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Year six children visited the allotments and Jetty Fields in June

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BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

Weddings

May

Chris and Jenni Pearce 18.5.29

Reece and Amy Quinn 24.5.19

June

Sayward and Luke Aubrey 7.6.19

Shaun and Abigail Sumner 15.6.19

Baptisms

May 26 – Emily Foster & Carter McCutcheon

June 23 – Rosie Wortley and Louis Wortley

Funerals

May 13 – Malcom Pollard

May 17 – Roy Harper

Vicar's letter

As you read this Wimbledon 2019 will have just begun. Two weeks of strawberries and Pimms, and that's just in the Rectory garden!

Wimbledon is one of the biggest and, for me, the most exciting sports event of the year. This year it is held from 1st-14th July and takes place in the leafy SW19 at the All England Tennis Club, its home since 1877 (almost as old as our current church building!). Court Number One now has a new roof, which will enable more games to be played when it rains (although we may have had all of July's rainfall in June?!).

This sporting event will involve over 1000 different athletes; Men's and women's singles, doubles, juniors, seniors and wheelchair players. Their hard work and dedication will be watched by millions. But behind each athlete is a story, they are human beings like the rest of us; even though the press may depict them as winning machines, fashion icons or heart throbs!

Many of these athletes have a faith in God that gives them strength and comfort. Novak Djokovic is just one of 4 men to have won all four Grand Slams. He was born in war torn Belgrade and started playing tennis when he was 4 years old. He describes himself not as a religious person but as a person of faith in God and always carries a small wooden cross, even on court. Simona Halep says that even though she doesn't go to church every week, she believes in God. Juan Martin Del Potro has a strong faith and tries to go to church

whenever he can. He recently had his most precious possession stolen, a rosary blessed by Pope Francis. Lauren Davis went through a tough time after being injured but she said that she gained great strength through knowing that God was with her, he understood what she was going through, and she felt held by him.

All the 1000 athletes have a story and some of them have been touched by God's story.

You are very welcome to come and share strawberries and Pimms with me. I would love to hear your story whether or not you can play tennis!

God bless you.

Rev Nat

Friends of All Saints, Braunston

LIVE MUSIC **ICE CREAM VAN**

WHOLE HOG ROAST

LICENSED BAR

Numbers strictly limited, please book early

Where: **Rectory Garden, 71 High Street, Braunston**
When: **Saturday 10th August 2019 at 7:30pm**
Cost: **£15** (Hot food will be served at 8:30pm)

You are invited!

Tickets go on sale at the Summer Fete Saturday 8th June,
Afterwards at the Post Office, My Cafe, Church & Rectory.

Registered charity No 1138185

Church Diary

Day		Time	Event
Tue	2	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
		09:00	Tiny Treasures (term time only)
Wed	3	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Sun	7	11:15	Holy Communion & Junior Church
		17:30	Youth Church
Tue	9	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
		09:00	Tiny Treasures (term time only)
Wed	10	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Sat	13	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	14	11:15	Café Church at Village Hall
Tue	16	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
		09:00	Tiny Treasures (term time only)
Wed	17	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Fri	19	18:00	Car Treasure Hunt
Sun	21	08:00	BCP Holy Communion
		11:15	All Age Service with Baptism
		17:30	Youth Church
Tue	23	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
		09:00	Tiny Treasures (term time only)
Wed	24	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Sun	28	11:15	Holy Communion
		17:30	Youth Church
		18:00	No Labels Worship
Tue	30	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
		09:00	Tiny Treasures (term time only)
Wed	31	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church

Church Floodlighting

June's floodlighting

9th - * On our Anniversary

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

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

16th - Happy Father's Day. I miss you more everyday. Lots of love
Amanda, Matt and Phoebe xxx

21st - Viv & Alan Butler. Golden Wedding Anniversary

24th - * Happy Wedding Anniversary Trevor & Angela

24th - Sue and Nikki celebrating their 25th anniversary.

July's floodlighting so far ...

6th - * John & Sally's Wedding Anniversary

8th - * Jeff & Tracy's Wedding Anniversary

29th - For Eliza and Micah on your Wedding Day. Love Nanny and
Gan xx

* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

Please note these are the floodlighting requests received before the
BVN deadline of the 18th June

If you wish to have All Saints' floodlit for a special occasion it is very
helpful if you could use one of the request forms from the table at the
back of the church. The current fee is £7 per entry, 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 form with the donation can then be left at the Rectory or at
the village Post Office.

Please ensure that your request is submitted in good time before the
BVN closing date of the 18th





Car Treasure Hunt

Friday 19th July

Cars leave from All Saints' Church between 6pm & 6-30pm

£10 per person for Treasure Hunt, Two Course Meal & Wine

The meal is served at 8:30pm in the Parish Room at Church

Come for a brilliant & fun evening!

To book, please call Pat on 01788 899 157

Good Luck

Parish Council Information and News

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Forthcoming Meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the following meetings. Unless indicated, meetings are held in the Meeting Room at Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1st July Full Council Meeting

5th August Full Council Meeting

All agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston Website:

www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc

and on the Parish Council notice board at The Green.

Road closure

The Parish Council has been informed that Barby Road will be closed from the junction with Greenway in the village to the junction with Daventry Road near Barby. The closure is scheduled to be from the 8th to the 24th July.

The closure is because John Henry Group, on behalf of Gigaclear, are carrying out major telecom ducting works in the area.

District Councillor's Report

Jason Pritchard has reported that following the decision by the government to go ahead with council reorganisation in Northamptonshire, his tenure as our district councillor, along with all other due to face a public vote, will be extended to 2021.

County Councillor's Report

Malcolm Longley sent a document that shows the end of financial year position of Northamptonshire County Council. This can be seen on the village website.

He also reported a meeting with Daventry District Council regarding the proposed extension of the cycle network to Braunston. There is around £1 million allocated for this and discussions are continuing with an owner of land at the Daventry end of the proposed link.

The Triangle at The Green

Information about the proposed installation was given in the June edition of the BVN. This is available on the village website. Thank you to those who have already commented on this. Any further comments should be sent to the Parish Council by the 16th of July.

Mowing

The Parish Council is seeking a replacement contractor to improve the service.

Braunston Village Charity

The charity exists to help people in Braunston who are in need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing or paying for items or providing services or facilities.

This should not meet need that is the responsibility of another agency other than in an emergency. Such provision should be of a one-off nature, but could be made annually.

Full details about governance, the trustees and objectives are given on the village website. Follow the links:

Directory > Clubs and Societies (Charities) > Braunston Village Charity

There is a contact email on the website. Alternatively, phone the Parish Clerk on 07956 682733. All requests and details of grants made are treated in full confidence.

The trustees would like to thank recipients for all the appreciation shown.

Police liaison

The recently introduced on-line method for reporting a crime is at <https://www.northants.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

To report a crime by phone dial 101. If someone is in immediate danger dial 999.

In 2018 the number seriously injured on the county's roads increased by 9, from 279 casualties in 2017 to 288. The number of people killed on the roads fell by almost 30 per cent from 44 to 31 in the same period. Full details on the village website.

Bin collections

3 rd July	Food and Recycling
10 th July	Food, Waste and Garden Waste
17 th June	Food and Recycling
24 th July	Food and Garden Waste
31 st July	Food, Recycling and Waste

Village Hall Information

News

The Annual General Meeting of the Braunston Memorial Hall Foundation will take place on Monday 29th July 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall library. All are welcome to join us.



The new heating has been ordered from Mark Partridge of Bright Green Renewables, More information next month

Hall hire charges

If you want to hire our hall please visit the web site. Your bookings mean that we can keep improving the hall for your enjoyment

For all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply, see our website braunstonvillagehall.org.uk, email villagehall@braunston.org.uk or phone 07890072487. Details of special events can also be found on the website.

If your child attends Braunston Pre-School or Braunston C of E Primary School you are entitled to Braunston resident's rates even if you do not live in the village and you receive an extra 10% off hall hire charges during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays

	Braunston Residents	Non Residents
Gallie Room	£11 per hour	£22 per hour
Main Hall	£11 per hour	£22 per hour
Both Halls	£20 per hour	£40 per hour
Meeting Room	£6 per hour	£12 per hour

Contacts for regular activities in the Village Hall

Some Clubs take a break during school holidays. Please check with the contacts.

Weekly

Tuesday	Pop Mobility	2.00pm	Lorraine	01788 890846
Wednesday	Braunston Art Group	2.00pm	Alan	01788 890164
	Yoga	7.00pm	Sheila	01788 891831
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	1.45pm	Alan	01788 890011
	Fishing Club Bingo	8.00pm	Harry	01788 890396

Fortnightly

Monday	Friendly Club	2.00pm	Jenny	01788 890186
Friday	Youth Club	7.00pm	Leah	01788 891833

Monthly

Tuesday	History Society	7.00pm	Annie	01788 891179
	Womens Institute	7.30pm	Valerie	01788 891975
Thursday	Linus Group	10.00am	Laura	01788 890102
Thursday	Gardens Association	7.30pm	Kate	01788 890340
Saturday	Cinema Club	7.30pm	Arthur	01788 890508

Braunston C of E School

Year 6 visited Jetty Field on a day that fortunately proved to be a break from the June rain. The children learned about growing on allotments and about the different habitats in addition to practising map skills and interpreting a landscape.

I thought I stepped on a four leaf clover.

Look, it's beetroot.

Does he mow it all in a day?

Trees shade the vegetables.

Is that where the hedgehogs live? .

Can we look at the worms?

Wow.

Tomato is a fruit.



I want to be a tree surgeon.

Rhubarb is a vegetable.

Allotments are where people pay a small amount of money to grow plants.

There's more sun on a south facing slope.

My coat has a compass on it.

What time of year do strawberries grow?

Following this experience, the children are working on projects to communicate their knowledge of Jetty Field. They will enter their projects for the Gallie competition.

Clubs and groups

Braunston Cinema Club

Sat July 27th 7 30pm in the Village Hall

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

2018 cert PG

Winner of 4 Oscars

The story of the legendary rock group Queen and their charismatic lead singer, Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid in 1985.

Homemade refreshments available to buy, please book tickets/food in advance to help with catering.

Feel free to bring a bottle & a glass of your choice.

Film only: £4.50 members / £6.50 non-members

Some tickets available on the door

Tel: 01788 890508 or: batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com

Braunston History Society

We are taking our summer break, so no meetings in July or August. Next meeting will be on Sept 17th which will be a society meeting in the Library. Also, on Sunday Sept 1st at 2pm we are doing a guided walk through village and canal for Daventry U3A. We will need some volunteers to help with walk and tea and biscuits in Village Hall.

Have a good Summer everyone

Braunston Walkers

Saturday 15/6/19 Hanwell

The area north west of Banbury has some little gems of villages with Hornton quarried stone cottages. We started our walk in Horley. All week the weather had been dire ,but eleven of us set off through meadows at the side of Sor Brook. Soon we entered a nightmare field of rapeseed, rain had battered the plants down covering the path. At the front forcing my way through was hard going so Nigel and Phil took over at the front. A man coming in the opposite direction had two dogs with him but they were nowhere to be seen in the wild rapeseed.

We went through fields of cereal ,dotted with bright red poppies to arrive at Wroxton. Walking through the grounds of Wroxton Abbey, now home to the Fairleigh Dickinson American University, is a real treat . There's an obelisk, erected in the 1700s by Lord North to celebrate a visit by Prince Frederick. Going downhill over a river and through Drayton we see ahead the lovely old church of Hanwell. This village even has a castle. After a glimpse in the church we strolled to reached our lunch pub, the Moon and Sixpence It's a lovely old pub and very welcoming. After a good lunch we walked back toward the cars at Horley. Our next walks are:

July 20th Welton

Aug 17th Shuckborough

Sep21st Whilton

If you fancy joining us give me your email address and I can add you to our mailing list.

Ray Scrivens 01788891384 (Rayscrivens@btinternet.com)

Braunston Village Gardens Association

Gardening together in Braunston.

Every resident has free membership of the BVGA.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 28th July Open Gardens for Macmillan Cancer Support

Please see the poster for details.

This year we have 5 gardens joining the event for the first time so plenty of new ideas to capture your imagination.

Refreshments and homemade cakes will be on sale at the Village Hall alongside the plant sale and second-hand gardening equipment sale.

Saturday 7th September - BRAUNSTON SHOW

Are you looking for some ideas for children's activities this summer?

The Braunston Show has classes just for children to enter and is organised into four age categories. We have included the ideas below.

We do hope that you will encourage the children to take part in this friendly show. All details, entry forms etc, are on the website and will be delivered to schools and homes during July and August.

Children living in the village, grandchildren of Braunston residents and all children who attend Braunston Pre School and Braunston School can enter all the classes.

If friends with no connection to the village want to enter, they can enter the classes marked with OC.

We look forward to meeting you at our events. For more information contact Kate Mawer mawerk@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01788 890340.

The Little Fingers Prize – Under 5s

111. **(OC)** A mug of garden flowers and/or leaves

112. A face made of garden produce on a plate

113. **(OC)** Decorate a biscuit

114. Colour in the picture on the back of the schedule

115. Draw a picture of a boat

The Busy Hands Shield – 5 to 7 years

116. **(OC)** “Hair on an egg”. Draw a face on an eggshell and grow seeds in the top for the hair
117. Make a vegetable creature
118. Make a model using a rice krispie mixture
119. A piece of handicraft (any materials)
120. **(OC)** An unframed photograph with the title ‘Animals’

The Green Fingers Trophy – 8 to 10 years

121. **(OC)** Grow the tallest sunflower
122. Display something that you have grown
123. Make a mini scarecrow for a planter from recycled materials. Height up to 15cm (not including the stick).
124. Dress up a vegetable for a party
125. Make 6 Butterfly cakes.
126. Make a gingerbread family
127. A collage inspired by the picture on the back of the schedule (any materials)
128. A piece of handicraft using any materials of your choice
129. **(OC)** An unframed photograph with the title ‘Wild’
130. An unframed photograph with the title ‘Summer Holiday’

The Jubilee Trophy – 11 to 14 years

131. **(OC)** Grow the tallest sunflower
132. Display something that you have grown
133. Vegetable look-a-like. Provide a small picture of a person and a vegetable dressed or undressed that looks most like that person
134. Make something useful from recycled materials
135. Make six decorative cakes
136. Make 6 savoury scones
137. **(OC)** Design of a bug hotel
138. A piece of handicraft (any materials)
139. An unframed photograph with the title ‘My favourite ...’
140. An unframed photograph with the title ‘The Weekend’

Canal Society

To prepare for May's Thursday task volunteers brought tug 'Pochard' and flat up from Weedon via Norton yard. By Tuesday afternoon two ton bags of stone and a ton of grit were transported to the site of the flooded towpath between Braunston top lock and the tunnel.

On Wednesday a frame was made to extend the raised towpath to include the spring causing the problem. The Thursday crew prepared the ground, installed the frame and laid the stone. Brian Eales of CRT arrived with a wacker plate, and the stone was compacted before a top layer of grit was added and given a final wackering.



On subsequent days a small crew also repaired 4 sections of the raised towpath where the retaining boards were collapsing.

A task party in May, decided to paint the wood on lock 4. A crew set about the job using rollers as well as brushes. This proved very effective and saved time. Combined with this years strategy of painting the metal parts on a previous task party it seemed a winning formula. The lock was completed in good time

Other tasks this month included strimming the junction island, clearing reeds from the lock 5 weir and painting the deck of the tug.

The Society is always keen to welcome new volunteers so if you would like to come along and have some fun you can email me at braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com or phone/text me on 07817 435911.

If you would like to see our previous activities check out our website at www.braunston.org.uk/bcs

Braunston Village Gardens Association

BRAUNSTON

OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 28TH JULY



£5 entry Accompanied children free

Start at Braunston Village Hall (NN11 7HW)

or any participating garden

REFRESHMENTS 12 noon to 5pm

PLANT SALE

**MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

**14 gardens
opening**



Friendly Club

We meet in The Gallie Room at the Village Hall. Members enjoy tea, cake, chat 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.

Monday 8th July 2pm to 4pm – ALL WELCOME

Lesley Masters will lead us through some games of bingo this afternoon.

Monday 22nd July 2pm to 4pm – ALL WELCOME

Lynn Little will tell us all about how her family supports the rescue of hedgehogs.

Payment for the summer trip is due today.

For more information telephone

Jenny 890186 or Kate 890340

Braunston Women's Institute

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday July 2nd.

Russell Attwood will speak to us on “Seeds, Pumpkins and More”

The challenge is — a garden in a saucer.

For further information contact Valerie on 01788 891975

Braunston Paddock Cricket Club

The cricket club have made an excellent start to the season with all four teams being competitive, despite the weather at times.

The Saturday 1st XI have won three out of the five matches with two abandoned and are currently 6th in Division 3.

The Seconds are top of Division 4 having won four and lost one. The one defeat went down to the wire with Silverstone reaching their target with only two balls to spare and the opposition down to their last batsmen. Highlights so far include a first ever half century by Terry Isom and two batting partnership records involving Terry and Aston Shingler.

The Wednesday team captained by Kieron Bennett are unbeaten and top division 3 and have reached the semi-finals of the Plate knockout.

Both Sunday friendlies have been won, the latest, against Farthingstone Nomads, featured Noah Eyles and two other juniors playing their first game for the club.

Date	Team	Opposition	Venue
Wed 3 July	Wed XI	Ashby St Ledgers	Home
Sat 6 July	1st XI	Chipping Warden	Away
	2nd XI	Dunchurch & Bilton	Home
Wed 10 July	Wed XI	Yelvertoft	Home
Sat 13 July	1st XI	Evenly	Home
	2nd XI	Wardington	Away
Wed 17 July	Wed XI	Dunchurch & Bilton	Home
Sat 20 July	1st XI	Gayton	Home
	2nd XI	Preston Bissett	Away
Sun 21 July	Friendly	Farthingstone Nomads	Away
Wed 24 July	Wed XI	Oakfield & Rowlands	Home
Sat 27 July	1st XI	Wicken	Away
	2nd XI	Flecknoe	Home
Wed 31 July	Wed XI	West Haddon	Home



The café is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

10:00am—4:00pm and Saturday 10:00am—12:30pm

Run by volunteers who are happy to chat.

Come along to enjoy tea, coffee, cake and light lunches.

If you would like to become a volunteer please ring

Chris Maltby on 01788 890576

or Jenni Burton on 01788 891546

Community Car

BRAUNSTON COMMUNITY CAR IS FOR YOU

Available to ALL residents to make a short journey in or out of the village.

To visit friends, shopping, hospital, dentist, doctors, appointments

JUST CALL 07984 412921 (24 HRS NOTICE PLEASE)

Any payment is by voluntary contribution

The team would like to thank Nigel of Braunston Garage for his continuing support.

In May the community car service did 146 trips and covered 1187 miles



Braunston Players present

Puddings

and

Performances

Saturday July 6th

7:15pm for 7:30pm

Braunston Village Hall



BYO Drinks & Glasses

and if you want,

a picnic meal to complement our
fantastic puddings!



Tickets £6 (includes puddings)
from the Boat Shop, Bottom Lock
Tel 01788 891 310 (from 1st June)



Jetty Field– Rain stops our workday fun

Unfortunately, due to heavy rain the last workday in June had to be cancelled. Such a shame as we know the weeds will not stop growing for us!

I have decided therefore to use this space to update you all on the Nature Reserve. We are currently in the process of creating a dead hedge along the eastern and southern boundaries. This is to provide a food source for wildlife. We have utilised the old ash trunks as upright posts and we are using small branches as horizontal weaving and utilising all our cuttings and trimmings in between.

We are also in the process of engaging a bat expert to help us understand how we encourage bats into this area. We will be looking to purchase bat boxes as well as further bird boxes and other items to encourage wildlife.



The Woodland Trust is also sending us another 105 sapling trees to plant into this area in November. These trees will be a mixture of hawthorn, rowan, blackthorn, silver birch, hazel and common oak. All brilliant trees that support wildlife.

Our plans for the Nature Reserve are well underway. If you would like to help our next workdays will be held on Saturday 20th July, Saturday 7th September and Saturday 5th October, so please come along and join us if you're free. We start at 9am and meet at the top of Jetty Field. Please bring along a spade and gloves if possible and we'll

bring the coffee and cake. We are usually finished by 12 noon at the latest.

Our next Jetty Field meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd July in the library room in the village hall at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us, we will be discussing the Nature Reserve and workday plans. Plus, a further meeting will also be held on Tuesday 3rd September.

The Royal British Legion– Braunston & District 1928-2018

As reported earlier this year, due to a lack of active support, the branch amalgamated with Daventry and District with our 30 members being transferred.

The only outstanding matter is the “laying-up” of our current Standard and this will be done on Sunday 28th July in Welton Church during their morning service at 9:30am. It will be led by our padre, John Stevenson. We already have our previous Standard laid-up in All Saints’ Braunston.

The Daventry meetings are held at 8:00pm on the last Thursday of each month excluding December, at the Conservative Club, 39, High Street. They hold a drop-in coffee morning on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 10:00am to midday at the Volunteer Bureau in New Street, drop in for a chat or get advice.

The Poppy Appeal will start on Saturday 26th October this year. Despite the sad passing of our main co-ordinator Tony Golding we had a very successful collection last year raising £8025 in the Braunston District. This year we will be supported by Daventry and our local team of village co-ordinators and volunteer collectors. They will be contacted nearer the date.

Colin White 01788 890390 and Tony Saunderson 01788 890797

Fishing Club

Braunston Fishing Club meets every Thursday at 8pm throughout the year for **Bingo** in the Village Hall. Non-members are welcome.

Harry 01788 890396

Other News

GONGOOZLERS' REST CAFÉ BOAT

Join us for our

**Cynthia Spencer Hospice fundraising weekend
10th & 11th August 2019 from 9am to 3pm**

Browse our toy & bric-a-brac stall and our cake stall whilst enjoying a hot drink or a Strawberry Cream Tea.

All monies taken go to the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

Donations of items and cakes gratefully received after Thursday 8th August on the boat.

Contact : - 07940 973529



Braunston Marina

Alarum Theatre

Presents “Acts of Abandon” a double bill of storytelling with well known storytellers Heather Wastie and Kate Saffin featuring

“The Muck and Shovel Brigade” and “The Mary Rose” a boat of ill repute.

Thursday June 27th at 8pm

Beer Tent Braunston Marina

Tickets £10 Proceeds to support the Church restoration

Braunston Historic Narrowboat Rally and Canal Festival

This year is the 17th annual festival to be held at Braunston Marina being held on the weekend of 29th -30th June 2019

There will be historic narrowboats, food, music from folk and R&B groups, Morris Dancing and of course the beer tent.

All profits to canal and local causes.

Rainfall

The rainfall for May was 36mm, half that of the previous two years.

Braunston News in the Daventry Express

If you or your organisation are doing something that might appeal to a wider audience let me know. Each week I write in the Neighbourhood column of the paper. Either e mail me by noon on Sunday

e: chris@multiplex.me.uk

Or put it through the door 36 Welton Road.

Chris Grossart

Christian Aid Collection

Collectors would like to say a big "Thank you" to households in the Marina and Old Road for their Christian Aid gifts of £110.33

Features

Frosty's Nature NotesIs that your toad?

Anybody concerned about our countryside will be particularly worried our native amphibians. Britain doesn't have too many native frogs, toads and newts and certainly can't afford to lose any more. The common frog (*rana temporaria*) lays its eggs or spawn by March in most parts of the country. Frog's eggs are laid in a mass of jelly and eggs called spawn. Many of those eggs are eaten by fish, amphibians and even birds. Because there are so many there are still plenty to turn into tadpoles which are also popular food for all those pond predators. Only a few tadpoles make it to become frog-lets and scramble on to dry land where they become food for even more predators including the grass snake (*natrix natrix*). Amazingly enough of that one or two thousand frog eggs a few make it to adulthood. It takes about three years for frogs to breed and start the whole exciting life and death cycle all over again.

The common toad (*bufo bufo*) has a similar cycle but they start with between three and six thousand eggs. Toad numbers have crashed by more than two-thirds over 30 years and by nearly a third just since 2014. Sightings of frogs have dropped by 17 per cent over the same period. The causes are, as always, many and varied but loss of small ponds in gardens is certainly a very important one. Have you thought of building a small pond in your garden?

As well as native frogs and toads we have many non native species. When I was a boy a local pet store sold American bullfrog tadpoles - the size of a walnut- some of these escaped, growing into rugby ball sized bullfrogs. They could not survive hard British winters. In 1900 a Bedfordshire nursery imported water plants from France. With them came the midwife toad (*alytes obstetricans*). Now spread to Northamptonshire the toads, about half the size of our native toad, seem to really enjoy our climate and gardens. The females lay their eggs in chains and the males wrap the strings of egg around their back legs to keep them safe. However they have they suddenly become a real nuisance? Why? Because the males very loud mating call sounds exactly like an I-phone bleep.

Peter Frost

Journals and essays from the life of a quintessential English gentleman (1913-2006)

These are extracts taken from the diaries and jottings of Stephen Dawson in a blog written by his daughter, Nina. Born in London in 1913 Stephen spent his childhood in Wolfhampcote and he recollects what life was like in this area during the Great War and the early 1920s.

Nina and Paul Wilson have kindly allowed permission to reprint, for a fuller account of his life please refer to

<http://stephenjohndawson.blogspot.com/2006/08stray-jottings.html?m=1>

I first came to the hamlet of Wolfhampcote with my mother when I was about four and we lived with Aunt Sue, Uncle Jim and their daughter Kitty. Then in late 1919 when Dad finally came home from the War, he rented The Hall. This was a large old farmhouse and we lived there until I was nearly fourteen.

Nearby villages included Flecknoe and Braunston. As a child, I always had the feeling that Flecknoe was a friendly place, whilst Braunston was slightly hostile. This may have been because of a Scarlet Fever epidemic which started at our house and spread to Braunston, with serious results.

One evening during the nineteen twenties, having been to the village on some family errand, I came to the end of Braunston's main street. It was a crisp autumn dusk and the lamp-lighter was just lighting an oil lamp—the last light of Braunston. I had passed the Church of All Saints and I had turned aside to glance at the Village War Memorial to the Fallen of the Great War. I would once again have seen among the many names: Lucas Clarke, Thomas Clarke and William Clarke.

Ahead of me was a walk of a long mile, most of it across open fields; there was only one more light before the fields, the lamp on the canal bridge. In those days there was nothing unusual in a boy of nine walking home in the dark. As I reached the gate, which opened into a small paddock, I heard the double clip! clop! Of hooves coming along the village street behind me, so I paused and looked.

Violet Clarke was the first of our maids at Wolfhampcote. She told me that two of her brothers had been killed in the Great War.

Immediately after attending the funeral of one brother, her third brother Billy had been sent to France and was killed. How could they send a third son to the Front when a family had already lost two? Violet told me about these things without bitterness, with matter-of-fact acceptance.

One summer afternoon, Violet had taken me to meet her fiancé, Harry, a sunburnt young man in his best Sunday clothes. We sat down on the grass outside the gate of Wolfhampcote Churchyard and Harry, with a pen-knife, scratched a profile of Violet's head in one of the soft stones of the wall, besides the gate. It was not a bad etching, about two inches high and I can still remember the clear outline of Violet's hair bun. In recent years, I have looked for the etching but I never found it. It was on a stone of the wall near the gate and beside a cart track that led towards the railway embankment. By the way, in those days every country lane had three ruts, not two, the third was made by the hooves of the horses.

The BVN

Did you know the Braunston Village News was first published in January 1970 when the Deanery magazine closed down. It was produced by Duncan Gallie who had been Headteacher in the village school from 1944 to 1965. Duncan Gallie remained editor until a few months before his death in July 1990. During that time he regularly wrote "Village Notes" on a natural history theme. After Duncan Gallie's contributions ended a number of people provided material for "Village Notes"; the principal contributors were Dick Herne on historical topics and Frank Cox on gardening.

Please let us know if you would like to take part in the "Getting to know" page . We would love to hear from you at bvn@braunstonpc.org

Getting to know.....Ray Scrivens

How long have you lived in Braunston?

I have been here since 1982, I moved here to be closer to work at Fords in Daventry. From 1988 I worked in Germany for 5 years but I kept my house here and moved back in 1993.



What do you like about living in the village?

I like the community spirit and there's lots going on, it's not a quiet village. I love walking in the countryside and walking the dog along the canal and across to Wolfamcote. We can do lots of lovely walks straight from the front door.

It's a lovely place to live

What is your favourite book?

I read copiously, I like Charles Dickens but also American Detective novels. My Kindle is full, I generally go for the free ones! And I've found a good web site to get them from.

I also like books about walking, Nick Crane's Two Degrees West describing his journey along the line of longitude describing a cross-section of the country and 500 Mile Walkies by Mark Wallington is very funny.

Who is your favourite Singer/band?

My music taste is as eclectic as my reading. I do like The Beatles, but I enjoy 60's music, blues, jazz, country, R&B and of course soul. I like guitar music, I have a guitar but sadly have never learnt to play it. I can play Ukulele

Where is your favourite place?

I like Austria, Italy and Pembrokeshire anywhere really that is coastal and with mountains. I love London.

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