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The village Christmas card delivery service is operating again this year. The initiative has been running since 2013 and all donations received go towards a local village charity. This year's beneficiary will be The Friendly Club. Details are shown on page 27.

All Saints' Church, Braunston

## **Christmas Fayre**

The Church Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall. See page 7.



The Christmas event, Twinkle on the Green, is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December. More information on page 26.

## All Saints' Church Information



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### BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

Christening

21<sup>st</sup> November

Zara Morris

Wedding

6<sup>th</sup> November

Bethany Aubrey and Darren Reading

Memorial service

29<sup>th</sup> October

Rosemary Harding

Funeral

30<sup>th</sup> November

Jessie Long

## **Church services for December in our benefice**

5<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Braunston

12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Ashby

19<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Braunston

19<sup>th</sup> 6pm Carol service. Braunston

24<sup>th</sup> 4pm (Time to be confirmed) Nativity Service. Braunston

24<sup>th</sup> 11.15pm Midnight Mass. Braunston

25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Braunston

26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Welton

## **What is Christmas all about for you?**

I know I'm showing my age, but do you remember Stevie Wonder singing "Candles burning low, lots of mistletoe. Lots of snow and ice, everywhere we go. Choirs singing carols, right outside my door. All these things and more (all these things and more). That's what Christmas means to me..." (G. Gordy / A. Story / A. Gaye) Stevie Wonder (1967)

So, I wonder, what is Christmas all about for you? Is it singing Carols? Perhaps Mince Pies? The presents? The Kids? The Family? The Queen's Speech? The Snow that never seems to fall on Christmas Day? Or is Christmas all about something - or rather someone - else?

Last year Christmas was different. Who knows what it will be like this year? It made me reflect on how if we rely on the trimmings and media hype of Christmas, then we will run the risk of being sadly disappointed and may describe Christmas as "cancelled" or "ruined" or use some similar expression. I would suggest that if we rely on the true meaning of Christmas, then we will never be disappointed.

The true meaning of Christmas stands firm on timeless truths and facts. Some 2,000 years ago, God came down to Earth in human form to set us free from all that separates us from Him and to show us what life is really about.

Thomas Watson, a Puritan, writing in the mid to late 1600s put it like this:

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"He came.... "That He might take our flesh and redeem us; that He might instate us into a Kingdom. He was poor, that He might make us rich. He was born of a Virgin, that we might be born of God. He took our flesh, that He might give us his Spirit. He lay in a manger that we might lie in Paradise. He came down from heaven, that He might bring us to heaven. And what was all this but love? If our hearts be not rocks, this love of Christ should affect us. Behold love that passeth knowledge." ('A Body of Divinity' from which this quote comes, was first published in 1692),

From a Christian point of view, that is what the true meaning of Christmas is all about. It is only when we say "yes" to the love shown to us in Jesus Christ that we begin to discover what life, as well as Christmas, is all about.

Unless we accept the truth of God's love for us, we will never know the true joy of Christmas. All we will be left with is tinsel and glitter - a Christmas card image of a Christmas that doesn't exist - and if you managed to get one, enough Turkey to last well into the New Year!

Candles burning low... lots of mistletoe... lots of snow and ice... choirs singing carols... These things are all nice but good old-fashioned Christmases focus on Christ. The central focus of our celebrations needs to be Jesus, God with us.

Have a fantastic Christmas and wonderful New Year.

Revd. Rob Rogers.

## **Church Floodlighting**

The complete **November** list

8<sup>th</sup> - Treasured memories of our beloved Great Granddaughter Ava-May. Always in our Hearts

9<sup>th</sup> - Remembering Len & Jane Montgomery on their 100th Wedding Anniversary. Kay & Laura x

12<sup>th</sup> - \* Happy Anniversary Mick, with love

14<sup>th</sup> - Philip Binding. Always in our thoughts. Love Theresa, Rachael, Tom & families

15<sup>th</sup> - In memory of Clive Goodchild from his loving family

## **December** so far

2<sup>nd</sup> - Lit up like Blackpool Tower for Agnes. Happy Birthday x

3<sup>rd</sup> - \* In Loving Memory of Our Mum

5<sup>th</sup> - \* Remembering with love my darling wife Thelma on her birthday - Bob

6<sup>th</sup> - In loving memory of Judith Old

7<sup>th</sup> - In memory of Sheila

9<sup>th</sup> - Remembering Alan Cope on his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Love Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt xx

21<sup>st</sup> - Linda and Peter Bell 47<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

24<sup>th</sup> - Carl Grant birthday memories, love and miss you always - Sharon, Kyle, Siann and families

25<sup>th</sup> - Treasured memories at Christmas of Alan Cope. Love Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt xx

25<sup>th</sup> - Averil, John and son John sadly missed this Christmas. Love from all the family xx

27<sup>th</sup> - \* In memory of Philip Hutchinson

27<sup>th</sup> - \* Happy Birthday Fran. With best wishes from Mum & Dad

30<sup>th</sup> - \* Peter & Chris Grossart's Wedding Anniversary

## **January** so far ...

6<sup>th</sup> - Ron Clegg birthday memories, love and miss you always. Audrey, Dave, Jane, Sharon and families

8<sup>th</sup> - \* Lit by Bryan & Janet Stuart, to Commemorate our son Jonathan

8<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday my big brother Ryan. Love always Diane

13<sup>th</sup> - \* In memory of Peter Wenham, friend & ringer

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

## **From Maggie Murray, Parish Nurse**

Many of you will already know that I finish up in Braunston as the Parish Nurse at the end of November.

I just wanted to say thank you to you all, whether I have been involved in supporting you, your family or neighbours. Everyone has made me so welcome in the village over the last 5 years.



I know many of you have had great difficulties especially over the last 2 years, whether physically, mentally, emotionally or even socially. Some of you have come through these times and are somewhere in the healing process and this is a great time to get integrated back into the community again in whatever capacity you can manage. Braunston is a great village to do this with many social activities and also good support from neighbours and the Good Neighbourhood Scheme who can also sign post you to other organisations for support.

Parish Nursing is a great supplement to the NHS. The Parish Nurse has time to support you as a whole person, not just physical needs, without having constraints of time of the NHS. I pray and hope you get all the support and help you need to see you through the difficult times in life.

I would also ask you to remember the Church is also there for your support. The church and ultimately God has always been interested in your wellbeing, which is why All Saints' employed a Parish Nurse. Please see contact details on first pages of BVN.

Although the original contract was for three years, the church extended the funding for a further three years with the help of the Garfield Weston Foundation and the Sobel Foundation to whom I am very grateful. There is still a year of funding left, but due to personal circumstances, it is time for me to move on.

I would not have been able to support the many people and families I have, if it wasn't for the church and I would like to thank them for that and the opportunity to serve you, the village.

With my grateful thanks and prayers for you and best wishes for your future,

Maggie.

All Saints' Church, Braunston

# Christmas Fayre

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Starting at 12 noon  
In Braunston Village Hall



Entrance Free  
Refreshments, Books, CDs, Jigsaws,  
Raffle, Novel bags, Handicrafts, Cake  
stall and much more.

## **Tiny Treasures**

A parent/carer toddler group for pre-school children. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:00am to 11:00am in the Rectory, 71 High Street, Braunston.

There will be no group during the school holiday so our last day before Christmas will be the 14<sup>th</sup> December and we will start again on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Food Share and Care**

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

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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).

## Parish Council Information and News



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### **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		0800 002 9783
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.

6<sup>th</sup> December                      Full Council Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> January                      Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website.

## **Parish Council meeting dates in 2022**

All meetings are in the Gallie Room at the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm.

You are welcome to attend to observe and may raise issues with the council during the agenda item allocated to members of the public.

The regular monthly meetings are on:

10 <sup>th</sup> January	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> September
7 <sup>th</sup> February	6 <sup>th</sup> June	3 <sup>rd</sup> October
7 <sup>th</sup> March	4 <sup>th</sup> July	7 <sup>th</sup> November
4 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> August	5 <sup>th</sup> December

The annual precept meeting, when the council budget for 2023/2024 will be set, is on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

## **Parish Council Chair**

Chris Johnson has resigned from the Parish Council. Sandra Stapley, previously the Vice-Chair, was voted in as Chair and John Pomfret has taken the role of Vice-Chair. The council would like to thank Chris for serving for more than four years as Chair.

## **Street lights**

Following a tendering process the council has voted to accept the tender from EON to change all lights to LEDs.

The total cost is £48,758. The council has built up a reserve of more than £10,000 for this work. The remainder will be funded from other long-term reserves. The use of LEDs will reduce the electricity bill for street lighting by around £8000 a year. For each of the next five financial years £7500 of this will be used to replenish the long-term reserves being held for other projects.

It is hoped that the work to install the LED lights will be completed during the first quarter of 2022.

## **Provision of electric vehicle recharging points**

After discussion, it was agreed that the village hall should be approached to site some electrical charging points.

## **Village Café**

Following a request for funding the Parish Council discussed and agreed to loan the café £500, interest free. The agreed period of repayment is to be the same as for the loans provided by other trustees. The trustees will decide whether to accept the loan in a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December. It was also agreed that councillor Dee Honeybill be adopted to the trustees for the period whilst the loan is still outstanding.

## **Christmas Event - Twinkle on The Green**

Jo Glover reported to the council that it was agreed that this event, which is jointly arranged by the Parish Council and Braunston Heart, would be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December between 5pm and 7pm. The Village Hall has been booked to allow for wet weather and to allow for stalls so that some funds could be raised to offset costs. Food stalls have also been booked. There will be a brass band and the Braunston Singers.

The clerk also reported that he had applied for and obtained a road closure as requested. The full details have gone to the sub-committee to ensure that they comply with the order.

## **West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) Strategic Plan**

Some of the Spatial Options affect Braunston Parish. The Parish Council has responded to the consultation. Individuals can also respond. Go to: West Northamptonshire Council - Citizen Space.

## **Church Road/Barby Road Parking**

Following receipt of a letter from the Head Teacher of Braunston School it was agreed that the Parish Council would support a further application for more yellow lines and would ask WNC to send an enforcement officer. The council also asked if the school could restart the walking bus from the Plough area and parking at the Playing Fields car park. David Cary agreed to check that access could be arranged.

## **2022/2023 Budget**

The council has agreed the budget for the next financial year. This will include a 3% increase in the precept. Full details are on the parish website.

## Village Hall Information

### Braunston Angling Club Bingo

Following the Covid 19 lockdown, coupled with a culmination of different circumstances, Braunston Angling Club will not be resuming their Thursday evening Bingo sessions.

This event was the instigation of the late Harry Beck and Roy Taylor around 30 years ago. In that time many people have participated in supporting this event with either help or attendance. Thank you to all. However, special thanks go to Julie Capell, Kath Spendley, Brian Hammond, Gloria Taylor and Joyce Reid for their ongoing dedication across the years.

Sue Miller

### Thank you

The BVN would like to thank the Braunston Angling Club for their generous donation towards printing costs.

### Hall hire charges

To hire the 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

## Learn to Crochet

Learn to Crochet is now on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

## Contacts for Village Hall activities

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

### Weekly

Monday	Pilates	7.30pm	Sam	07593 913686
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	Bill	01788 891145
			David	01788 891183
	Brownies	5.30pm	Clare	

### Fortnightly

Monday	Friendly Club	2.00pm	Jenny	01788 890186
Tues (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Learn to Crochet	10.00am	Gill	07711 742575
Friday	Youth Club	7.00pm	Leah	01788 891833

### Monthly

Tuesday	History Society	7.00pm	Annie	01788 891179
Wednesday	Climate Action Network	7.30pm	Abigail	07989 421836
Thursday	Linus Group	10.00am	Laura	01788 890102
	Gardens Association	7.30pm	Kate	01788 890340
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



As daylight hours have been shorter, we seem to have packed in even more to our school day. Already this term we have started our clubs, had an amazing 'Break the Rules' day, played football and rugby matches, attended an athletic competition, Year 5 have started Forest School and all children took part in a magnificent Remembrance Service.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal and a big thank you to all the children who wore their Rainbow, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs uniform. Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant O'Brien was so impressed with our respectful behaviour and we were very thankful to him for leading our service.

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Our Anti-Bullying Committee asked everyone to wear odd socks to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to show how they support Anti-Bullying and do not tolerate any unkindness towards others. We took part in activities to reinforce the impact one kind word can make.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Children in Need also happened. Part of their fundraising is used towards supporting projects that help people to break the cycle of bullying and to build self-confidence. We celebrated this by wearing one spotty or yellow item to school and by asking for a donation, if people were able, towards Children in Need so that they may continue their work.

Life at Braunston School continues as normal as we can make it with morning and afterschool sports clubs. We have out of school events to compete in including cross-country, gymnastics and athletics. The children and staff are preparing themselves for these and are very excited to be taking part.

Things will shortly start to get even busier at Braunston with the hustle and bustle of Christmas activities. FOBs have organised a Craft Stall evening from 6:30 to 8:30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

In school, the children are looking forward to going to church for a Christingle service and a visit to the present room to buy gifts for family members. On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be enjoying an early Christmas lunch and wearing our smartest, sparkling Christmas jumpers. The most exciting thing of all is that FOBs have arranged a very special visitor to come and see us after school on 16<sup>th</sup> December. We will be having a film and story night and we are hoping to hear the jingle bells as a special visitor, dressed in red, visits us.

We hope that you all have a special visitor too and you get the opportunity to have a healthy, wonderful family Christmas. We also wish you a very Happy New Year and all good wishes for 2022!

Mrs Lianna Willis

Headteacher

As part of Diwali celebrations, our Reception Class drew their own Rangoli patterns.



Year 1 created some artwork inspired by Jackson Pollock.



## Clubs and Groups

### Braunston 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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm to 4pm. Braunston Village Hall

Time for mince pies and a pre-Christmas chat. This is the meeting where some members like to bring their Christmas cards, others sign one card for us all to enjoy on the afternoon. But it is absolutely fine to bring no cards. No trolley raffle.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December. No meeting this week.

2022. We are very sorry that there will be no pantomime visit this year. Rugby Theatre are unable to stage any shows until March 2022 at the earliest. We will look out for performances later in the year.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2pm to 4pm. Braunston Village Hall

Happy New Year. Join us for some home-grown quizzing. David Tilley will be stretching our memory with his musical theme-tunes quiz.

There will be a trolley raffle.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2pm to 4pm Braunston Village Hall

This month, across the UK, the 1921 census is available. What were your family doing back then? Perhaps your parents were teenagers, where were they living, what jobs were your family members doing in the 1920s? Do you have any old photographs or stories that have been passed down from that time?

Bring them along to the meeting. We will have a few pages from Braunston's 1921 census available to look at too.

Bring and Buy stall today. No trolley raffle.

For more information about the club please phone Kate 01788 890340 or Jenny 01788 890186 or email Kate via [mawerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mawerk@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Braunston Cinema Club**

Sat Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 7.30pm in the Village Hall

### **SILENT MOVIES**

There will be 2 movies, a comedy with Clara Bow and a Christmas themed film with Laurel and Hardy. Those who attended our previous Silent Movies will know what a fun evening this is, with the excellent and knowledgeable pianist.

As it's Christmas there will be a buffet available.

Admission will be £6 for everyone to include the buffet.

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

PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE or you may be disappointed if there are no seats left on the night.

Sat January 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 7.30pm in the Village Hall

2019 PG

### **BLINDED BY THE LIGHT**

For Anyone Who Has Ever Wanted to Dream. You're Not Alone.

Inspired by a true story and the words and music of Bruce Springsteen.

In 1987, Javed Khan is a British-Pakistani college arts student in Luton in a family with a domineering father. Depressed by his oppressive family life and feeling he has no future in a hostile community, a friend introduces him to the music of Bruce Springsteen. Touched by the rock star's powerfully eloquent affinity of his own feelings, Javed is inspired to reach out for his own dreams with his own talents. Javed must decide what is truly important to him while his family struggles to understand what has changed and what remains with a new generation feeling 'Born to Run'.

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

PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE or you may be disappointed on the night.

Admission will be £4.50 for everyone until we renew our membership.

01788 890508 or: [batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com](mailto:batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com)

## Braunston Scouting and Guiding



### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November Thanksgiving & Remembrance

With the full support of the British Legion and All Saints' Church, Scouting and Guiding paraded in uniform to All Saints' Church and held a short service that gave both joyful thanks for good things, as well as solemn remembrance.

Pete White (Peterborough Diocese Children and Youth) made a powerful connection between why we give thanks, and remembering events, people and places.

Beavers and Brownies spoke of things they are happy and thankful for. A Cub led the VERY LOUD shouting of a B-R-A-V-O by all present, over 80 people in the church.

Promises were renewed by the Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Pete reminded all present how the night before he died, Jesus used the Breaking of Bread and drinking of wine as a way to ensure they both gave thanks for and remembered him.

The service then moved outside to the war memorial where a scout read the Kohima Epitaph:

“When you go home Tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, We gave our today.”

and an extract from The Fallen:



“they shall not grow old....we will remember them”;

Wreaths were placed. Then the traditional placing of crosses whilst the name of every Braunston resident killed in both world wars written on the back was read out.

The silence was then observed and ended with the poem:

“Go out into the world in peace....may the road rise to meet you.....”

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> December when we have our:

AGM 7.30 to 8.00pm Village Hall.

To be followed by a meeting to discuss 2022 events.

## **Braunston History Society**

We had a very successful and well attended meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> when John Pomfret gave an excellent illustrated talk about railways. Who knew they actually dated back to the 1500s with rail tracks and carts either working by horse, man or rope power to move coal and other quarried material? Lots of nostalgic pictures of long-gone railway stations and signal boxes, including Braunston and Daventry. He brought us right up to date with a picture of the very modern electronic signal station at Rugby.

Please note there is no meeting in December.

Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in Village Hall

### **AGM**

We hope to welcome old and new members and renew memberships which will have to go up to help fund speakers. By then we hope to have booked some speakers and be able to give you that information.

There will also be a glass of wine and maybe a canal based DVD to entertain us.

Best wishes to you all for Christmas and let's hope for a happy and healthy 2022.

## **The Village Café**

We are pleased to say that the village Café opened on the 25th October, following a long period of preparation and redecoration. It is great to see old friends again, as well as welcoming new faces and the first three weeks have seen a number of new volunteers learning the ropes (new volunteers always welcome, just get in touch).

In addition to our normal opening, we have already hosted a meeting of the Village Charity committee and a celebration of Aileen Trathan's 66 years of poppy collections for the British Legion and we will be happy to discuss opening for small groups to hold special events (contact us at [villagecafe@braunston.net](mailto:villagecafe@braunston.net)). We are also on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/BraunstonVillageCafe/>).

As the colder weather draws in, feel free to join us for a friendly chat, coffees, teas, hot chocolate, light snacks and cakes.

## Braunston Heart

We are working with Braunston School to hold a Christmas card competition. The theme is 'what does Christmas mean to you'. The winning designs will be printed and distributed to everyone in the village from Braunston Heart. I am happy to say that Heather from Serendipity at Bottom Lock has offered a pastel drawing workshop to all the winners.

Heart are working in conjunction with the Parish Council to arrange a Christmas event – Twinkle on the Green. I'm very excited by it – the Christmas tree last year was so lovely it felt remiss not to sing and have music around it. We are selling Christmas gifts and goodies in the village hall where you can shop whilst watching the dance displays. If you would like a table or would like to donate a raffle prize then please contact me. Father Christmas bookings can be made through The Wheatsheaf.

We continue to assist with collecting medication, shopping, signposting and other tasks. We can support with dog walking on a short term basis. Heart is a good place to contact if you would like help. One of the things we have been doing is working with individuals to claim grants and benefits on their behalf. Is there anyone who would like to help with making claims?

Many people ask us how to make donations. As a Good Neighbour Scheme, we are also responsible for raising our funds. We are fortunate to receive help from the Parish Council to support with costs. Donations will enable us to do more. We have a page set up on gofundme under Braunston Heart where online donations can be made. Cheques are now made out to Braunston Heart.

I wish everyone a happy festive season.

Jo Glover

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## **Jetty Field, Braunston's Pocket Park**

Thanks to the generosity of a small group of residents the community orchard sited at the southern end of Jetty Field now comprises of 21 fruit trees. A range of apple, pear, damson, cherry and plum trees have been planted over the past few years with the final few sited a couple of weeks ago. The donated trees are all heritage varieties and include varieties of apple such as Dabinett, and Braunston Pippin, Merryweather damson and Black Oliver cherry. All have been chosen carefully to be suited to the location.

The Braunston Pippin obviously has a local connection and was discovered by Mike McCarthy in a hedge a few years ago. Thanks to the grafting skills of Mike and Dennis Bancroft there are now a number of trees in gardens in the village.

It will be a few years till we see any harvestable fruit but the trees in JF Orchard 21 are thriving.

Other activities in the last month have included erecting and positioning of the WI bench in the field, preparing the area to the south of the garden before planting hedging trees in the new year and collecting the fallen leaves to make compost and leaf mould.

## **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 Paddox Cricket Club**

The annual presentation evening will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. A report and list of award winners will be published in the next BVN issue.

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

Scientists have warned keeping temperature rises to 1.5°C requires global emissions to be cut by 45% by 2030, and to zero overall by 2050. Transport is the biggest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in the UK. Cars and taxis accounted for 16% of our emissions in 2019.

The government has said that the sale of cars and vans powered entirely by petrol and diesel engines will be banned from 2030 and that sales of new hybrid cars and vans will cease in 2035.

There needs to be sufficient charging points, particularly for those who do not have off-road parking. Recently the first charging points were installed in Braunston at the Marina. They can be used by local people on a charge and move on basis by buying a token at the Marina Shop. The Parish Council is looking into options for installing charging points in the village.

We will need more than zero emissions cars to achieve decarbonization. Switching modes of transport from private cars to active travel and public transport will also be important as it will reduce the amount of energy used to make so many vehicles as well as cut the air pollution caused by tyres and brake pads which still occurs with electric cars. Completing the cycleway to Daventry will provide an opportunity for Braunston.

Using public transport to and from Braunston can be inconvenient. The current service, the D2, does not run after about 7pm or on Sundays and no longer serves Rugby Station. There is some hope that this may change. West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) published their Bus Service Improvement Plan in October. This classifies the D2 as an Inter-Urban Tier 1 service. These routes should get a better service as part of the aim to increase passenger numbers across the council area by 50% in a decade. However, WNC do not have the money to provide this investment, at least in the next year or two.

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.

## **Braunston Community Café (Your Café) GRANTS FUND**

Since Your Café ceased trading in July 2021, we have a grants fund remaining of £10,969 to allocate to village groups for projects. Prior to closure, we had



given grants totalling £18,475 in response to 47 successful applications across 25 different village groups and societies, including the Pocket Park, Playing Fields, Friendly Club, Scouts, Village Hall, Cinema Club, Football Club, Cricket Club, Youth Club and BVGA. This is a great legacy and a process we are pleased to be able to continue.

The Steering Group operates in its same form and is made up of representatives of the Parochial Church Council and the Parish Council. We will continue to provide grants for up to 3 years or until the funds are allocated fully, whichever is the soonest. We look at urgency and appropriateness of need and seek to achieve a spread of grants across various age groups and interests in the village. Grants are typically made for the purchase of items that have benefit and longevity, primarily but not solely for residents of the village. The maximum grant is £1000.

Our revised constitution is on the Braunston village website along with the application form. You can find us by searching under 'Clubs & Societies' and we are listed in various sections including charities, community and volunteers.

## **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 Canal Society (BCS)**

October saw a crew of four trim the junction island utilising our workboat 'Skippy 2 Sheds' while another group of seven addressed the grounds at Midland Chandlers and the adjacent waste disposal area. The damaged gate on the bin compound was repaired and improved gate furniture applied to the entrance. After two visits the area is now under control..



For the next outing, undaunted by the wet start, four of the team cleared vegetation from each side of the ladder bridge to facilitate inspection by engineers. Seven bags of arisings were transported to UCC for composting. The remaining six removed what was left of the loose chicken wire on the wooden marina bridge and applied new wire.

The Society welcomes new volunteers. If you would like to come along and have some fun you can email: [braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com) or phone/text 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).

## **Braunston Walkers**

Saturday 20/11/21 Kilsby 9 miles

It was another Red Lion this month but this time in Kilsby. We had fifteen people on a grey but dry day. We set off up the path of wonky stiles. It's a bit of a climb but the views back over the village and the Warwickshire plain are fantastic. We passed Tiltup's Holt Farm and followed the valley up to a newly planted wood that leads to Barby.

A short bit of road walking took us on to paths to reach Kilsby. We paused to view the home that once belonged to Robert Stephenson who built the nearby rail tunnel. It has a model of the tunnel entrance in the garden. We enjoyed beer and very good food at the Red Lion.

Our next walk is 18<sup>th</sup> Dec when we will meet at Roz and Simon's house for our pre-Christmas get together.

In September 2022 we are staying 12/9/21 to 15/9/21 at Oxwich Bay..

Ray Scrivens 01788 891384 [rayscrivens@btinternet.com](mailto:rayscrivens@btinternet.com)

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***Collections: Saturday 11 December***  
***Saturday 18 December and***  
***Tuesday 21 December (The Village Café)***  
***Wednesday 22 December (The Wheatsheaf)***

suggested donation per card 10p

Any queries to: [keren.andrews@outlook.com](mailto:keren.andrews@outlook.com)

## Police Surgery

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December between 13:00 and 15:30, Tara Cooksammy and Craig Egdell, the Police Community Support Officers who cover Braunston and other villages will be visiting The Heart of the Shires shopping village on the A5.

Please come along and say hello. They will be able to answer questions and offer advice on any issue that may be affecting you.

## Bin collections

Christmas crackers, foil wrapping paper, tinsel and cards with glitter cannot be recycled. Please put them in the black bin.

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> December	Food and Garden Waste
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> December	Food, Waste and Recycling
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> December	Food and Garden Waste
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> December	Food and Waste
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> January	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> January	Food and Garden Waste

The Garden Waste collection on the 12<sup>th</sup> will include real Christmas trees if they are placed next to the Garden Waste bin. Trees over 6 feet tall must be cut in half.

Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> January	Food, Waste and Recycling
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> January	Food and Garden Waste

The contractor will no longer be sending out paper calendars of the collection dates. The BVN will continue to include monthly reminders. We have copied the full 2022 calendar on the next page. Braunston's collection day remains as Wednesday so our dates are shown in the middle column. The symbols on the left show the bins for each date.

# Your waste and recycling 2022 collection calendar

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**Food waste**  
Collected every  
week



**General waste**  
Collected every  
three weeks

## Garden waste collections

You will only receive garden waste collections  
if you are subscribed to the chargeable service.

There will be a short break for garden waste collections  
from 27 December 2021 to 7 January 2022.

### December 2021

	M	T	W	T	F
	G F	29 30	1 2 3		
W	R F	6 7 8 9 10			
	G F	13 14 15 16 17			
	R F	20 21 22 23 24			
W	R F	27 28 29 30 31			

### January 2022

	M	T	W	T	F
	R F	3 4 5 6 7			
	G F	10 11 12 13 14			
W	R F	17 18 19 20 21			
	G F	24 25 26 27 28			
	R F	31 1 2 3 4			

### February 2022

	M	T	W	T	F
	R F	31 1 2 3 4			
W	G F	7 8 9 10 11			
	R F	14 15 16 17 18			
	G F	21 22 23 24 25			
W	R F	28 1 2 3 4			

### March 2022

	M	T	W	T	F
	R F	28 1 2 3 4			
	G F	7 8 9 10 11			
	R F	14 15 16 17 18			
W	G F	21 22 23 24 25			
	R F	28 29 30 31 1			

### April 2022

	M	T	W	T	F
	R F	29 30 30 31 1			
	G F	4 5 6 7 8			
W	R F	11 12 13 14 15			
	G F	18 19 20 21 22			
	R F	25 26 27 28 29			

### May 2022

	M	T	W	T	F
W	G F	2 3 4 5 6			
	R F	9 10 11 12 13			
	G F	16 17 18 19 20			
W	R F	23 24 25 26 27			
	G F	30 31 1 2 3			

### June 2022

	M	T	W	T	F
	G F	30 31 1 2 3			
	R F	6 7 8 9 10			
W	G F	13 14 15 16 17			
	R F	20 21 22 23 24			
	G F	27 28 29 30 1			

### July 2022

	M	T	W	T	F
	G F	27 28 29 30 1			
W	R F	4 5 6 7 8			
	G F	11 12 13 14 15			
	R F	18 19 20 21 22			
W	G F	25 26 27 28 29			

### August 2022

	M	T	W	T	F
	R F	1 2 3 4 5			
	G F	8 9 10 11 12			
W	R F	15 16 17 18 19			
	G F	22 23 24 25 26			
	R F	29 30 31 1 2			

### September 2022

	M	T	W	T	F
	R F	29 30 31 1 2			
W	G F	5 6 7 8 9			
	R F	12 13 14 15 16			
	G F	19 20 21 22 23			
W	R F	26 27 28 29 30			

### October 2022

	M	T	W	T	F
	G F	3 4 5 6 7			
	R F	10 11 12 13 14			
W	G F	17 18 19 20 21			
	R F	24 25 26 27 28			
	G F	31 1 2 3 4			

### November 2022

	M	T	W	T	F
	G F	31 1 2 3 4			
W	R F	7 8 9 10 11			
	G F	14 15 16 17 18			
	R F	21 22 23 24 25			
W	G F	28 29 30 1 2			

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Please ensure your bins are out by  
6:30am on your collection day.

To find out more visit [www.westnorthants.gov.uk/waste](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/waste)

## Holly Aitchison

Following her success in the Olympics rugby 7s Holly has turned her attention to the 15 a side game and has been rewarded by selection to the England squad for the Autumn Internationals. She earned her first cap in the record-breaking win over World Champions New Zealand scoring a try. She retained her place for the even bigger wins against New Zealand again and Canada. These wins enhance England's position as the highest ranked team in the world.



Holly, on the right, playing for England

## Braunston Weather report for October 2021

Total Rainfall	100mm
Wettest Day	27.4mm on Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>
Highest Temperature	20.9 °C at 16:04 on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>
Lowest Temperature	4.0 °C at 23:37 on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>
Highest Pressure	1033.3 hpa at 09:56 Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>
Lowest Pressure	984.1 hpa at 09:54 Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>
Strongest Gust	32.0 mph at 14:59 Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>
Brightest Sun	685.8 w/m <sup>2</sup> at 13:16 Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Highest UV Index	6 at 12:29 on Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>

How different October was from September. The heavy downpours between Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup>, made the water level in the canal rise by 4 inches. Just think how much water this is as the canal is one level from Braunston to Napton including the leg to Calcutt Locks and in the opposite direction to Top Lock at Hillmorton. This is 15.31 miles of canal and has six marinas in this pound of water.

Total rainfall so far this year is 575.3mm (22.6").

Adrian Pell

## Christmas opening hours

Mon 20th - 4 til 11

Tue 21st - 4 til 11

Wed 22nd - 11 til 1 & 4 til 11

Thurs 23rd - 11 til 1 & 4 til 11

Christmas Eve - 12 til 11

Christmas Day - 11:30 til 13:30\*

Boxing Day - 12 til 11

Mon 27th - 12 til 11

Tue 28th - 3 til 11

Wed 29th - CLOSED (Private event)

Thurs 30th - 3 til 11

Fri 31st - 4pm til 1am \*

Sat 1st Jan - 12 til 11

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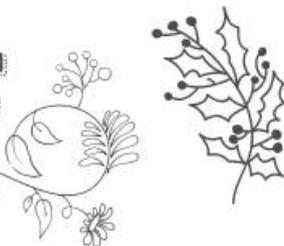
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