

# BRAUNSTON NEWS Village

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## All Saints' Church Information



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### **BRAUNSTON REGISTERS**

No Weddings or Baptisms

Funerals

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – funeral service and burial for Frank Oxborough

25<sup>th</sup> Sept – Burial of ashes of Barbara Bunn

#### **Plans for services for the next few months in our benefice**

Sunday services October

Service times - 10am for coffee/tea & pastries (please bring a mug)  
10.30am the service starts.

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. Braunston – this will be a Harvest songs of celebration service  
– To celebrate that we can now sing together.

Cash donations will go towards a charity working with those who do not share the same freedom and health care provision as we do.

10<sup>th</sup> Oct. Ashby Communion

17<sup>th</sup> Oct. Baptism at Braunston (no Communion)

24<sup>th</sup> Oct. Welton Communion

31<sup>st</sup> Oct. Braunston – Service to remember loved ones we see no more.  
With Communion

#### Sunday services November

7<sup>th</sup> Nov. Ashby Communion

14<sup>th</sup> Nov. – Remembrance Sunday – services to be held at each church  
in the Benefice (no Communion)

21<sup>st</sup> Nov. Baptism at Braunston (No Communion)

28<sup>th</sup> Nov. Welton Communion

Services for December to be confirmed – regarding Advent and  
Christmas

Mid-Week Communion – Wednesdays at 7pm via Zoom are to continue  
for now.

For further information please contact Rev Nat 01788 890298

### **Tiny Treasures**

A parent/carer toddler group for pre-school children.

On Tuesdays (in term time) 9-11am

At Rev Nat's - The Rectory, 71 High Street, Braunston

For more details contact Rev Nat 01788 890298

### **Cemetery**

Thank you to those who have responded to my article for help with  
clearing the cemetery in last month's BVN. The working party has done  
an excellent job clearing the area. My thanks to Pat for coordinating this.

We still have the issue of maintaining the cemetery. We do not want it to  
become overgrown to that extent again and as I mentioned in my article,  
we do not have the church funds to pay for a gardener or company to do  
this. If you are able to help practically or financially please contact Pat.

Rev Nat

## All Good Gifts Around Us

Some lovely neighbours have blessed my husband and me over the last few weeks with a variety of vegetables from their allotments. A marrow in the shape of a question mark made me rue the loss of misshapen vegetables from our supermarket shelves. Who, like me, is old enough to remember sniggering at Esther Rantzen's 'That's Life' feature on carrots and parsnips resembling private parts? Whose idea was it to insist on uniformity for our fruit and veg, and what were they thinking!

At this time of year it is traditional to celebrate Harvest and to give thanks. During the early stages of the COVID pandemic we saw the panic that ensued over threatened food shortages. Recently a shortage of lorry drivers has resulted in delays getting produce to shops in time. All this makes us realise just how dependent we are on all those who work to bring food to our tables. We give thanks for all who work on land and sea, and in all parts of the food chain from field to factory to retailer. We give thanks for all the wonderful gifts of creation, and we remind ourselves of our responsibilities as stewards of that creation living in today's global economic climate.

For most of us the food shortages are just a mild inconvenience; marked, perhaps, by an outbreak of tutting in aisle 2 of Waitrose (other supermarkets are available) at the absence of avocados. For many though, in this country and around the world, lack of food is at best a complete misery, and at worst a matter of life and death. This is a time also to remember to share our blessings.

If you are looking for a way to give thanks for the Harvest then I can heartily recommend a read of Psalm 104. All are welcome to the Harvest service in Braunston Church on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 10.00 a.m. for a 10.30 start, more details inside this issue.

Anne Parker-Tyler

Lay Minister (Reader)

## Church Floodlighting

Not included in the **August** list previously published

21<sup>st</sup> - In loving memory of Sylvia Tatham and Karen

24<sup>th</sup> - To celebrate Roger's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. From the crew of n.b. Tiny Wave

The complete **September** list

9<sup>th</sup> - Grace Bennett Thinking of mum on her birthday - with love Carol, Graham and Gillian

11<sup>th</sup> - \* Simon & Ann-Marie's Wedding Anniversary

20<sup>th</sup> - \* Martin and Debbie's Wedding Anniversary

21<sup>st</sup> - Remembering Jack Rowley on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday - Jude & Family

24<sup>th</sup> - \* In celebration of Sheila and David Parr's 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**October** so far ...

3<sup>rd</sup> - \* Lit by Julie Simpson for Debbie, Nina and friends.

4<sup>th</sup> - Tom Gooney. You are in our thoughts, loved and missed every day. x

5<sup>th</sup> - \* In memory of Rose Bray, Boatwoman

6<sup>th</sup> - \* Ralph & Gill Maltby's Wedding Anniversary

31<sup>st</sup> - \* Remembering Joan & Bill Folkard and my brother, Michael, Love Lin

The current 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 Rectory or the Post Office, but note that requests are only collected from the Post Office on the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please mark the envelope 'Church Floodlighting'.

## Food Share and Care

The Food Share and Care is open on Mondays 9-4.

## Parish Nurse

Please contact me if you would like a chat, or I can now visit you.

Maggie Murray 07495 873565 parish-nurse@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk



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# The Friends of All Saints

## *Building for the Future”*



The Friends of All Saints are dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the church building and its contents. We play no part in funding the clergy, staff, or any 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 for future generations.

Membership costs just £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. For more information please email the secretary, John Foster, [secretary.foasb@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk](mailto:secretary.foasb@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk).

### **Do you love the church building in our village?**

We need people to help keep it looking clean and tidy inside. If you are willing to volunteer to be on the cleaning rota or give any time to help, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Pat Milner telephone 01788 899157, email: [warden2@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk](mailto:warden2@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk)

### **From The Venerable Richard Ormston, Archdeacon of Northampton to Peter Biggs**

Thank you very much for all that has been done by you and Pat Milner, involving others in the community, to mow, strim and generally tidy up the churchyard at Braunston. The time and energy which has been invested to improve it is appreciated.

My grateful thanks to all who have been involved and to Pat for organising the work parties.

## Parish Council Information and News



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t: 0800 002 9783 (Freephone)  
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Chair: Chris Johnson  
Vice-Chair: Sandra Stapley

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

Archer Avenue and Cross Lane	<b>Alan Mawer</b>	01788 890340
Ashby Road	<b>Paul Garfield</b>	01788 890000
Church Road and Barby Road	<b>Pete Morgan</b>	07805 677559
Dark Lane	<b>Sue Harrison</b>	07769 589459
Eastfields	<b>Jo Glover</b>	07973 278052
The Green	<b>Graham Newman</b>	07710 290265
Greenway and Closes	<b>Chris Johnson</b>	01788 891597
High St (Old Plough to The Green)	<b>Alisdair Rolt</b>	07756 629597
High St (A45 to Old Plough)	<b>David Cary</b>	07775 514840
London Rd, Hill Row, Old Rd, Marina	<b>John Pomfret</b>	07817 234727
Spinney Hill and Closes	<b>Dee Honeybill</b>	07774 754511
Welton Rd, School Cl, Maple Cl	<b>Sandra Stapley</b>	01788 890475

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

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

4 <sup>th</sup> October	Full Council Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Full Council Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Parish Precept Meeting to set 2022/2023 budget

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website.

## **Open forum for members of the public**

The clerk reported that the contractor has been reminded of fulfilling the mowing contract and meeting deadlines.

A reminder was given that John Pomfret will collate comments regarding maintenance of verges and public open spaces. Comments can be submitted by phone or by email or in writing using the contact details published in the BVN and on the parish website.

The clerk reported that he had contacted Highways about HGVs travelling through the village during the closure of the A361. Following this, Highways reinforced signage of the approved diversionary route avoiding Braunston where there is a weight limit.

## **Archer Avenue**

Following consultation with local residents, Alan Mawer reported that a site visit had been arranged with West Northamptonshire councillor Malcolm Longley and Northamptonshire Highways officer Helen Howard. The outcome of the visit was that Highways will aim to reinforce a section of the verge at the junction with Cross Lane in order to avoid the muddy strip that occurs in winter. A similar situation at the right-angle bend in Archer Avenue will be monitored.

The budget allocated for West Northamptonshire does not allow for the provision of additional parking bays that had been requested by some residents.

## **Churchyard and graveyard**

The clerk reported on a meeting with Pat Milner, Church Warden. The graveyard will remain the responsibility of the Church and the Parish Council will continue to maintain the churchyard. More time can be given to the churchyard by reallocating some of the time given to litter-picking.

The areas immediately next to the Church building will be attended to and the yew trees will be trimmed. Other tree maintenance will be arranged outside of the bird nesting season.

## **Village Charity**

Pete Morgan will organise methods for updating the lists of those eligible for Christmas gifts.

## **Village maintenance**

Dennis Fothergill has retired after 13 years working in Braunston. The Parish Council is appreciative of the dedicated and meticulous way Dennis has gone about the job.

The council is pleased to welcome Geoff Hall to the post. The clerk has reviewed the allocation of tasks and made some changes.

## **Community Asset Nomination**

Pete Morgan reported on the process of nominating the Braunston Village Store as a Community Asset. Under the Localism Act a building or other land is an asset of community value if its main use is to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. The shop owner and Jay who runs the shop have been consulted over this nomination which the Parish Council backed unanimously.

## **Definitive Map Modification Order**

Alan Mawer reported discussion with councillor Malcolm Longley regarding the application relating to ED5. This Right of Way currently starts at the Nelson and finishes a short distance before Top Lock. If successful the application would formalise the route as a bridleway through to Top Lock.

West Northamptonshire Council have been asked if consideration could be brought forward and linked to the completion of the cycle route between Daventry and Braunston.

The clerk confirmed that, even though it is not recorded on the WNC Northamptonshire website, the application was lodged by the Parish Council in December 2018.

## **Your Café Braunston Community Café**

The steering committee is functioning with responsibility for the awarding of grants. Sue Harrison has agreed to continue to be the Parish Council representative.

## **Planning**

The council supported three planning applications.

## **Playing Fields Association Report to the Parish Council**

The PFA held a meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September which also formed the AGM. In attendance were Louis, Alison, David, Gemma, Tom and David

The list of matters arising of identified improvements from the last AGM was addressed :

Pitch improvements have been done

New Goalposts have been done

Main path to the pavilion has been done

An election of officers was held:

Louis was re-elected as Chair unopposed

Tom was re-elected as Treasurer unopposed

Alison was re-elected as Secretary unopposed

Discussions were had over the best means of funding the dual use 40' container which is needed to fit the new goalposts and free up space in the pavilion. It was decided that grants for the PFA and the Football Club would be appropriate.

Siting of the container, installation of a soakaway and decorating the visible areas of the container with a local graffiti artist with local scenes would be appropriate. It is planned to site the container in the existing hedge and not be visible from the road. The PFA will make a call for a local architect to plan the container siting and any other amenities.

The PFA are planning a walkaround on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 15:00 to look at maintenance activities needed. A list will be compiled and a call will be made for possible volunteers or contractors to conduct the work. Some budget will be set aside for the materials needed for any work identified.

Hedge trimming will be needed and Louis volunteered to do this.

A discussion on a future expansion plan to include a 3G pitch was held as there is ample funding available for projects involving community clubs.

A discussion on trees planted and possible plantings for the future was held and it is proposed that this is also looked at on the walkaround on 12<sup>th</sup> September.

## Village Hall Information



We are delighted that so many of our regular groups are back using our hall once more.

Covid permitting, the Annual General Meeting of the Braunston Memorial Hall Foundation will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in the Gallie Room at 7.30pm.

You are welcome to join us.

Thank you for your support and patience during the last eighteen months

### Hall hire charges

If you want to hire our hall please visit the website. Your bookings mean that we can keep improving the hall.

For all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply.

See our website: [braunstonvillagehall.org.uk](http://braunstonvillagehall.org.uk),

email [villagehall@braunston.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@braunston.org.uk)

or phone 07890 072487.

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.

	<b>Braunston Residents</b>	<b>Non Residents</b>
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

Please check with contacts listed below whether groups are currently meeting in the Village Hall.

### **Weekly**

Monday	Pilates	7.30pm	Sam	07593 913686
Tuesday	Learn to Crochet	10.00am	Gill	07711 742575
	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	Bill	01788 891145
			David	01788 891183
	Fishing Club Bingo	8.00pm	Julie	01788 890720
	Brownies	5.30pm	Clare	

### **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
Thursday	Linus Group	10.00am	Laura	01788 890102
	Gardens Association	7.30pm	Kate	01788 890340
	Climate Action Network	7.30pm	Abigail	07989 421836
Saturday	Cinema Club	7.30pm	Arthur	01788 890508

**Pre-School Monday-Friday - 01788 891891**  
[braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com](mailto:braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com)

## Braunston C of E School

01788 890494



As we enter the start of our academic year, we think of those children who have moved to their new schools and the next step in their journey. We look forward to hearing how they are getting on in their exciting adventure. Children have settled beautifully into their new classrooms and to see all of those happy faces eager to learn this week has been magical.

We look also to the new children who are joining school for the first time at the very start of their education journey in our reception class and see the awe and wonder on their faces as they enter this new world. Our new reception have started full time and have navigated lunchtimes confidently – even though we had jelly on the menu yesterday! All children eat their lunch in the hall now and then play outside for the remainder of the lunch hour and our nurture provision of The Cabin has restarted giving those children that need it, a quieter, calmer place to eat and socialise.

School is functioning as normally as we can and have seen the first of our parent information evenings return where parents can come into school (wearing masks), sit in a ventilated space (the hall) and hear about the learning that will take place for their child in the coming academic year. These have been very well received and many parents have attended.

Our school value for this term is relationships. We are thinking about our relationship with ourselves; with our friends and family, our classmates, other children in school; our local and wider community and also reflecting on our relationship with God. We are hoping to be going to Church for our Harvest Festival.

Additionally, we have opened our doors to some specialists at Braunston. We have seen



year 3 starting to experience a different musical instrument and the gentle strumming of the ukulele could be heard emanating from the classroom.

Our Key Stage 2 children have welcomed Mr Pearl, from The Parker, E-ACT, on Wednesdays to run basketball sessions at lunchtime. Mr Pearl also teaches maths to groups of year 5 and 6 and has been impressed with the children's attitudes to learning.

For those of you who walk near our school, you may have noticed the 'work in progress' in the Reception class outdoor area. The work will culminate in an amazing outdoor space that will support the children's learning and love of the environment.

We have started to allow children to come into school earlier (between 8.45am and 8.55am) to ensure that the morning begins calmly and all children can be greeted individually. The school has 196 children on role, which means that the roads immediately around school have to cope with a tremendous amount of road traffic. We ask that parents walk with their children to school if at all possible, and if driving is essential, to consider parking at The Plough, in order to alleviate pressures around the school gate.

We thank you, as always for your continued partnership and for embracing the role of being part of the Braunston School family. We will let you know when we are able to fully welcome you back into school in person.

Mrs Lianna Willis

Head Teacher

### **Term dates 2021 - 2022**

Pupil days: 6<sup>th</sup> Sept - 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct  
1<sup>st</sup> Nov - 17<sup>th</sup> Dec  
5<sup>th</sup> Jan - 11<sup>th</sup> Feb  
22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - 1<sup>st</sup> Apr  
19<sup>th</sup> Apr - 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Exc 2<sup>nd</sup> May)  
6<sup>th</sup> Jun - 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul

## Clubs and Groups

### Braunston Players

Braunston Players are bringing you an event in November which rather than the usual November Show will be similar to the P&P we normally do in July. P&P means 'Puddings and Performances' and during an evening of performances various puddings are served!

For everyone's comfort we are seating no more than 50 each evening. Tickets will be available from the Boat Shop (01788 891310) and will be £5 each if collected and paid for before October 31<sup>st</sup> after which they will be £6 each. There will be no bar this year so please bring your own glasses and drinks and you are also welcome to bring your supper, to complement the puddings.

The dates: Christmas P&P on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and buy your tickets before the clocks go back and save £1 on each.

### Braunston Village Gardens Association

If you would like to find out more about the BVGA and our events then please contact Kate Mawer 01788 890340 or [mawerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mawerk@hotmail.co.uk) or join us at our next planning meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December BVGA AGM 7.30 to 8.00pm Village Hall.

To be followed by a meeting to discuss 2022 events.

### Braunston Village Charity

The Braunston Village Charity can assist and support villagers experiencing hardship by making small, one-off grants and gifts. The grant or gift cannot be to provide something that is the responsibility of the state.



The Charity has developed a webpage which is hosted on the Village Website which gives details on how to apply to the charity and more details on the type of help that can be given.

To suggest someone who might be eligible for help from the Charity or to find out more please contact the Charity via the webpage, or by phone on 07943 486097.

## Braunston Scouts



Maya Wright of 2<sup>nd</sup> Braunston Cubs has earned the Chief Scout Silver award - the highest award a Cub can earn. Completing 7 challenge

badges covering : Adventure, Outdoor, Personal Challenge, Our World, Skill, Teamwork and Team Leader. PLUS completing a minimum of 10 other badges that range from Scientist, Photographer, Personal safety, Cyclist, to International.

Maya and her mum were determined not to let a pandemic get in the way. Leader David Coleman said “We did have to adapt a few elements due to covid but Maya has fully earned and deserved her Silver Award. I am immensely proud of her.”



Like to join us? see our website: <https://www.braunstonscouts.co.uk>

Michaela Robinson Beaver Leader [michaela@braunstonscouts.co.uk](mailto:michaela@braunstonscouts.co.uk)

David Coleman Cub Leader [david@braunstonscouts.co.uk](mailto:david@braunstonscouts.co.uk)

David Huckin Scout Leader [david.huckin@braunstonscouts.co.uk](mailto:david.huckin@braunstonscouts.co.uk)

## Jetty Field, Braunston's Pocket Park



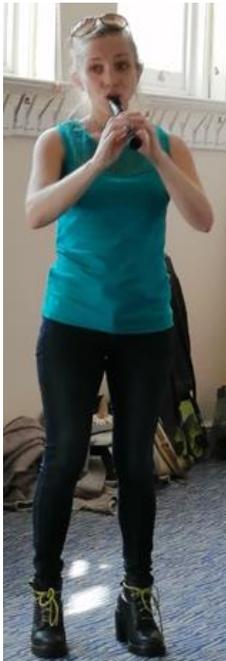
The bench in memory of Graham Carne, now installed in the village allotments, was funded not only by Joan and family, but also by friends. Joan is extremely grateful and sends a “Thank You” to everyone who donated.

## Braunston Friendly Club

We have enjoyed being back together on Mondays since August. It has been good to chat and plan our activities for the coming year. We are getting to know our new members and we look forward to doing more together in the coming months.

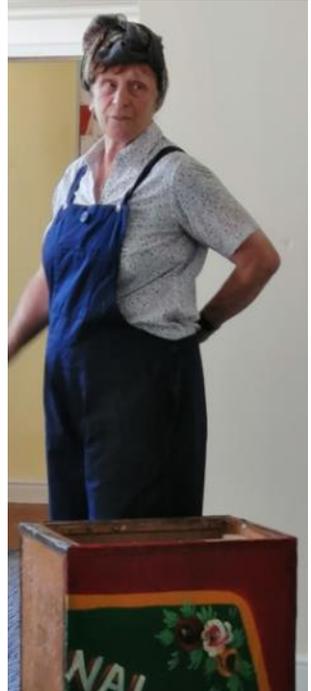
### Live Theatre Performance at The Friendly Club

Our special thanks go to Alarum Productions. We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of one- woman performances by Kate Saffin who portrayed campaigners from the 1970s canal restoration times and boatwomen from the 1940s. Kate's clever use of props and characterisation took us from the frustration of catering for unexpected numbers of canal restorers to the Idle Women's first time lock experiences and then into the Braunston Tunnel for a missing person drama. All stories created wonderful images of lives lived.



We were particularly fortunate to meet Michelle Holloway, a professional recorder player and folk singer. Michelle is an intern working with Alarum Productions this year. We were treated to a beautiful recorder piece. Dismiss all those thoughts of school day recorder lessons, the wonderful music flowed through The Gallie Room and out through the opened doors into the village. Perhaps you heard it too. Or were you passing when we were singing the chorus of Birmingham Rain?

We would like to thank Kate and Michelle for providing such a wonderful afternoon of entertainment and we look forward to seeing them back in Braunston soon with Alarum Productions.



[www.alarumproductions.org.uk](http://www.alarumproductions.org.uk)

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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 11<sup>th</sup> October. 2pm to 4pm Braunston Village Hall

‘Failure and Success’

John Forster will be telling us about his TV quiz experiences.

£10 subscriptions are due during October.

There will be a trolley raffle.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Arrive by 12.45pm

Fish and chip lunch at the Old Plough.

The Allen family have made a donation in memory of our friend and member Brian Allen towards this event. Please note the change of time and pre-book your meal with Kate.

£10 subscriptions are due during October.

No trolley raffle.

For more information about the club please telephone Kate 01788 890340 or Jenny 01788 890186 or email Kate mawerk@hotmail.co.uk

## **Braunston Community Car**

The Community Car is for you, available for all residents for journeys for hospital, doctors and other medical appointments and also shopping and local trips to visit friends when Covid restrictions allow.



Any payment is by voluntary contribution. Some journeys are provided in volunteers' own cars.

To request a journey call Community Car number 07984 412921 (24 hrs notice where possible please).

The team would like to thank Zack of Vinetree Automotive of Staverton for his generous support in maintaining the Community Car.

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

COP26 starts on 1st November. Its aim is for countries to commit to ways they will eliminate greenhouse gas emissions. How does this affect Braunston?

Braunston is already making changes. Quite a few homes here have air-source heat pumps in place of oil boilers that give off carbon dioxide. Some people have electric cars or plug-in hybrids. We can opt for renewable electricity tariffs that are about the same cost as those from companies that use fossil fuels. Some homes and businesses have solar panels. Daventry has a good network of cycle routes; Braunston is coming closer to a direct link into that network. Some Braunston businesses are already working on their plans for zero emissions and trees that take CO<sub>2</sub> out of the air have been planted on some farmland in the parish. Changes to mowing arrangements of public land have led to emissions reductions of more than 50% and some residents have also reduced the times they mow. Plant based foods have become more popular. Many of these changes have additional health benefits leading to a better quality of life.

It's a good idea to prioritise changes. For people who do not drive a lot, installing a heat pump might reduce carbon emissions more than getting an electric car.

The UK government has set in law a cut of emissions of 78% by 2035 compared to 1990 levels. Based on our territorial emissions we have already cut 44% but this excludes the emissions caused by a lot of what we consume. Emissions from manufacturing our imports are attributed to the countries where they are made. Also excluded are emissions from flying. UK aviation emissions have more than doubled since 1990.

The targets for eliminating emissions are tight. This is necessary because of the dangerous state of the atmosphere. The amount of carbon dioxide is measured in parts per million (ppm). Before we started large scale use of fossil fuel there were 280ppm of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. 350ppm is a safe level. We passed that in 1989 and the figure is now 413.08ppm.

Our webpage is in the 'Village Info' section of the village website, under 'Climate Emergency'. If you are interested in joining us, please message 07989 421836 or 07554 264742 to receive our email updates.



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## **Braunston Cinema Club**

Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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Before Jack Dodd died, he had a final request that his friends would scatter his ashes in the sea at Margate. This film follows his friends as they travel to Margate with his ashes. Along the way, the threads of their lives, their loves and their disappointments are woven together in their memories of Jack and his wife Amy.

Please feel free to bring your own picnic, favourite drink, & a glass. Raffle and Ice Cream sale at half time.

Admission will be £4.50 for everyone until we renew our membership, hopefully in January 2022

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## **Braunston History Society**

Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

We hope to welcome as many of you as possible to our first meeting in many months. It will be an informal get together and if you would like to bring along a glass, we will fill it with wine or fruit juice if you prefer.

The History Society is only viable with the support of its members and people in the village as we have to pay for the use of the village hall and also for speakers who may charge anything from £50 upwards. We need to talk about the way forward regarding membership fees and whether or not to continue membership or just charge an admission fee for when we have speakers. Other issues would be number of meetings and speakers in a year.

The committee do want the Society to continue with your help and support. We are open to any ideas or suggestions that help us to achieve this and look forward to seeing you all in October.

## Braunston Paddox Cricket Club

The season ended with 3 out of the last six matches abandoned due to the weather. Both Saturday sides finished equal 5<sup>th</sup> on points scored in their divisions of the Northamptonshire league but lost out in final positions due to having more games abandoned than their opponents.

The 2nds played one league game, losing narrowly to a strong Haddon team. Chasing Haddon's 191 for 7 they fell just 18 runs short with Ollie Dunn scoring 52 and Shaun Harnett 38. We then played them in the quarter final of the cup the following week but were no match for them and they ended up as easy winners.

The 1sts also made the quarter finals and despite scoring a respectable 143 for 9, Jordan Shingler (59) and Ed Hall (35) being major contributors, fell well short as Kettering passed their score with 11 overs to spare.

With both teams knocked out of the cup, the end of season fundraising fixture was brought forward by a week. Two roughly equal teams were selected from those who were available with Kieran Bennett's side victorious. Highlights were Chris Eyles, Nathan Kemp, Noah Kemp, and Jake Harris all recording their highest scores for the club. These were only topped by 8 year-old Lily Scott coming on as a last over replacement bowler and taking her first ever wicket.

For the first time the averages for the three league teams were headed by six different players. James Goodwin topped the 1st XI batting averages with 26 runs whilst Simon Stapley did likewise in the 2nds with 53.7. Adam O'Connor headed the 1st XI bowling and Kurt Shingler the 2nds. The Midweek leaders were Jordan Shingler batting and Ryan Haynes bowling. There will be more details after we have had our presentation evening later in the year.

Thanks Chris and Claire at the Wheatsheaf for putting up with our celebrations after the games, to John Forster for his efforts to search for lost balls in the undergrowth or the brook and to Michael Buchanan from Maximow for the excellent way he has maintained the outfield again. Our outfield is probably the best in the lower divisions and is only bettered by the privately owned specialist clubs.



## **Braunston Walkers Do Shropshire**

Monday 6/9/21 The Valley Hotel in Ironbridge is in a great position with a garden leading down to the River Severn.

Our first walk was 6 miles billed as a gentle riverside stroll. There were 19 of us booked in for the break and 16 set off in hot sunshine, fortified with Daxa's spicy cake, strolling along the river bank to reach the magnificent Ironbridge built in 1781. It is the first cast iron bridge ever and was built by the local industrialist Abraham Darby.

We then crossed the bridge and followed a path through trees, thankfully shady avoiding the heat of the Indian summer. You could call this the pub walk as we must have passed by ten different ones along the route. We reached and passed the Jackfield tile museum. The hotel we were in was once the home of a Mr Maw whose company produced decorative tiles many of which adorned the walls of the hotel. At one pub we viewed the markers on the front door showing the flood levels over the years.

We finally crossed over the river on the narrow single track Coalport Bridge to reach Coalport. It was a gentle walk back along the river passing the Inclined Railway and the Tar Tunnel. For such a small town it has so much history and has been described as the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution.

We got back to the town still in blazing sunshine and ate ice cream which we enjoyed sitting by the Ironbridge itself. Tired and hot we got back to the hotel. Daxa even supplied us with profiteroles to complement desert.

Tuesday 7/9/21

This was to be the big one and Phil was leading. It was a great move on his part to get us taxis up the side of the gorge to meet up at the National Trust house at Benthall Hall. Even shortening the route like this it was still to be ten miles. So with the sun blazing again we started from the hall. Phil lead us over fields to reach The Vineyards Cottages and after a bit of uphill the tiny stone hamlet of Wyke.

We passed the humps and bumps of the medieval village of Arlescott. Phil kept us cool by pausing for drinks and Nigel's sweets under the shade of a mighty oak, which we hugged. Our path went around the high point of Ash Coppice and then dropped down toward Much Wenlock the drop being literal in my case as I tripped over a tree route into nettles. Not recommended!

We walked past Much Wenlock Priory and entered the beautiful old town and more importantly the Talbot Arms our lunch venue. There was a poltergeist at the pub and Neil's pint suddenly moved to the edge of the table and onto the floor!

As it was so hot a number of us decided to stop at this point but seven of us went gallantly on (or should that read stupidly).

We entered a shady wood for a while and dropped down to Benthall Edge with a severe drop down to the river. After a slight wrong turn we soon regained our path and emerged at the Ironbridge. It was about ten miles in total and we were feeling it by now. Well done Phil!

Wednesday 8/9/21

After checking out of the hotel seven of us walked down the road a bit and then steeply uphill along a road called Paradise to reach the Rotunda, a high spot overlooking the gorge. The views were magnificent and we set off on the level and thankfully under the shade of trees.

We entered a beautiful open meadow shown as Rough Park on the map. We dropped down through Oilhouse Coppice, a lovely shaded area, to reach the river and shortly after to reach the village of Coalbrookdale. We passed the Enginuity Museum and climbed up the road past the Darby Houses to reach the Rope Walk, so called because horses were used to haul raw materials up and down the valley.

This picturesque valley is called Loamhole Dingle and suddenly we groaned as we reached more steps up the side of the valley. At the top we joined a small road which goes around an area on the map called the Wilderness to reach our footpath back to the hotel.

The week before we arrived they had demolished a huge chimney at the power station over the river. We went through several fields with fantastic views over to the Shropshire Hills then crossed a railway line which used to haul coal to the now demolished power station before arriving back at the hotel. It had been a 5 mile walk and in this heat that was quite enough!

It was a great break and company and the Valley Hotel was fantastic.

Our next walks are 18/9/21 at Newnham and 16/10/21 Cubbington

Ray Scrivens 01788 891384

## Braunston Canal Society (BCS)

For our first task party in August we concluded our lock maintenance program by painting the weir fences and tending the hedging whips at locks 4 and 5. The cill markers were repainted on locks 1,2 & 3. Locks 1 and 3 were edged and the lockside garden at lock 1 was tended.



A crew of 7 turned out on the bank holiday weekend to address a bone of contention. Having restored the water point area adjacent to Midland Chandlers during the summer of 2018 BCS has now given up hope of it being cut regularly by

contractors. This year was the final straw as it has not been cut at all. BCS has been keeping the paths accessible over the past few months but has now decided to keep the whole area in good order as a welcoming facility for boaters visiting Braunston. By using 2 strimmers and a mower, the team made a start by removing the multiple layers of long grass that had compacted flat due to the lack of regular cutting. The path edges and sanitary station access covers were revealed.

The bin compound was cleaned out and brambles, encroaching from the adjacent hedges, were removed. More work needs to be done to get it back to the standard we achieved in 2018 but once restored it should be relatively easy to maintain. Ideas of how to further improve the site are already surfacing!

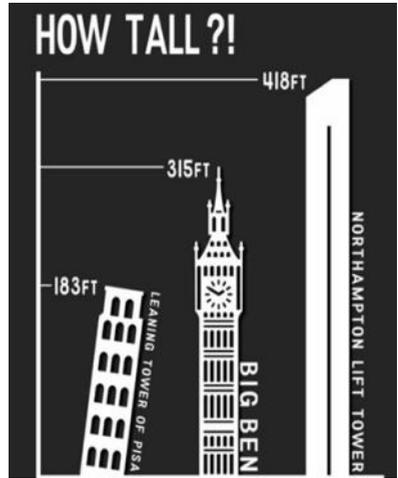
The Society is always keen to welcome new volunteers so if you would like to come along and have some fun you can email us at [braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com) or phone/text us on 07817 435911. If you would like to see our previous activities check out our website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

## Other News

### Braunston Spider Man

Braunston resident John Andrews will be abseiling down the Northampton Lift Tower on 9<sup>th</sup> October to raise money for Bowel Cancer UK.

John, aged 50, was diagnosed with incurable stage 4 bowel cancer in 2019. Despite being scared of heights, he will abseil down the Northampton landmark, which at 418 ft (127 metres) is the largest permanent abseiling tower in the World.



He will also be dressed as Spider-Man.

Bowel cancer is the fourth most common cancer in the UK and the second biggest cancer killer. Over 42,000 people are diagnosed with bowel cancer every year in the UK. Around 268,000 people living in the UK today have been diagnosed with bowel cancer.

If you wish to donate, please go to the Just Giving page to make a donation.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Andrews21>



## Braunston Scarecrow Trail

The Scarecrow Trail 2021 has come to an end and we'd like to thank everyone who contributed, who made scarecrows, who ran stalls and who supported the event. A big thank you to all of our visitors and voters. We received over 100 voting forms and it was lovely to see the effort that had gone into people's voting and scoring systems.

Although the frontrunners changed and got close over the weekend the winner emerged as Strictly Scarecrows for both the children and adults favourite. The judges' favourite was Lock away all your carrots Braunston, which was also very popular. It was very difficult to pick favourites as there were so many fabulous entries with their own unique elements.



With match funding the event raised £250 for Macmillan Cancer Support and also £300 was raised for the Air Ambulance and £250 was raised for The friends of Raymond.

Once again thank you to all for taking part and supporting, it was lovely to walk around and see people's reactions and hear their comments.





## Weather report for August

Total rainfall	34.0mm
Wettest day	9.4mm on Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>
Lowest temperature	9.5°C at 05:00 on Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Highest temperature	24.5°C at 16:32. on Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>
Highest pressure	1032.2 hpa at 09:30 on Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>
Lowest pressure	994.1hpa at 13:34 on Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>
Strongest gust	27.3mph at 12:19 on Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>
Brightest sun	1802w/m <sup>2</sup> at 10:52 on Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Highest UV index	14 on Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>

### Braunston Rainfall Data

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

Data collected by Adrian Pell

## **Craft Fair**

I held a Coffee & Cake for Carl Day when I had recently moved into Braunston to help raise money to build a bird hide at Brandon Marsh. This was in memory of my son's close friend Carl Lewis who tragically died of pancreatic cancer aged 34. His mum has now set up a foundation in his memory to raise money for the hide and other environmental projects. They are holding a craft fair. Details below.

In aid of the Carl Lewis Foundation. Refreshments, homemade crafts and more.

Free entry. Stalls £15.

6<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am – 4pm

St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's Road, Leamington Spa

To book a stall please contact Jane on 07816 043046 or Angie on 07919 532930

Catherine Eastaff

## **Braunston News in the Daventry Express**

I write in the Neighbourhood News about anything of interest in Braunston. For publication the following Thursday, please e mail me by noon on Sunday or put it through the door at 36, Welton Road.

Chris Grossart [chris@multiplex.me.uk](mailto:chris@multiplex.me.uk)

## **Bin collections**

Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> October	Food, Waste and Garden Waste
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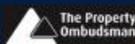
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