful thanks to Zak of Vinetree Automotive, Staverton for his continued support.

Braunston Walkers

Our next walk 17/6/23 is in the Peak District from Winster to Birchover for lunch and back which is about seven miles.

Braunston Village Gardens Association

The BVGA would like to thank everyone who came along to our plant sale last month. As in previous years the Garden Store was open and we joined with Braunston Bakes and Jetty Field work party.

We really appreciated the many donations of plants and second-hand garden equipment. Thanks to all volunteers for setting up stalls, selling plants and garden store items during the morning and a huge thank you to anyone who bought from us. We are delighted that we took £627 which will be used towards funding future BVGA events including 'Open Gardens' 'Garden Competition' and 'The Braunston Show'.

Open Gardens

Sunday 11th June 11am-6pm

The Braunston Show

Saturday 2nd September

Last month we gave details about the handicraft and photography classes to help you get your entries ready. This month you are able to find all the classes, ahead of the schedule being delivered to all households in July, by going to the Braunston website and searching for BVGA Show or follow this link <https://www.braunston.org.uk/bvgashow> On these pages you can download the 2023 schedule and/or enter online. You can change your online entries anytime up to the deadline date in August.

Please contact Gill Astley or Kate Mawer to find out more
mawerk@hotmail.co.uk or 01788 890340

Gardens Competition

There is still time to tidy up your front gardens so they look their best for the annual 'no entry required' Garden Competition. Any garden that can be seen from the public highway is eligible for winning one of our prizes. On an undisclosed date an 'out of the village' judge will spend a day looking at the gardens and judging in categories for Front Gardens and for Planters/Containers. There are also categories for village businesses. Good Luck!

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.

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Braunston Canal Society

April's Thursday crew of 7 maintained the grounds at Midland Chandlers and the adjacent facilities area.



Prior to the last task party in April two ad hoc days

prepared the trench for a French drain installation below lock 4. This was to capture water seeping through the bank from the field above that consequently floods the towpath.

On the task day 'Skippy' was used to bring the crew and materials to the site. After removing the loosened spoil from the trench the drain was laid and spliced into two existing land drain pipes that ran under the towpath. The job was completed a few days later by seeding the bank to reinstate the grass.



The grass had been destroyed by people trying to avoid the muddy towpath and contractors driving their sit-on mower up the bank. Both actions had compounded the problem by destabilising the bank allowing mud to be washed onto the towpath. The towpath now requires topping up with stone to create the slope required to shed remaining surface water into the canal.



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.



Cinnamon Trust



The Cinnamon Trust
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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

Carl Lewis

FOUNDATION

Please come along on
Saturday 8th July
from 10 – 5pm
to
Coffee & Cake for Carl
at
27 The Green
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There will be a raffle

The Carl Lewis Foundation is a fundraising charity in memory of Carl Lewis. Following his death from pancreatic cancer at the age of 34, Carl's family and friends set out to honour his memory and create a legacy in his name. The Foundation raises money for cancer support, both for charities and individual support, and also projects that involve the conservation and protection of places of natural beauty, wildlife & its habitats.

If you would like to support the event but are unable to attend you can donate via the website: carllewisfoundation.org

I look forward to seeing you.
Catherine Eastaff

Guild of Waterway Artists

We were formed with Dusty Miller, Garth Allen, Alan Firth, Brian Collings and other well known Artists and are at least 25 strong.

Our members come from all over the country to be at the show and their talents range from watercolour, oil, acrylic, mixed media to lino cuts all with a canal related theme including working boats in industrial and modern times with wonderful scenery depicting the canals of England.

There is an amazing range of talent and well worth a look in our specially set up marquee which will be sited in Braunston's Marina Dockside at the Canal Festival.

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Braunston Heart

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The Twinkle Team

Coronation Big Lunch

Activity Day.

Well, weren't we lucky with the weather! After days of downpour, the sun came out and so did lots of smiles and happy faces. It was great to see so many people enjoy the activities, food and music. It was all glorious. So good when everything goes to plan. We, however, had had a moment's panic the evening before, when the band, worried about all the rain and their

equipment, cancelled. The might of the Braunston Bugle and its villagers came together and Peter and Emma stepped forward to help on the morning of the event and all was saved. Phew – and many, many thanks to them.

The Twinkle Team put on this event but they could not have done it without the amazing support of the Braunston Paddock Cricket Club who again provided some great games and members of the club to run them, who I am sure, went home to bed very tired! The food was so popular they were down to their last pulled pork rolls and hot dogs at the end of the afternoon; this is great as all profits went to their club. They are always looking for extra players for their matches which take place on Wednesday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays. All levels welcome.

Braunston Scouts and Brownies ran archery and other activities which included an ingenious hoopla where a certain King's ears were a feature. The Brownies are always enthusiastic and put on fun crafty things to do. Alarum Productions came along this year and ran games such as inciting folk to locate hidden treasure.



We were fortunate enough to borrow a set of stocks this time – and – as you might imagine – it was well used! (We hope to make our own set for future use – anyone able to do this?) Lots of glee and laughter as soggy sponges were flung at willing victims. Can you spot who is throwing in the photo? Speaking of which, Reverend Kathryn ran an egg and spoon race where runners wore crowns. Black Cat face painting and glitter bar always seemed to have a queue and the bouncy castle was popular.

We hope this will be an annual event, run in conjunction with other community groups. As ever but with no less fervour, many thanks to the volunteers that make up the Twinkle Team. These events could not happen without your commitment.

For your information the event cost Braunston Heart roughly £600 to put on and took £350 in donations. We were fortunate in that we had received a grant earlier in the year which helped to pay for this event. We will be looking at doing a fundraising event before Christmas to help fund Twinkle on the Green. Something like a jumble or table top sale. If you know of a suitable venue we could run a car boot.....

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Twinkle on the Green

Sunday 3rd December 4-6pm. Please make contact if you would like to perform – I'm sure there are talented performers out there and it would be great to have a variety this year. Stallholders please also make contact.

Jo Glover, Kindness and Compassion

The Hive

Next Meeting Wednesday June 7th, 2.15 pm.

Village Hall. Steve Morson will present an insight into the sleazy aspects of London's Bawdy Bankside nightlife.

Sounds interesting? Do come and join Hive members for an intriguing afternoon. Guests welcome £3

Contact: Valerie 01788 891975



2nd Braunston Brownies

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

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.

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

Braunston Scout Group has just been recognised as OUTSTANDING by Daventry District. We kept going during the pandemic. We have about 40 young people taking part. We are financially secure, we own our own meeting place it even has central heating and carpeted floor! Our leaders have won awards for both good and long service.

Join us. You do not have to be Bear Grylls to Volunteer

Contact us at: gsl@braunstonscouts.co.uk



2nd Braunston Scout Group awarded outstanding

At this year's Daventry District St Georges day event, 2nd Braunston Scout group was awarded the **St Georges Day award**. This is awarded annually to one of the 17 Groups in the District in recognition of outstanding achievement. In making this years award District Commissioner Irene Lockley highlighted:

A Year ago the group had only one uniformed leader. Beavers faced closure and scouts was run once a month by the Cub Leader.

Today: Beavers is thriving with 2 Leaders, Scouts has 3 Leaders, we have a new Group Scout Leader and 20 Parents have trained as sectional assistants

We ran recruitment stands, took part in District events & when she presented a record 12 of our Cubs Chief Scout Silver awards she was impressed how good our meeting place and equipment looked. Pictured below with the award:

David Coleman
Cub Leader

Pauline Canning
Beaver Leader

Jason Rodhouse
Group Leader



Feature

Community Theatre Production - Alarum update

First of all thanks to all of you who visited our stall at the May Bank Holiday village party. Kate Saffin and I enjoyed meeting all the children who took part in the panto inspired party games and encouraging the mums, dads and grandparents to sign up to the upcoming drama workshops (more details below).

There were 198 magic beans in Jack's bean jar and Long John Silver's Treasure was to the south of the old windmill just off High Street. There were some funny attempts to pin the tail on Daisy the Pantomime Cow!



Kate gave a talk to the History Society at their May meeting inspired by a fantastic archive which the school staff found in one of their cupboards. Amazingly the 1923 class register and Headmaster's log book had survived the move from the original school site – the village hall – to the new school buildings. We now have a list of the 60 children who were temporarily signed onto the school register for the duration of the Boatmen's strike so some of them have become characters in the school play. We have written this specially for performance by Years 4,5 and 6. The log-book has given an insight into the character of the Headmaster. He found it a bit difficult to cope with such a big influx of children.

Save the dates – events at the Historic Boat Rally

Thursday June 22nd for Kate's new performance as part of the Historic Boat Rally at the marina.

Saturday June 24th for a commemoration of the 100-year anniversary of the Boatmen's strike with songs and words.

Drama Workshops

As regular readers will know we're looking for performers for the Braunston October community theatre production, and we would love

lots of local people to be involved. We're running drama workshops in Braunston on Mondays in June and July (see dates below) so you can learn new skills, have fun and, if you want to, take part in the October production.

Who are they for? They are for everyone – no experience necessary, no auditions and they are free. You don't have to live in Braunston, just as long as you can get to central Braunston for workshops and rehearsals.

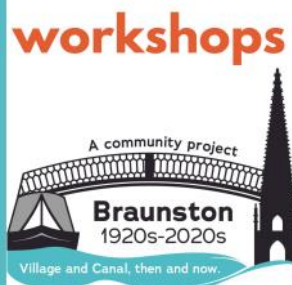
Sign up for them Eventbrite listing – search 'drama workshops Braunston' and it will come up. Or email hello@alarumproductions.org.uk or phone 07976 818959.

Children under 16 will have to come with an adult to sign in.

The drama workshops will run for 6 sessions (2.5 hours each). They are led by Andy Routledge – you can look at our Facebook page to see a short video Andy has made to tell villagers about himself.

Dates - Mondays June 5th to 10th July at 7pm and final daytime workshop Sunday 16th July 10.30 to 4pm. Rehearsals for the October production will start end of August. You don't have to come to all the workshops to take part. Spread the word to your friends, family and work colleagues. All welcome, no experience necessary - and it's free! Book now on Eventbrite.

The October Community Production will be written specially for the village by us so performers will be in a world premier! It will be about events in 1923, the Braunston Boatmen's strike for better pay. It will look at events in the village from the point of view of real people alive at the time, but it will also look at what it means to campaign and take action today.





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Other news

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Wednesday	14 th June	Food and Garden
Wednesday	21 st June	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	28 th June	Food, Garden and Waste

Small electrical items and batteries can be recycled by putting them in a carrier bag and leaving on the lid of the black waste bin.

Wanted - Used stamps postcards and old coins

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

Total raised so far in 2023 - £1681.27 – Thank you

Please keep sending to Val Ward at 51 High Street Braunston.

Defibrillators

We have five defibrillators in the village:

- 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.

The BVN

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

If possible, please send you contribution as an attachment to an email. You can also submit on paper to the Post Office counter. The deadline is noon on 18th June.

The BVN is run by volunteers who deliver, edit, proof-read, manage the finances and compile the church floodlighting list. Thank you to Peter Hobbs for organising the finances. Deb Hope organises the distribution of the BVN and the team of volunteers who put the newsletter though doors and in shops every month. Liz Fraser and Rev Kathryn Evans have stepped up to help with editing. Please contact the Parish Council or the Church if you would like to join or start a new team of editors. The BVN continues to evolve and fresh ideas would be welcome.

To print the newsletter for every household and for the shops and pubs that take copies cost £4,168 in 2022. The income from advertisers was £3,281.15 leaving a shortfall of £886.85 As usual the shortfall is made up by contributions from joint publishers, the Parish Council (£591.23) and All Saints' Church PCC (£295.62) on a 2:1 share.

Thank you to Design To Print for their efficient service. We are grateful to all businesses who advertise in the BVN.

If you run a business that serves the village, please consider advertising in the BVN either for the extra publicity or just to support the village newsletter. We were very pleased with the positive comments made by the judges in the Best Village Competition in 2022 about the BVN.

We welcome your contributions to the BVN whether they be group reports, information about events or family news. Please keep them coming to bnv@braunstonpc.org or on paper to the post office counter by noon on 18th of each month.

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