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*The Day the Boats
Stopped* (see page 14)



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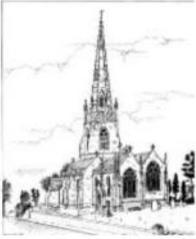
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CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

6 th	Braunston	Service with Holy Communion	10.30
13 th	Ashby	Service with Holy Communion	10.30
20 th	Welton	BCP Holy Communion	09.00
20 th	Braunston	Family Service	10.30
27 th	Welton	Holy Communion	09:30

Rector's letter

I love singing.

Whether we sing in the shower, in the car, in a choir, on a night out, in church, in the pub, or in the garden, singing is good for us. There's something about singing that is just so wonderfully human. In fact, I don't sing nearly enough. I wonder if you'd like to sing more too.

This Autumn, I'm planning to introduce "Singing for Wellbeing" as a monthly, drop-in get-together. This is not a choir. This is not a church service. This is simply an hour or so, probably on a Saturday afternoon, to come together and sing well-known tunes chosen by whoever comes, just for the sake of it. It's always useful to start with a hymn book, but if there are other songs you'd like to bring, we can do that too. So watch this space! We'll start in Braunston church (it's helpful with the plumbing), but if it's popular, it would be lovely to hold it in Welton too.



I've sung all my life; in choirs, as a soloist, as an enthusiastic singer-along-to-the-radio, as well as hymns in and out of church. But right now, I'm not singing enough and I feel the lack of it. One of the reasons that I'm not singing enough, is that I'm completing my MA dissertation this year. Guess what it's about? Singing. Specifically, singing in church.

You can imagine how delighted I was, then, when folk in our churches started talking about bringing back singing some of the prayers we usually say in our services. It's not about sounding like a cathedral choir. It's not about how we sound at all. It's about the joy of being fully human in our worship. We'll start this at our services in Ashby and Welton from September and we'll teach the tune so everyone can join in.

The third way of increasing singing will be a short service of evening prayer on Tuesdays at Ashby Church, where we will sing the Psalm of the day, rather like the nuns in *Call The Midwife*. This will be every Tuesday at 6pm from September, and will be a wonderful way to stop, slow down, and pray simply in a beautiful place.

So, three extra opportunities for singing more are coming in the autumn. I hope that wherever you are, you can have a good sing from time to time. It's not about how we sound; it's about enjoying it. I meet so many people who say they can't sing, often because of a bad experience with a school choir mistress! It's not true. With the exception of medical issues, everyone can sing. Not everyone sings in tune, but so what? It's still good to sing, and no one will be judging. So look out for details of "Singing for Wellbeing", and come along and have a go.

Every blessing, Kathryn

Bereavement Cafe

Next date:



Friday 1st September
4pm
All Saints' Church

Come for a cuppa with
other people who are
going through it too.



Tiny Treasures

Parent /carer and toddler group for preschool children. Tuesday mornings during term time 9.00am to 11.00am (back in September).



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 REGISTERS

Thurs 20th July

Graveside funeral

Maurice Hall

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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8th - * Jeff & Tracy's Wedding Anniversary

14th - For John

19th - In loving memory of Peggie Beale on her Birthday.
Love, the Beales

The **August** list so far...

2nd - * Brian & Gloria's Wedding Anniversary

19th - * Hilary and Charles' Wedding Anniversary

23rd – Remembering Philip on his birthday. Margaret

26th - In memory of Alan Cope on his 7th Anniversary. Sadly missed.
Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt

26th - Love you forever darling Chick on your 84th birthday, Mavis x

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

These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – 18th July
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The fee to light All Saints' is £7 per evening, although you can give more. We ask that you try to keep the length of the dedication for inclusion in the BVN to not more than 12 words.

The completed message with the donation can be left at the Post Office, but note that requests are only collected from the Post Office on the 18th of each month. Please mark the envelope 'Church Floodlighting'.

Braunston Community Larder

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

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

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

Forthcoming Meetings

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

Forthcoming meetings:

7th August Full Council Meeting

4th September Full Council Meeting

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

Welton Road Play Area

Further repairs have been made to the fence. The use of concrete posts will reduce the need for further work.

Planning

The Parish Council supported five planning applications but did not support an application for housing to the rear of the Old Plough as the concerns that led to rejection of the original proposal were not addressed by the revisions.

Bench on The Green

The slats are broken. The bench will be replaced by a new one made from recycled plastic as this costs less and will be more long-lasting.

Parish Council Surgeries

It was agreed that these will be held monthly and will last for 1 hour at varying times so that they are available for a wider range of parishioners.

The next surgery will be held in the Old Library, Braunston Village Hall by Pete Morgan and Graham Newman from 10am to 11am on Tuesday August 8th.

Former Councillor Peter Biggs

Following the announcement of his death, the Parish Council recorded a vote of appreciation for the work Peter did in Braunston not only during his terms as a Councillor but also in Jetty Field and more generally.

Report from WNC Councillor Rosie Humphries

Home to School Transport

WNC received 1460 responses to its recent consultation on this issue. This includes proposals to help simplify the current policy and make it clearer for parents and schools as to the criteria for entitlement to free home to school transport. The last two years has seen an increase in demand and operating costs.

The review of the current policy has identified that WNC provides an enhanced level of provision above and beyond its legal requirements for example, by offering the subsidised concessionary seats scheme to

some pupils who do not meet statutory eligibility criteria for free transport. A new Spare Seat Scheme will mean that parents are no longer guaranteed a seat as these will only be offered where the Council has spare capacity available on its existing contracted services. To mitigate the impact of this change, students who are currently guaranteed transport under the current non-entitled scheme will continue to be guaranteed a seat until they either cease attending the school or after they complete Year 11.

All councils have a legal duty to provide free transport to a child's nearest school with places available when the relevant distance criteria are met, however WNC's current policy provides an enhancement to this and includes free travel assistance to a child's nearest or linked school. 785 responses to the consultation objected to the proposal to remove this assistance to linked schools, particularly as regards the impact on families living in rural areas, which the Equality Impact Assessment also identified. As a result WNC will continue to provide free home to school transport to a child's nearest or "Geographically Associated school" (the new name for Linked Schools) where this is over the statutory walking distance, or where the walking route is deemed unsuitable.

The Future of the BVN

In the June edition of the BVN, I wrote about a group that was being set up to look at how the BVN should carry on after both the current editors have "retired." The group, comprising representatives of the Parish and Parochial Church Councils, the editor and a representative of the proof readers has met and confirmed their commitment to continue to publish 11 editions a year as at present and to retain the current A5 format.

Rather than seek a volunteer to be the editor, it is planned to seek several volunteers to share the task across the year. At present, we have managed to identify editors for more than half the 11 editions. It is proposed to establish an Editorial Board to support the editors and to overview the running of the BVN in the future.

If you think you might be interested in joining the group of volunteers, please contact me on 07805 655779 or at pete.morgan@braunstonpcuk.org

Better still, if you are interested in getting involved with the BVN in any way, not just as an editor, come to the next meeting of the group at 19:30 on the 1st August in the Old Library at the Village Hall.

Calling all Braunston Villagers

We need some new recruits to join those kind people who give up their time once a month to deliver the BVN. We also could do with a few folk willing to help out occasionally when someone is unable to do their round. It is not an arduous task, and if you are interested in learning more, please contact Deb Hope either by email deb21low@gmail.com or by phone 01788 891997.

Parish Councillor Pete Morgan

I am not a great fan of social media; this may be an “age thing” and I can see a lot of positives to it, as well as the downsides of thoughtless as well as deliberate postings that cause distress. There were a couple of examples on the Bugle recently that caught my eye: the first was the response of several villagers to a newspaper girl who had dropped her pay packet while delivering the papers – all offered to make good her loss; the second was the parent who thanked an unknown villager who paid the fare of their daughter when their electronic payment method failed to work on the Daventry bus, bringing a comment from someone else who had been helped in the same way. The support provided by the Village Charity and Braunston Heart, all provided by volunteers, are further evidence of what a caring village Braunston is.



Having lived here for over 40 years, I may just be a little biased, but I think Braunston is a great place to live! Given the above and the number of people who appear to have moved to the village after passing through on the canal, I suspect I may well be correct.

The Parish Council has some statutory duties to fulfil – commenting on planning applications, organising grass cutting, paying for and maintaining street lighting etc – but essentially it exists to enhance the quality of life in the village and is dependent on villagers volunteering to become councillors. At the moment, it is not representative of the village as the average age of councillors is over 50 if not 60! I am well aware of the financial and time pressures on all of us, particularly young families, but if you are able to offer what amounts to a little over one evening a month, do consider becoming a councillor or helping in some other way – the working group for the BVN mentioned elsewhere in this edition for example. Braunston is a great place to live because its residents care for one another and the village.

Village Hall Information

Braunston Village Hall provides a facility for use by the inhabitants of the Parish of Braunston and the neighbourhood, As well as accommodating Braunston Preschool, it is used by many village organisations and regular users are listed below .

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

To hire the hall please visit the website: ww.braunstonvillagehall.org.uk

Contacts for Village Hall activities

Please check with contacts listed below for information about holidays

Braunston Preschool - Monday to Friday 01788 891891
braunstonpreschoolcio@gmail.com

Pop Mobility	Lorraine	01788 890846	Tues 2.30-3.30
The Hive	Valerie	01788 891975	1 st Weds 2.15-4
Art Group	Alan	01788 890526	Weds 2-4
Yoga	Sheila	01788 891831	Weds 7-8
Short Mat Bowls	Bill	01788 891145	Thurs 2-4
	David	01788 891183	
Brownies	Clare	07544 936589	Thurs 5.30-7
Friendly Club	Jenny	01788 890186	2 nd and 4 th Mon 2-4
Learn to Crochet	Gill	07711 742575	1 st and 3 rd Tues 10-12
History Society	Jenny	07943 792977	3 rd Tues 7.30-9
	Liz	07890 072487	
Climate Action	Abigail	07989 421836	1 st Weds 7.30-9
Braunston Quilters	Laura	01788 890102	4 th Thurs 9.45-1
Gardens Ass'n	Kate	01788 890340	2 nd Thurs 7.30-9
Cinema Club	Arthur	01788 890508	Last Sat 7-10

Braunston C of E School

July 2023

As the academic year hurtles to a close at a rate of knots, I think about all those things that we, as a school have achieved over the last few months. Four of our classes have had the wonderful experience of going on a residential trip which has enhanced their learning and teamwork. So much fun was had by so many children (approximately 120!) and I thank my staff for giving up their own family time and their dedication to the children in their care.



Key Stage 2 have worked with Alarum productions to write and develop the production, "The Day the Boats Stopped". It was amazing to watch and the children thoroughly enjoyed singing the songs and learning the script that they had helped to develop. The children also learnt about the history that

affected the village of Braunston and the children at Braunston School during the boat strike in 1923. Following our dress rehearsal to Braunston's Friendly Club, we discovered that some members of the club were in fact direct relatives of the characters in our production!

During the summer break, there will be some improvements to our top playground and we look forward to returning in September to see it all completed.



Finally, as I sign off for this academic year, I wish everybody a restful summer break. I send special wishes to all our Year 6 children who move onto the next exciting stage of their education as they join their new schools. We wish you all the best and know that you will always be Braunston children and you strive to continue to show our values as you grow. I also wish our three member of staff who are leaving us (Mrs Goodridge, Miss Tant and Mrs Wright) good luck in their future pathways. We also welcome Mrs Phipps and Miss Longthorn to our teaching team.

Lianna Willis
Headteacher



Clubs and Groups

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 14th August – Speaker from Northamptonshire Police – 2pm to 4pm

We are pleased to welcome a member of the Police Community Support Team to help us be more aware of fraud and scams. Anyone from the village is very welcome to join us on the day for this important topic. Please contact Kate (mawerk@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone number below if you are not a Friendly Club member so that we can plan ahead for numbers.

Monday 28th August – Bank Holiday no meeting

Tuesday 29th August – Fish and Chip lunch. Meet at 12noon on The Green

We have booked a table at the Norton Village Fish and Chip shop and pub. Through a generous donation from the Pittam family we would like all Friendly Club members to join us on the day in memory of Joy who loved her fish and chip meal when going out with her Friendly Club friends. Please do let Kate know if you would like to book a place.

Jenny 890186 or Kate 890340

The Hive

August meetings: members and visitors please note the CHANGE OF PROGRAMME shown below.

Wednesday, August 2nd at 10.30 am

Coffee Morning at The Wheatsheaf

Wednesday, August 16th at 2.00 pm

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Braunston Canal Society



The only scheduled task party in June welcomed 3 volunteers from National Westminster Bank and 2 from Galliford Try. With 14 willing and able crew, lock 4 was painted in good time along with further efforts to the edging of the brick coping above lock 3.



Six *ad hoc* task parties this month helped prepare for the annual Historic Boat Rally. Overdue vegetation control, after 'No Mow May', was actioned. This included around

the Stop House, the Gongoozler garden, the towpath from the Stop House to the Junction, the offside at locks 1,2 & 4, the periphery of the junction island and offside at the Stophouse and several bridges.

Another *ad hoc* dealt with a leaning group of hawthorn trees near the marina entrance. Infested with ivy, they finally fell across the towpath after a heavy rain storm. Luckily, BCS had predicted the likelihood of the event and had previously obtained permission and had planned to trim the tree within bird nesting season guidelines. Having positioned work boat 'Skippy' under the tree the day before it fell, BCS had an ideal platform from which to bring the tree down and clear the towpath obstruction.



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**.



Singers Re-Choired

After our first block of sessions, we are looking to continue on a fortnightly basis, on a Monday evening starting again in September in the village hall; and we are open to others joining the group.

This friendly and supportive choir is run by singing teacher Chris Startup who will train your voice to sing a medley of different types of songs with musical accompaniment.

We are open to anyone! It doesn't matter if you can sing or not - it's about having a bit of fun! Text me with your name and number if you're interested, and I'll provide you with further details.

My contact details are - Jenny Flynn, 07434 966529.

Braunston Village Charity

A webpage for the Charity 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.



BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

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Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

Pay for Charge Electric Vehicle Charging comes to Braunston

We are awaiting the imminent upgrading of the electricity distribution network in Braunston by our DNO National Grid Electricity Distribution for OspreyEV Charging Network in Partnership with Marstons to install Braunston Village's first Rapid EV Charge Points in the Boat House Car Park this summer.

The charge points will be rapid charging units capable of delivering an 80 mile charge in 30 minutes.

This is part of a partnership to deliver EV charging at Marstons pubs across the country at over 100 sites and the Boat House in Braunston is one of the early installations in this programme.

When installed it is planned to have two tethered rapid chargers and three marked EV charging bays. The chargers will be 50kW DC units capable of charging with CCS and CHAdeMO connectors.

The chargers will accept contactless credit card payment as well as Zap Pay, Osprey App, Electroverse and EV Manufacturer Apps and RFID Cards, similar to those installed in the Bowen Square Car Park in Daventry.

Other pay for charge slow chargers are available at Braunston Marina. These three untethered charging posts can deliver a 3.7kW output to six cars and have a type 2 plug for which an EV driver needs their own charger lead for charging. These units should deliver 12.5 miles per hour and are more suited to using as a top-up charge. Tokens giving a three hour charge are available from the Braunston Marina Shop currently costing £5 for use with these chargers located in the Marina Complex, Brindley Quays.

These commercial chargers could be of interest for family and friends of Braunston residents and those frequenting Braunston businesses, Braunston Marina moorers and trades contractors, as well as those without charging infrastructure at home. A number of Braunston residents have their own EV chargers installed in their driveways and garages typically as fast 7kW chargers capable of delivering a 25 mile charge in one hour.

We will continue to monitor and plan for increased EVs in the village, although at this stage on-street charging with the street lighting provision being away from the kerb poses issues.

In a future edition of the BVN, I will outline the availability of EV chargers in the surrounding towns of Daventry and Rugby.

Meetings and projects

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd August. We will meet in the Stop House Garden close to the Gongoozler. 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). If you are interested in joining us, please message 07989 421836 or 07554 264742 or use the contact information on the website.

David Cary, Braunston CAN

Braunston History Society

We are having our summer break and our next meeting will be on September 19th in the Village Hall.

Our best wishes to you all for a lovely, peaceful and sunny summer.

See you all in September.

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).

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

Braunston Heart

It looks like there is going to be another tranche of Household Support Fund vouchers. Please make contact if you are in financial need and I will add you to a list to contact when they are released. This is a confidential service.

We are here for you to contact when you are unable to collect your shopping, medication, change light bulbs or even to walk your dog. We will try to help with most things and will signpost where we cannot. 0800 002 9066

The Twinkle Team

We are holding two fundraising events to help fund Twinkle on the Green and any Braunston Heart needs. Dates to put in your diaries:

Sunday 10th September

The Admiral Nelson have kindly offered to run another duck race in the morning.

The afternoon will be a village garage/boot/table top sale. It will be £10 to register your address/venue onto a map. A chance to sell those unwanted things. This event is run in conjunction with the Friends of Braunston School (FOBS) and profits will be split between us. It would be helpful for people to start registering their address asap. Send us an email at hearttwinkleteam@gmail.com.

Sunday 29th October

A spooky quiz at the village hall. Prizes for outfits.

Twinkle on the Green

Sunday 3rd December 4-6pm. Plans are well underway. We have bands booked, a pet photographer as well as Father Christmas etc. If you would like a stall then please make contact. We still need a reliable food van if anyone can help?

Jo Glover

Kindness and Compassion

Braunston Ex-forces Breakfast Club

Open invitation to any ex-forces or current forces personnel, who need a time to reminisce. Banter and friendly service inter-rivalry always on the agenda. Come along, soak up the nonsense and enjoy a few hours with like-minded comrades.

Bacon and sausage buns with a few mugs of hot drinks. Maybe stay for a cold one as well. We meet at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Braunston second Thursday at 10.30am every month. So, see you there....

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Braunston Village Gardens Association

Annual Gardens Competition Results 2023

Gardens and floral displays that can be seen from the public highway are judged on a day in the summer unknown to all but the judge and his/her BVGA guides. This year in early summer, the judge, Lynda Palmer, Clifton-upon-Dunsmore, said, "There are some lovely gardens on display in the village this summer with very interesting ideas, attractive planting schemes and lots of pretty containers and hanging baskets. Many gardens are well maintained despite the unusual weather conditions".

GARDENS TROPHY

1st - 65 High Street. A lovely garden fronting this stone house, it has been designed to fit perfectly into the available space. A spectacular pink rose creates a background for a very attractive collection of plants, structural shrubs, soft landscape and pretty herbaceous planting making optimum use of its shady position.

2nd - 35 Church Road. An excellent example of trimmed shrubs providing a lot of structure in this front garden. The topiary shapes are pleasing throughout the year and provide lots of interest to the whole garden, it is all very well kept and a credit to the owner.

3rd - South Lea Allotment. This special vegetable garden is very productive with so many types being grown. Despite some difficult weather conditions this season the garden continues to provide lots of produce and ideas for people passing by, an inspiration to anyone interested in growing their own vegetables.

Highly commended - 92 High Street, 84 Church Road, Willoughby Cottage, Marina Cottage, Brindley Quays and 62 High Street.

OLD PLOUGH TROPHY for BASKETS and CONTAINERS

1st - 19 Brindley Quays. Some very large pretty hanging baskets full of flower form a spectacular display. Well maintained and watered.

2nd - 6 Sanders Close. With a group of containers with tomato plants, an excellent idea and good use of space.

3rd - 26 Eastfields. This garden provides an attractive display of containers planted with petunias and lobelia.

Highly commended - 5 Countryside, 20 Mill Close and Marina Cottage, 24 Cross Lane.

MILLENNIUM CUP

Awarded to the business on the High Street and The Green with the best floral display.

Winner - The Community Café Braunston. A very well planted and maintained tub of flowers providing a warm welcome to the café and its outdoor seating area.

2nd - Daventry Hygiene and Disposables. A very interesting garden with some lovely planting.

DENNETT'S CUP

Awarded to the business elsewhere in the village with the best floral display

Winner - Braunston Marina Shop, Brindley Quays Large planted tubs with seasonal flowers soften the hard landscaping in this area.

2nd - The Admiral Nelson at Lock 3. There are 4 lovely hanging baskets all planted with matching begonias positioned on the wall to welcome you on arrival.

Highly commended - Tradline Rope and Fenders and Union Canal Carriers.

A special mention to the gardeners improving community spaces, including:

Braunston School – continues to provide attractive planting in several containers in the grounds providing a pleasant environment for both the pupils and staff.

2nd Braunston Brownies – The established wildlife meadow in the churchyard includes yellow rattle, oxeye daisies and many different wild plants.

2nd Braunston Cub Scouts – Once again they have planted a more formal garden including honeysuckle, bright orange marigolds and beautiful bright blue delphinium. Overall a lot of work has resulted in an attractive garden for everyone to enjoy.

Congratulations to all the prize winners.

Trophies and awards will be presented at Braunston Show.

Saturday 2nd September at 4.30pm.

If you would like to find out more about the BVGA and our events then please contact us on 01788 891093 or email carydaviddegerton@aol.com or join us at our next BVGA meeting at the Village Hall.

David and Nicola Cary, BVGA Committee Members

***Braunston Village Show -
Saturday 2nd September in the Village Hall.***

The 2023 show schedule is available on the BVGA Show pages of the Braunston website. You can enter online but please note the deadline for entries is August 30th.

This is a last reminder to everyone to look at your show schedule now and get growing, sticking, painting, cooking, taking photographs and whatever else you enjoy.

If you don't fancy entering then please do come along in the afternoon and see the fabulous entries, savour the tea and cake and buy something in the auction at the end of the day. It might inspire you to enter next year!

There will be refreshments available, a tombola and raffle.

PLEASE NOTE WE PREFER CASH ONLY ON THE DAY

We look forward to meeting our entrants – old and new – at the Village Show in September.

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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Scouts Go on a 'WOW' Camp

2nd Braunston Scouts along with their new leadership team went for a 'WOW' Camp at Blackwell Court doing adventurous activities like zip-wire, multi-scramble high obstacle course, archery, fan descender, crate stacking

2nd Braunston Scouts returned to camping with a BANG with a weekend packed full of high adrenaline activities like jumping off a high platform with a 'Fan Descender' slowing the fall like a parachute. Multi-scramble is a high ropes obstacle course and in crate stacking two Scouts on ropes are fed stacking crates building ever higher till it collapses leaving them hanging in the air. We partnered with Weedon Scout group and all had a great time and friendships were built.



Sounds like fun? Want to join our Scouts
email: GSL@braunstonscouts.co.uk

Braunston Paddox Cricket Club

Both Saturday teams have fared well in the past month. The firsts have convincingly won all three games they have played. The highlight being a rare 10 wicket victory over Wellingborough who were dismissed for 102 with skipper Elijah Glover taking 5 wickets for just 18 runs. He followed this up with 74 in an unbroken opening partnership of 108 with Dhillon Chokshi. Visitors Long Buckby and then Geddington also failed to stretch the in-form team who now sit third in their tightly contested division.



The seconds also played well without quite the success of their senior side. A very comfortable win over Heyford, who were bowled out for just 44, with Shaun Harnett taking 4 for 23 and Colin Scott 3 for 7 was followed by their closest match of the season away at Wellingborough Old Grammarians. OGs were the only unbeaten side in the division and were on top from the very first ball.

They held the upper hand until well into our innings when a spirited 8th wicket stand between Shaun Harnett (51) and Rakesh Patel (33) brought us back into the game. Support in the last few overs from Alex Goddard meant that we posted a very creditable 147. The BPCC bowlers stuck to their task, aided by some excellent catches by Dom Goddard and Noah Kemp left OGs needing to score 4 runs off the last over. This they managed

with just 3 balls to spare; Tom Sabin being the pick of the bowlers with 3 for 29. Unfortunately, the game against Bowden was called off because of the rain and the club remains in a mid table position.

The midweek team have struggled in recent weeks though. Despite a comfortable win over Willoughby when we scored one of our highest ever midweek totals of 182 for 1, with both openers James Goodwin and Jordan Shingler scoring half centuries, we then lost the next two games, both of which we expected to win. The first, against Long Itchington went down to the wire as we lost off the last ball of the game, but the second was a poor performance against bottom of the table Oakfield & Rowlands who are making a spirited attempt to avoid relegation. An expected

loss against top of the table Newbold means that we are now ourselves in danger of being relegated to division 3 next season.

A highlight of the season so far was a friendly against Badby and Farthingstone which was played as a charity match in memory of local cricketer and bat repairer, Ricky Keenan, who died a few weeks earlier. A contrived tie with both teams scoring 110 off their 20 overs was of little consequence compared to the £550 which was raised for Action on Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Braunston Walkers

Ravensthorpe Ramble, Saturday 15/7/23, 5.5 miles

After torrential rain and autumnal winds all the previous day, my hopes were not high. I need not have worried as eleven of us set off in sunshine. This five-miler took us from the Chequers in Ravensthorpe, where we left our lunch order, for a romp over field paths with some splendid views over rolling countryside.

Through fields of wheat we strolled after negotiating three stiles. The whole walk felt like uphill. Mo handed out sweets to help the energy levels but we were soon entering the old village of Coton and the Coton Manor Gardens. It was still windy and we could see showers in the distance that were rolling our way. We turned onto a small lane and followed this past lots of pink flowers of rosebay willow herb bending in the wind.

The shower caught up with us as we descended to reach the car park by Ravensthorpe reservoir. We sheltered under trees till it had stopped and then walked along the edge of the lake in trees with bright sunshine to reach the dam. Passing a Victorian building housing waterworks a cormorant dived into the lake and was enjoying the fish it caught as we crossed the dam passing flocks of geese. We watched some anglers on a boat out on the lake before continuing past a boathouse and along the far side of the reservoir.

We turned left along a field edge and uphill to join a Woodland Trust track back to the village park where they were busy setting up a beer festival. Our path led us back through the village to the Chequers pub where we enjoyed a fantastic lunch. A great old pub in a beautiful part of our underrated county and a splendid walk.

Our next walk is on 19 August 2023 to Barby.

Coffee & Cake for Carl

On Friday 7th July the skies were blue, the sun shone and it was a gloriously hot summer's day. On Saturday 8th July, the day of Coffee & Cake for Carl, the morning started out the same, and then.....the heavens opened! However, this did not deter the wonderful Braunston folk, and those from further afield, who came and bought coffee, cake, raffle tickets, cards, and prints. As there was (and still is!) quite a lot of cake left, we sold from the front garden on Sunday, and enjoyed a much drier and sunnier day.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event, and gave so generously to the Carl Lewis Foundation. As a result £1,509.81 was raised which is an incredible amount given the inclement weather. I am so grateful, and consider myself very lucky to live in such a kind, caring and supportive village. If you were unable to come and would like to donate, or would like to know more about the charity, please go to info@carllewisfoundation.org

Catherine



The advertisement features a central illustration of a wedding taking place at a farm. A bride in a white dress and a groom in a suit stand in front of a white building with a porch. The scene is set in a green field with various farm animals including a brown horse, a black cow, several sheep, and a pig. There are trees and a blue sky with clouds in the background. A banner in the top right corner reads 'SPECIAL RATES FOR BRAUNSTON RESIDENTS'. A circular badge on the right says 'EST. 2014'. The main title 'Weddings & Special Events' is written in a large, cursive font across the top. At the bottom left, the text 'HOME FARM EVENTS' is prominently displayed in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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Features

Canon's Ashby

Helen Cable of the National Trust has provided the information for our feature article this month.

Preparation is slowly turning to think about Christmas (dare we say it)! Until then, the Museum Room in the house has been transformed into a small display about one of Canons Ashby's most famous residents, Louis Osman. It's well worth a look.

Louis Osman lived at Canons Ashby as a tenant of the Dryden family in the 1960s and 1970s. He was a talented silversmith and was commissioned to make the coronet for King Charles III when he was invested as Prince of Wales in 1969 - an important commission to be given. It was made from 24 carat gold using the innovative technology of electroforming, which made it much lighter than a traditional crown.

Osman had already transformed large parts of the house into workshops, and about 30 people worked with him, so the place would have been quite a hive of activity. Gold leaf was often used and one part of the house was set aside for this very important and delicate work with the bath in the room next door regularly filled with cyanide used in gold plating!

The house offered a fantastic setting to display all his other works in gold and silver, as well as his wife Dilys's enamels, and Osman even housed an exhibition in the Long Gallery to showcase his work and raise money for the restoration of the house. One of the most famous guests who visited to see and purchase his work was the film star Elizabeth Taylor.

Today as part of the display, you can see one of Osman's original sketches for the coronet as well as silver plates he created for himself. There's also more information about his time at Canons Ashby and you can compare the weights of the coronet King Charles wore at his investiture as Prince of Wales and the crown he wore at his coronation – which would you rather wear?

The photo shows the door to Osman’s silver safe with its original lock, (although not in its original location or currently on display).



For all we have coming up over the next few months, see below. Sometimes last-minute changes are made, so please do check the website for the latest information - <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/leicestershire-northamptonshire/canons-ashby>

1 July – 4 September	10am–4pm	Summer of Play	<p>Visit during July and August to enjoy a playful day out at Canons Ashby, with music making, moments to use young imaginations, and a space to stretch little legs.</p> <p>Head through The Spinney full of nature, play the musical instruments, try the new play dens and balance beams in the wild play corner, and hang up your colourful ribbon as your promise to nature.</p>
Every Tuesday of August	11am-2pm	Nature Explorer Tuesdays	<p>Bring the kids and enjoy activities connected with nature and the great outdoors. Whether it’s wild art, or wildlife spotting, there’s something to try every Tuesday of August.</p>

Saturday 19 August	Start time 5.30pm	Robin Hood, performed by Illyria	<p>With good King Richard away at war, the rich and powerful will lie, cheat, and break every rule to seize power. And they're ready to play dirty! Luckily, so is the swashbuckling Robin Hood and his team of misfit rebels.</p> <p>This is outdoor theatre at its best in the Paddock – bring a picnic, rugs or picnic chairs and wrap up warm!</p> <p>Booking required https://tinyurl.com/yab38dua</p>
2 September & 9 September	7-8.30pm	Bat walks	<p>Enjoy a talk and guided walk around Canons Ashby's grounds on a search for our favourite flying mammals. See what different species you can find and learn more about their habits and habitats with our guests from the Oxfordshire Bat Group.</p> <p>£13 Adults, £10 Children Booking required https://tinyurl.com/3vrduy39</p>
30 September & 1 October	11am-4pm	Apple Harvest Weekend	<p>Celebrate the apple harvest with beautiful decorations, Morris Dancing and traditional seasonal fun.</p> <p>There will be family craft activities, games for old and young, a tombola, and a select group of stall holders selling their wares.</p>

30 September & 1 October	11am-4pm	Apple Harvest Weekend (continued)	The Morris Dancing displays are at 11.30, 12.30 and 2pm Normal admission prices apply. There are small additional charges for some activities. To buy from the stall holders and join the activities, please bring cash. No booking needed.
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