

BRAUNSTON NEWS Village

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Clearing Jetty Field. See page 19

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BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

No Baptisms

Funerals

7th Oct - Church service for Tomena Miller followed by cremation at Rainsbrook.

9th Oct - Burial of ashes Barbara Hamer

16th Oct - Burial of ashes Ruth Nelson

Weddings

1st Oct - Scott Bates and Rebecca Hambridge

2nd Oct - Carl Wortley and Laura Cooper

Service times

10:00am for tea / coffee and pastries (please bring a mug)

10:30am service starts

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

Sunday services November

7th Nov. Ashby Communion

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

21st Nov. Baptism at Braunston (No Communion)

28th 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

The Harvest service held on the 3rd October raised £275 for the Daventry
Food Bank. Thank you to all those who attended and donated.

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

Church Letter

As we enter the ever-darkening evenings of the winter months, there are expectations and understanding of well-known annual events that the Church and non-Church share. We begin the autumn with Harvest Thanksgiving, where we are all grateful for everything placed on the table before us and stored for the future. On a personal note, we are very thankful for our favourite vegetables of runner beans and dwarf beans.

The time moves to the act of Remembrance where so many families can think of loved ones lost in conflict. We are thankful for their ultimate sacrifice, and that, mostly, we are not involved in the same way these days. Moving on towards the Christmas period, most of us know that the birth of Christ is the reason for celebration at Christmas. In addition, the opportunity to meet up with family and friends, as well as to give and receive gifts.

On a different note, the autumn period offers some of the most attractive colours of the year. The leaves change from their range of summer green to an array of brown and even gold before falling to the ground.

All these events can bring us together, enabling us to share and serve, thus benefitting ourselves and many others.

Pat Milner Churchwarden

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
parishnurse@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk

All Saints' Church, Braunston

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 4th December Starting at 12 noon

In Braunston Village Hall Entrance Free



Refreshments, Books, CDs, Jigsaws, Raffle, Novelty bags and much more.

BRAUNSTON CALENDAR

Available
now

Only £5.99



Available
now

Only £5.99

Proceeds to All Saints' Braunston Church
(Charity Reg 1173187)

Get yours from
Braunston Village Stores

Church Floodlighting

October's floodlighting

3rd - * Lit by Julie Simpson for Debbie, Nina and friends.

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

5th - * In memory of Rose Bray, Boatwoman

6th - * Ralph & Gill Maltby's Wedding Anniversary

30th - Sue Woodward, Happy Birthday

31st - * Remembering Joan & Bill Folkard and my brother, Michael, Love Lin

November's floodlighting so far ...

8th - Treasured memories of our beloved Great Granddaughter Ava-May. Always in our hearts. Barbara and Tony Saunderson.

9th - Remembering Len & Jane Montgomery on their 100th Wedding Anniversary. Kay & Laura X

12th - * Happy Anniversary Mick, with love

14th - Philip Binding always in our thoughts. Love Theresa, Rachael, Tom and families.

* = Friends of All Saints

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 18th of each month. Please mark the envelope 'Church Floodlighting'.

The Cemetery Working Party

Our group who has been working and tidying the Cemetery are now approaching the time of year where the work we are able to carry out will become more weather dependent.

The grass is, we consider to be, now under control. Trees are being trimmed back and are now looking tidier. Paths are also being trimmed and squared off; however, care should be taken as they are now becoming very slippery in areas. The ant hills are being removed and the excess soil is being used to backfill areas which have sunk or where there are large gaps. We are pleased that during the last few weekends we have uncovered headstones which had disappeared under them.

Obviously, all work has been, and will continue to be, carried out in the respectful manner befitting the Cemetery. We are aware that there may be individuals or families who would prefer us not to tidy or do any work on specific graves. If this is your wish, could you please call in at the Cemetery on a Saturday morning between 10 & 12 and speak with us as soon as possible, or telephone Pat Milner 01788 899157.

If anyone would like to join us in the future you will be more than welcome, as obviously this is, and will continue to be an ongoing process.

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.

Parish Council Information and News



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Vice-Chair: Sandra Stapley

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

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

1 st November	Full Council Meeting
15 th November	Parish Precept Meeting to set 2022/2023 budget
6 th December	Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website.

Playing Field pavilion

Tom Sabin reported to the council on behalf of the Playing Field Association. He showed details of the structural issues with the pavilion and asked the Parish Council as a custodian trustee to consider the situation.

It was agreed that there will be a working group consisting of representatives of groups in the village who have an interest in community facilities, as well as volunteers who might be able to contribute. The Parish Council will be responsible for setting this group up. Its remit will be to consider facilities needed in the village. The outcome will be a development plan for improvements or replacement which would be put to the village at the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2022. Following this there will be a public consultation on the proposals.

Old Road phone box

BT have not responded to the council's request for permission to move the redundant phone box and re-purpose it elsewhere in the village. In some villages they are used as informal libraries for sharing books. The clerk will continue to try to get a response.

Archer Avenue

West Northamptonshire Council have previously agreed to strengthen the right-angle corner from Cross Lane with concrete behind the kerb. The Parish Council asked if this could be changed to setts, but this request has been declined because Highways find that setts are liable to move when a heavy vehicle mounts the corner.

Street lighting

Responses have been received following the council's tendering for replacement LED lighting. These will be collated and considered before a contractor is chosen.

Christmas celebration

Jo Glover is leading a small group to make plans for a Christmas event that will be held on the Village Green. See below. The clerk reported that the Christmas tree for the Village Green has been ordered.

Christmas Trees

The scheme of trees on brackets will go ahead again this year, trees have been ordered to cover everyone who was in the scheme last year. If you wish to be added to the scheme (The PC will provide a tree and bracket at cost) then **please contact the parish clerk by the 17th November.**



Braunston C of E School



“We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land” is a hymn that resonates with us at Braunston at the moment, as we recently celebrated our Harvest Festival. Our school community rose to the occasion and donated food items for Daventry Food Bank (see photo below). No one should go without a meal and this donation will make sure that

happens. We shared our thoughts and hopes during an in-school celebration.

We are also celebrating the many successes that are happening within school. We have welcomed Hamish the dog back into school to hear children read and he is certainly loving being back in the building. He has been listening to stories and enjoying being stroked by children and staff.



Our lunchtimes have been further enhanced by the basketball talents of Mr Pearl from Parker E -Act who has motivated and led us in basketball skills. The children in KS2 have thoroughly enjoyed this before and after their lunches.

British Law and democracy have been at the forefront of school life in recent weeks as a result of our house captain speeches and subsequent voting by all children in school.

Year 6 children have made us proud by standing up in front of the whole school and giving a speech about their values and why they should be voted for as house captains. The rest of the school listened intently and were able to vote based on informed choices following a democratic process. In addition to this, there are numerous other committee roles across the school where children of all ages have a school wide responsibility.

Parents meetings have been run across the school, face to face, and have been welcomed by staff and parents alike as a forum to share the learning journeys to date.

“Silent Night, Holy Night, All is Calm, All is Bright”. Life at Braunston School is definitely not silent as children continue to engage actively in their learning and start to participate in the many clubs on offer including photography, cross country, Lego and dance.

Despite the recent celebrations of Harvest, we have already started thinking about Christmas with the creation of Christmas cards. Friends of Braunston School have already booked a shopping evening on December 3rd and a wreath making workshop on December 6th – more details on the posters on page 13. Everyone is welcome, tell your friends and family. If you would like to run a stall at the Christmas shopping night, please contact FOBs.





FOBS
Friends of
Braunston School

When • Where

December 6
7.00 - 8.30 PM

Braunston C of E
School

CHRISTMAS WREATH

• MASTERCLASS •

£35
per person

Includes all materials,
equipment, refreshments,
tea, coffee, and biscuits

To book please leave money in an envelope in the FOBS box in the school reception with your name and contact number. To pay by paypal or bank transfer please email us at fobs@braunstonprimary.com



FRIENDS OF BRAUNSTON SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT

Local crafters and sellers with
carefully selected presents &
beautiful handmade crafts &
gifts

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3RD 2021
6.30-8.30PM
AT BRAUNSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

Clubs and Groups

Braunston Village Charity Christmas Gifts

At Christmas, the Charity provides a small gift to any villager who meets one of the following criteria:

- Is over 90 years of age
- has a permanent disability
- has a long-term serious or terminal illness or
- is experiencing particular hardship



If you would like to suggest someone who might be eligible for a Christmas gift or for help from the Charity, please contact the Charity via the webpage on the Village Website or by phone on 07943 486097.

The Braunston Village Charity was formed in 2015 to bring together a number of smaller charities dedicated to assisting and supporting villagers by making small, one-off grants and gifts. To be eligible, recipients must live in the village and the grant or gift cannot be to provide something that should be provided by the state.

The Charity is managed by a Board of Trustees representing the Parochial Church Council, the Parish Council and other village organisations and areas of the village.

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

Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

Often we're asked to take more action to slow the increase of carbon in the atmosphere such as install insulation or walk rather than drive. In the autumn and winter there is one activity, tidying gardens, we should do less of to prevent CO₂ getting into the air.

Digging, weeding, pulling plants up and having bare soil damages soil. It is better to have the soil covered with material that will gradually rot. Below this layer worms will drag the rotting material and its carbon down into the soil.

As well as locking carbon into the soil, this lightens the soil for planting next summer's crops and flowers and raises soil fertility. In addition, it protects from heavy winter rain which can wash some soil away.

So, it is beneficial to leave autumn's fallen leaves on the soil and hold back from pulling up annual autumn weeds such as chickweed. In the vegetable area it's good to keep dead bean plants in the soil and use cardboard or a compost mulch to cover bare patches.

Data from the Office for National Statistics shows that 90% of households in Braunston have a garden and the median size is 291m². This is higher than the national average so many of us are in a position to take this inaction.

We are a group of about twenty Braunston residents working to reduce the carbon emissions of the village and beyond. 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.

The Royal British Legion

Although there is no longer an active branch in Braunston, the Legion remains a strong organisation with 2500 branches worldwide, the nearest one being Daventry. The Legion is here to give assistance, help and advice to all service personnel and their families, both serving and past. Full details can be found on the internet or just telephone 0808 802 8080. You will be surprised at the areas where help and advice is available.

Poppy Appeal Day begins on 28th October. Door to door collection is no longer possible but there are several ways to donate, details can be found on the internet, also, details of the Poppy Shop. Poppies and badges will be available from the Village Shop and some other businesses. Please give generously.

Armistice Day. There will be a short informal gathering at the Village War Memorial at 11am on the 11th November. All are welcome to come to remember the fallen of Braunston.

Tony Saunderson and Colin White

Braunston Scouts



Braunston Scout Group Cooking up a storm!

Last month both our Cub Pack & Scout troop took up the challenge to cook a two-course meal they could offer to parents. Although the first course exposed the limits of our gas oven the menu was:

Tomato Tart (think Puff pastry-based Pizza)

Eton Mess - The classic meringue, strawberries & cream combo.

See photos right, and below of a Tomato Tart made by a Cub, & Cubs tucking in:



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

Michaela Robinson Beaver Leader michaela@braunstonscouts.co.uk

David Coleman Cub Leader david@braunstonscouts.co.uk

David Huckin Scout Leader david.huckin@braunstonscouts.co.uk

Braunston History Society

Tuesday Nov 16th in the Village Hall 7.30pm.

Railways in and Around Northamptonshire.

John Pomfret

We will start with a brief look at the development of railways from the early mine railways of the late 15th century, through the horse drawn and rope worked wagonways of the 17th and 18th centuries, to the advent of steam locomotive engines in the 19th century. The presentation then focusses on the rather late arrival of railways in Northamptonshire and their subsequent development, including among other things the travails of tunnel building, demolition of a castle, an 82-arch viaduct, a station hotel with pleasure gardens, a bus on rails, introduction of railway time and a bit about signals and signal boxes. We will stray a little into Warwickshire to make sure both of Braunston's stations are included. Finally, we will look at the post-war closures, what's been left behind and subsequent changes affecting railways in the area through the 1960s modernisation plan to the present day.

Those of you who have heard John, one of our members, speak before will know how excellent, interesting and well researched this talk will be and we look forward to seeing you all.

We have not been able to collect membership fees for nearly 2 years but hope to start again in 2022. Those of you who were members back then will not be charged of course, any guests that would like to come and listen to John it will be £2 admission as it was before the pandemic.

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 or join us at our next planning meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday 9th December when we have our AGM 7.30 to 8.00pm Village Hall.

To be followed by a meeting to discuss 2022 events.

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 Cinema Club

Sat Nov 20th 2021 7.30pm in the Village Hall

NOMADLAND

R Rating. Best Film and best Actress Oscars 2021

Frances McDormand as Fern and the real-life Nomads who become her mentors and comrades. Fern is a woman in her sixties, who after losing everything following the economic collapse of a company town in rural Nevada, embarks on a journey through the American West, living as a van-dwelling modern-day nomad.

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

Please book in advance 01788 890508 or:
batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com

Jetty Fields

The main field was a hive of activity on October's Saturday work morning. Along with the usual volunteers a number of others from the village answered the call to arms to rake up the excess grass not picked up by the mowing contractors. A total of 23 volunteers, including young George Tibbles who did not appear to stop all morning, filled in excess of 70 large builder's bags and transported them to the far corner of the field by wheelbarrow.

Thanks to all who helped out, especially Mark, who whilst walking with his young children stopped to lend a hand, multitasking.... raking grass with a small child in a papoose on his back.



The purpose of removing the grass cuttings is to reduce the fertility of the soil. If kept in place the cuttings add nutrients to the soil which allows grass to grow more strongly and outcompete many flowering plants. This year as the grass was not mown during the summer, wild goats beard (*tragopogon pratensis*) flowered and there were many more grasshoppers than previously. By removing the cuttings we hope to encourage a wider range of flowering plants and increase the biodiversity in the field.

At the October's Zoom committee meeting items discussed included; the proposed plan for tree maintenance at the top of the field and in the Pocket Park, siting of the WI commemorative bench, and repairs to the stone wall in the allotments.

The next Saturday work morning will be on Nov 13th starting at 9 am.



Braunston Heart

Caring for our Community

Freephone 0800 0029066 anytime

Loneliness Shopping Medication Dog walking Getting online
Scared General errands Signposting We will try and help

We are here to help everyone in Braunston.

Telephone us with your problem on

FREEPHONE 0800 0029066

If you get a recorded message, just leave your name and number and we'll be right back.

Alternatively

you can email us at



heart@braunston.org.uk



Good Neighbours



www.gofund.me/3be1e80f

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 31st 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 26th and 27th and buy your tickets before the clocks go back and save £1 on each.

Braunston Canal Society

Back in April Graham Newman made BCS aware of an opportunity to acquire a 43ft workboat from Rose Narrowboats, Brinklow. The offer was the use of the boat for a 3 year period at no cost. This was an opportunity too good to miss as the Society has always had a desire to have use of their own workboat. The committee visited Rose NB and agreed the boat would be extremely useful in supporting the work we do and expressed their gratitude to Anthony Grantham of Rose NB for making the boat available. As can be seen from the photo the boat has a cabin (or shed) at either end and a flat (or skip) working area in between. The boat as such was nicknamed 'Skippy Two Sheds' by Rose NB.



One interesting characteristic of 'Skippy' is that she is powered by a 10hp Honda outboard motor. BCS replaced faulty gearing and serviced it, the purchases being funded by

Rose NB.

At the end of September Skippy was moved to Braunston. The shallow draft coupled with the outboard motor means that she is highly manoeuvrable, and actually steers in reverse!

Skippy is currently moored on a pontoon in Braunston Marina. Tim Coghlan has kindly offered BCS this berth at no cost.

BCS are still currently refurbishing the 'sheds' but watch out for Skippy being used at a work party very soon.

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

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 8th November 2pm to 4pm Braunston Village Hall

Christmas is around the corner – we will be joined by Joan Wood and Ann Beaton to inspire us with some crafty preparations.

There will be a Bring and Buy stall. No trolley raffle.

Monday 22nd November Meet on The Green at 12 noon.

Christmas lunch at Waterside Restaurant, Draycote Water.

Pre book your meal with Kate. Bring a small gift for Secret Santa.

Thanks to the Hankinson family we have been able to remove all transport costs for this event.

No trolley raffle.

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

Thank you

Friendly Club members would like to thank the families of three people closely connected to the Club for many years. In 2019 and 2020 these families made a donation to the club in memory of Eleanor Hankinson, Brian Allen and Leyla Clayson. We thanked you at the time, but due to the changing circumstances we were unable to do anything special until this year. As a result of your kind donations, we have been able to part fund two lunches at the Old Plough and, more recently, pay for the DACT transport to get us to our Christmas meal venue. On all three occasions we thought about Eleanor, Brian and Leyla, remembering the happy times we had together.

The Hive

The Hive is a new ladies group in Braunston, comprising the close friends who were in W.I. who firmly wish to continue meeting on a regular basis.



While in WI, around 57% of our annual subscription went off to support National and County Federation funds. However, driving distances across country and after dark ruled us out for many county-run events, and few were able to take advantage of the many and various National internet courses and classes.

Now, as Hive members we shall work together (as busy bees should!) and fund our own events and speakers. Already several new ladies have joined us, and we are hoping to expand our membership gradually.

The group have been meeting informally for coffee mornings at the Wheatsheaf, and these will continue monthly.

So far three meetings have been scheduled in the Gallie Room at the Village Hall at 2pm. on the first Wednesday of the month. The first of these in October was well attended, when future plans and framework for the group were discussed. November's meeting will be a demonstration of Ikebana flower arranging, and December will of course be a pre-Christmas party!

We are re-establishing a weekly craft group in the Parish Room at our Church, between 10 - 12 each Monday morning.

Any lady wishing to join us should have had their Covid jabs and will be welcome at any meeting.

Contact:: Valerie Schofield. 01788 891975

Braunston Walkers 16th October 9 miles

On a lovely day 18 of us drove to Bubbenhall for the start of the walk. Two weeks earlier I had reced the walk and several paths were closed due to HS2. I managed to get as far as South Cubbington woods where diggers and bulldozers were working. New trees were being planted, but it will be years before it looks like the ancient wood they were destroying. The original walk is in a book titled 'Circular Walks Around Coventry'.

From the A445 we set off through a field toward and around Bubbenhall Wood, the path skirted the woods and taking care not to trip in the badger holes we got to Bubbenhall House. Through fields of ripening sweet corn, we reached and crossed Weston Lane. Soon after we were crossing ploughed fields where the defined path I had followed on the recce was no longer visible, as a result we were soon a little lost. We retraced and found our way to Weston Under Wetherley. Opposite the church in the village, we found our next path and made our way to our lunch stop, The Red Lion at Hunningham.

My original plan was to walk back on the same route, but thankfully Phil suggested a route that took us over the River Leam and to the tiny village of Wappenbury. This had been the home of Sir William Lyons the founder of the Swallow Sidecar Company, later Jaguar Cars. His grave and that of his son who died in an accident enroute to the Le Man 24 hour race stands in the churchyard. After here we came through the ancient Wappenbury Wood, resplendent with bright red toadstools to join Nunwood Lane which took us all the way back to our cars.

Our next walk is 20/11/21 to Kilsby

And some great news Roz will be hosting us at their house for a Christmas walk led by Simon 18/12/21

Ray Scrivens 01788 891384

Next September we have planned our annual break walking on the Gower Peninsular, staying at the Oxwich Bay Hotel situated on the beach 12/9/22 to 15/9/22. If you are interested, I can send details.

Other News

Scamps Dog Show

On the 25th September Braunston villagers had a fantastic family fun day and dog show in the bright sunshine put on by Rhianna Conway from Scamp's Pet Boutique located in the village. With over 200 entrants in the show as well as local businesses, Pawprints Rescue was invited along and a whopping £808 was raised for the small charity which is absolutely fantastic.



Rhianna with brother Jack and her dog Scamp

Wanted

Old or new stamps, postcards, foreign or obsolete currency for a dogs charity.

With Christmas coming this is when we get the most post, so please save what you can. This is ongoing all through the year.

Please bring your items to:

Val Ward, 51 High Street, Braunston.

Bin collections

Wednesday	November 3 rd	Food and Garden Waste
Wednesday	November 10 th	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	November 17 th	Food, Waste and Garden Waste
Wednesday	November 24 th	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	December 1 st	Food and Garden Waste

Weather Report for September

Total Rainfall	68.3mm
Wettest Day	28.7mm on Tuesday 28 th
Highest Temperature	30.1 °C at 15.03 on Tuesday 7 th
Lowest Temperature	6.0 °C at 07.24 on Wednesday 29 th
Highest Pressure	1033.4 hpa at 09.00 Wednesday 1 st
Lowest Pressure	998.9 hpa at 08.05 Monday 27 th
Strongest Gust	30.9mph at 14.01 Wednesday 29 th
Brightest Sun	1487w/m ² at 14.19 Wednesday 29 th
Highest UV Index	14 on Wednesday 29 th

Braunston Rainfall Data

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Jan	53	72	55	62	25	67	87
Feb	31	37	47	24	36	103	32
Mar	25	79	54	104	47	22	37
Apr	14	43	12	70	23	33	31
May	45	33	71	72	36	3	80
Jun	25	68	32	1	109	68	37
Jul	48	8	54	14	47	55	67
Aug	44	60	53	42	64	98	34
Sep	33	43	72	29	76	30	63
Oct	48	16	11	50	102	80	
Nov	61	74	29	39	115	47	
Dec	72	21	92	72	78	114	
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Features

Getting to Know Jo Glover

I have lived in the village since June 2019, I chose here as I wanted to live somewhere with a thriving community. I like it here because I feel at peace, at home. I have moved several times and I've never felt like that before. I have made some really good friends



Favourite TV/Film

I watch Strictly. I tend to record and watch a whole series like The Good Doctor, or the Startrek series.

Favourite Music

I like Indi music, Verilian, they played at the first gig I went to at Leeds university. I fainted and my boyfriend was not impressed. I also like 80's music, Pink Floyd, blues and classical. My last gig was Adam Ant and the best was Bruce Springstein at Wembley. I regret not taking up tickets to go the 'Live Aid' when I was at Hendon.

Favourite book

'The name of the wind' by Patrick Rothfuss. It is a fantasy book, a web of magic.

I have just graduated as a Naturopathic Herbalist. We work with diet, lifestyle, and herbs to give a holistic care for a range of situations and conditions from pregnancy to palliative care. I am just starting my business in the village.

I started Braunston Heart at the beginning of the first Covid lockdown, and it continues as a Good Neighbours Scheme.

I have had a variety of past occupations, Police Officer in the Met, Civil Servant, Teaching Assistant and Family Worker.

I have two adopted sons.

Centenary of Braunston War Memorial

This year marks the Centenary of Braunston's War Memorial and it will be 100 years this November since it first featured in the Remembrance commemorations. It was dedicated on 26th June 1921 and the following extract is taken from the Rugby Advertiser entry from that time.

BRAUNSTON WAR MEMORIAL.

UNVEILING AND DEDICATION

CEREMONY.

The inhabitants of Braunston and district met on Sunday in great numbers for the unveiling of a memorial to the men who lost their lives in the war. All shades of opinion were unanimous in doing honour to the departed heroes. The capacious church was packed before the time of commencing the service (6p.m.). The Rector (the Rev W E Humphreys) conducted the proceedings, assisted by the Rev. F. R. Bell (Wesleyan) and the Rev. G. Mountain (Baptist), who read the lessons.

The Rev. Cannon Mitchison give an inspiring, eloquent and beautifully touching address from the pulpit, in which he said:- "The placing of memorials, however beautiful, was not enough. We must think constantly of the beautiful, uncomplaining sacrifices of these men; picture their beautiful lives, and tell our children's children of the noble things these men did. The spirit of the men was so magnificent that they formed the impregnable line that ultimately gained the victory. We must carry on the fight that those fought who can fight no more. Right must still be striven for and sacrificed for. There is in these days great need for united effort, joining hands to fight the good fight of faith, and so receive the crown of life, and receive, as they receive the blessings of the Saviour."

The ex-servicemen, to the number of about 80, then led the congregation to the Memorial Stone.

The Rev. F.R. Bell addressed the assembly, basing his address on the words, "Sacrifice, love and honour" these being the ideals of those they honoured that day, who were not dead, but asleep accepted of God.

Cannon Mitchison then removed the Union Jack from the obelisk, with the words: "I unveil this memorial to the glory of God and to the glorious and grateful memory of the men of Braunston who died for their country in

the Great War.”

A bugler then sounded the impressive notes of the "Last Post."

Many beautiful wreaths were reverently placed by sorrowing relatives and friends at the foot of the memorial, including a large one of laurel and red roses, with the inscription: "To the glorious memory of our dear comrades, from the ex-service men of Braunston."

The beautiful service concluded with the blessing.



The memorial was designed and executed by Messrs. J. B. Pullen & Sons, of Northampton, and is monolithic in form, and consists of a square tapering pillar, with a base and moulded plinth, mounted upon three steps, the whole standing 11 ft. high. On the face of the pillar is carved a laurel wreath, having a Cross in its centre, and band of laurel is also carved round the upper part of the pillar near the top. The inscription on the front panel is as follows: - "To the glorious memory of the men of this parish who gave their lives in the service of God and of their country in the Great War, 1914-1919. Their name liveth for evermore." On the back panel are the words: "In sure and certain hope

of the resurrection to eternal life." The two side panels contain the names of the men who fell.

The memorial is erected in a most commanding position in the churchyard and its design and proportions are most effective.

The Poppy: A Flower To Remember

Poppies are a familiar sight at this time of year, commemorating the war dead from the UK and the rest of the Commonwealth. The tradition began in the early 1920's and is said to have been inspired by the poem 'In Flanders Fields' written by the WW1 Canadian soldier John Mc Crae, who described the poppies which grew in the areas of Northern France and Southern Belgium where much of the fighting of that war took place.

The remembrance or common poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*) is an arable plant and was one of the first plants to recolonise disturbed ground, and for this reason was wide spread in the battle-scarred landscape of the Western front.

Other remembrance poppies are the white, or peace poppy, first worn in 1933, and the purple poppy, which is worn in commemoration of animals killed in the war. In France the cornflower, another arable specialist, is worn as a flower of remembrance, known as the *Bleuet de France*.

Poppies have a long history of human use and symbolism. The ancient Egyptians drew images of the flowers in murals, and the ancient Greeks wrote about its medicinal properties. In various cultures poppies have historically symbolised both peace (and sleep) or death: peace perhaps because of the sedative qualities of some species, and death due to the blood red colour of the most common varieties. On a happier note in Persian culture the poppy was seen as a symbol of love and joy.

Poppy seeds and their oil are used in cooking in many cultures, while the opium poppy is the source of morphine used in various painkillers and sedatives. This explains the inclusion of poppy seed pods on the coat of arms of the Royal College of Anaesthetists.

In the UK seven varieties can be seen, from around June to September. Not all have red petals— the opium poppy has white, pink and lilac flowers, while the Welsh poppy the county flower of Montgomeryshire, is a delicate yellow.

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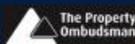
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