

BRAUNSTON NEWS

Village

Published jointly by All Saints' Church and Braunston Parish Council.

We are grateful for the support of the businesses whose adverts appear on highlighted sections. Payments received from advertisers contribute to the printing costs of the BVN.

Number 580	April 2022	PAGES
All Saints' Church information and news		2 - 7
Parish Council information and news		8 - 9
Village Hall information		10
Clubs and groups		10 - 24
Other News		25 - 32
Features		33 - 34



Street lights

During March the village street lights were converted to LEDs. This project will reduce the consumption of electricity by at least 80%.

All Saints' Church Information




Parish Priest: Rev Nat White

Team vicar for Braunston, Ashby & Welton

T: 01788 890 298

E: revnatwhite@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRAUNSTON

 www.allsaintsbraunston.org.uk

 AllSaintsBraunston

Churchwardens:

Pat Milner

E: warden2@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk

T: 01788 899 157

Mariann Holloway

E: warden1@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk

T: 07761 136 307

Secretary:

Fergus McCloghry

E: secretary@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk

T: 01788 890 747

Treasurer:

Peter Hobbs

E: treasurer@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk

Rev Nat White has now moved, this information will be updated for the next edition.

BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

Burial of ashes

1st March Michael Davies

Funeral and Burial

14th March Richard Alcock

The Cemetery

We respectfully ask that anyone who has plastic flowers on graves from Christmas, to remove them in readiness for Easter flowers that may be brought and put on graves.

Thank you for your co-operation.

What's on in April.....

3rd April 10:30am Braunston No Holy Communion

10th April 10:30am Palm Sunday Communion Ashby

13th April 7:00pm Holy Week online Zoom Communion

14th April 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service and Supper Braunston

(places are limited to 30, please let Pat Milner know if you wish to attend e: warden2@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk)

15th April 2:00pm Good Friday worship Welton

17th April 10:30am Easter Day Communion Braunston

17th April 10:30am Easter Day Communion Ashby

17th April 10:30am Easter Day Communion Welton

24th April 10:30am Communion Welton

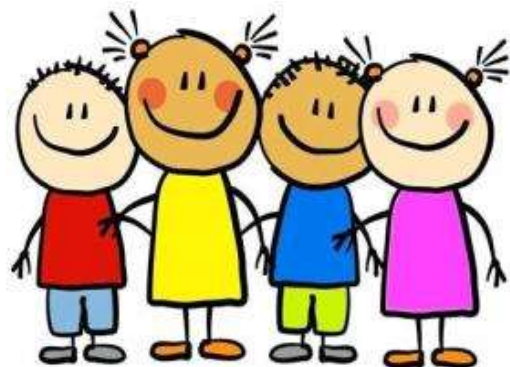
13th April 12:30pm It is proposed to hold a Peace at Lunchtime but this is to be confirmed .

Tiny Treasures

A parent/carer toddler group for pre-school children and babies. We meet on Tuesday mornings during term time from 9:00 to 11:00.

Come along and enjoy playtime, stories, craft time and singing.

We are meeting now in the **Parish Room in the Church**. The Church door will be open just come on in.



You're Special.

Isaiah 49: 15-16

15 'Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! 16 See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me'.



Those words from Isaiah 49 have always been special to me. Some years ago when I was working as a locum in a Christian Healing Centre in Sussex, a fellow locum shared the words below which I now share with you:

“In all the world there is nobody like you.

Since the beginning of time, there has never been another person like you,

Nobody has your smile, your eyes, your hands, your hair.

Nobody owns your handwriting, your voice.

You're special.

Nobody can paint your brushstrokes

Nobody has your taste for food or music or dance or art.

Nobody in the universe sees things as you do.

In all time there has never been anybody who laughs in exactly your way,

And what makes you laugh or cry or think

May cause a totally different response in another,

So.... You're special

You are different from any other person who has ever lived in all history

You are the only one in the whole of creation

Who has your particular set of abilities

There is always someone who is better at one thing or another than you

But no one has your combination of talents and feelings.

Through all eternity, no one will ever walk, talk, think, or do anything exactly like you.

You're special.

You're rare, and in all rarity there is an enormous value

And because of your great value

The need for you to imitate anybody else is absolutely unnecessary

You're special.... And it's no accident you are

Please realise God made you for a special purpose

He has a job for you to do as well as you can.

Out of the billions of applicants, only one is qualified.

Only one has the unique and right combination of what it takes,

And that one is you”

May God help each one of us to see that we are indeed special.

Rev Rob

Braunston Foodshare and Care

The Foodshare is a valuable resource for the village and visitors and to ensure it can continue we have now secured a permanent home inside the church where it will become a community larder. As you enter the church it is on the left.

Donations can be left and those in need are welcome to access it as needed.

Church Floodlighting

March

We apologise most sincerely to Emily Grace, her mother & her grandparents for failing to light the Church spire as requested on 1st March

1st - Emily Grace on her 5th birthday. Love Mummy

11th - * In memory of the late Mrs Garfield

15th - * In memory of Ada Littlemore - boat woman

15th - * Happy Birthday Debbie. Love Martin

20th - * To celebrate the 21st birthday of our grandson Niall. Sybil and Pat

22nd - Barbara Bunn (Grandma) Happy heavenly birthday. Love always. Your family x

23rd - Loving memories of Mike Davies on his 80th birthday and our 10th wedding anniversary

26th - * Wedding Anniversary for Judith & Nigel Sykes

27th - * Pat and Alison's Wedding Anniversary

28th - * Our Wedding Anniversary. Jean & Brian Branch

30th - Remembering Pat Edwards on her Birthday. Always in our thoughts. Dave, Mark, Dawn and family

April so far ...

1st - * Janet & John's Wedding Anniversary

3rd - * Happy Birthday Pat

5th - * Love to all the family, from Geoff & Jean

9th - * Happy Birthday Rosemary

20th - Bob & Rosemary Cragg happily married at All Saints' Church 20th April 1985

26th - * Julie's Birthday

27th- In loving memory of our beloved Great Granddaughter Ava-May on her 12th birthday. Always in our hearts.

* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN deadline – 12:00 midday **18th March 2022**

The fee to light All Saints' is £7 per evening, although you can give more. We ask that you try to keep the length of the dedication for inclusion in the BVN to not more than 12 words.

The completed message with the donation can be left at the Post Office, but note that requests are only collected on the 18th of each month at 12:00 midday. Please mark the envelope 'Church Floodlighting'.

The Friends of All Saints' Going Live Once Again

For the first time in three years, *The Friends of All Saints'* are able to hold their Annual General Meeting "in person", now that Covid regulations have been relaxed. If you are not already a member, why not join us and help to secure the long-term future of our fine church building?

The AGM will be held in the Parish Room of the church at 4.00pm on Wednesday 6th April and to mark our return to normal service, members will be greeted on arrival with a glass of wine (or soft drinks) and nibbles. What more encouragement could you want! – Well, if you do, there is a 'Welcome Pack' of goodies for new and existing members, including postcards, notelets, a pen and other excitements. As an added bonus, you also get to have the church spire illuminated on a night of your choice with a dedication in the BVN. And all this for a minimum subscription of just £2 a month.

But the most important thing, of course, is that you will have helped to preserve Braunston's iconic landmark!

Details of how to sign up are elsewhere in this issue of the BVN, or email me at secretary.foasb@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk.

Parish Council Information and News



Clerk: Steve Rolt

c/o 82 Greenway, Braunston, NN11 7JT

t: 0800 002 9783 (Freephone)

e: clerk@braunstonpc.org

Chair: Sandra Stapley

Vice-Chair: John Pomfret

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

Archer Avenue and Cross Lane	Alan Mawer	01788 890340
Ashby Road		0800 002 9783
Church Road and Barby Road	Pete Morgan	07805 677559
Dark Lane	Sue Harrison	07769 589459
Eastfields	Jo Glover	07973 278052
The Green	Graham Newman	07710 290265
Greenway and Closes		0800 002 9783
High St (Old Plough to The Green)		0800 002 9783
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.

4th April Full Council Meeting

2nd May Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website.

Parish Councillor Working Party

Work has been done to cut back the vegetation on the corner of Butlins Hill and Church Road to give more space on the footpath for pedestrians, improve access to the dog bin and improve visibility.

There are other areas of the village that will be tidied in future weeks.

LED lights

The change of streetlights to LED has commenced and hopefully should be completed by the end of March



Parish Councillor Vacancies



We currently have two vacancies on the Parish Council. We need people who are passionate about where they live.

As a Councillor, you have a responsibility to be: well informed, especially about diverse local views; willing to consult electors; willing to be involved in Parish Council events and able to make difficult and unbiased decisions.

To qualify you must be:

At least 18 on the day you are nominated as a candidate

A registered local government elector within the parish

A resident in the parish, or within 3 miles of the parish, or working full time in the parish for at least 12 months prior to nomination.

If you are interested please contact the Clerk Steve Rolt:

e: clerk@braunstonpc.org, t: 0800 002 9783 (Freephone)

Village Hall Information

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,
email villagehall@braunston.org.uk or phone 07890 072487.

If your child attends Braunston Pre-School or Primary School you are entitled to residents' rates even if you do not live in Braunston. There is an extra 10% off charges during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

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

Contacts for Village Hall activities

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

Pilates	Sam	07593 913686
Pop Mobility	Lorraine	01788 890846
Art Group	Alan	01788 890526
Yoga	Sheila	01788 891831
Short Mat Bowls	Bill	01788 891145
	David	01788 891183
Brownies	Clare	07544 936589
Friendly Club	Jenny	01788 890186
Learn to Crochet	Gill	07711 742575
History Society	Annie	01788 891179
Climate Action	Abigail	07989 421836
Quilt Patchers	Laura	01788 890102
Gardens Ass'n	Kate	01788 890340
Cinema Club	Arthur	01788 890508

Pre-School Monday-Friday - 01788 891891
braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

Clubs and Groups

The Hive

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month, at 2pm, in the Gallie Room at the Village Hall.

At the March Hive meeting, Sheila Beckett had us all gently stretching out those lazy muscles and reminded us how much of our bodies we can exercise without going further than a sturdy dining chair. We went home resolving to keep going.

On Wednesday 6th April however, we shall be stretching our brains! Our Easter meeting promises a quiz, and a practical problem to solve.

There will also be a Raffle in aid of our designated good cause this year, the Community Car.



Braunston Twinners



**OUR FRENCH FRIENDS
HAVE INVITED US TO STAY
EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY !
FRI 29 APR - MON 2 MAY**

New members always welcome !

Interested in coming along?
To find out more
just drop us an email :-



 twinnings@braunston.net 

Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

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. We are on Facebook as Braunston Climate Action Network (B-CAN).

We recently attended HOP 22, a climate exhibition arranged by Harlestone Parish Council as an opportunity to meet representatives of companies and organisations tackling climate change.

The Northamptonshire Natural History Society had a display of local data comparing temperatures recorded in Pitsford in the 19th century with recent records. Most striking was the big reduction in the occurrence of low minimum temperatures. These were much more common in the 19th century as illustrated by pictures of ice skating on the River Nene.

Other organisations represented included the Woodland Trust, Living Streets Northampton, Climate Action West Northants, Fruitful Abundance, Garden Organic, Harlestone Wild Bunch, and Better Crick. The charity Recoup campaign for easier plastic recycling. Slowfashionbus is a small organisation in Towcester that promotes mending clothes and recycling fabrics to reduce waste.

Octopus Energy were offering £50 credit to anyone who signed up for their energy as well as £50 to a charity of the customer's choice. Sheaf Street Health Store had samples to taste and products for sale.

Last month we also arranged a meeting with the Development Officer for Walking and Cycling in the Travel Choices department of West Northamptonshire Council. This was a site to look at our suggestion of extending the Daventry to Braunston cycle route into Warwickshire and link with National Cycle Routes. We hope to take this up with Sustrans, the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle.

We attended an online event that outlined West Northamptonshire's Enhanced Partnership Plan to improve bus services. If this could be implemented it would lead to the resumption of an hourly service through Braunston. Unfortunately it seems unlikely that the government will provide the finance to support this.

Braunston Village Gardens Association

Saturday 14th May BVGA PLANT SALE

9.30am to 12pm at the Village Hall.

Choose from a good selection of plants; annuals, hardy perennials, shrubs and vegetables.

The Garden Store shop will be open for all your garden composts, canes etc.

As in previous years we are partnering with other Braunston organisations, so why not visit the **Jetty Field workday** too.

For more information, please contact Kate Mawer
mawerk@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01788 890340.

Braunston Friendly Club

We meet in The Gallie Room at the Village Hall, 2pm to 4pm.

Members enjoy tea, cake and a variety of activities that are organised through the year. Please come along and join us to find out more about what we do. We have extra cups, cake and chat, all ready for people looking to come along to their first meeting.

Monday 11th April – Meal out in Crick. Meet at 12 noon by the old bus shelter.

Please check that you have ordered your meal beforehand with Kate.

We are very grateful to the Wheatsheaf and Old Plough skittle teams for their generous donation that is supporting this event by funding the DACT transport.

Monday 25th April – Board Games. 2pm to 4pm

We have a wide variety of board games for you to play this week.

There will be a trolley raffle today.

Please remember that membership payments (£10) will be collected today.

For more information telephone **Jenny 890186 or Kate 890340**

Braunston Cinema Club

Saturday April 30th 7.30pm in Village Hall

“GROW YOUR OWN” 2007

A nourishing, magical comedy.

A BBC film with a cast of many British Actors including Omid Djalili, Phillip Jackson, Joanna Scanlan and Olivia Coleman.

A fairly timely film set in allotments in Merseyside. A refugee family are given an allotment plot to help rehabilitate their traumatised father. At first, they are met with suspicion by the men who have worked the gardens for years but eventually they are accepted into a diverse community, united by their love of making things grow.

You are welcome to bring your own picnic and your favourite drink & a glass

Tickets £4.50 members/£6.50 non-members

Please book in advance or tickets available on the door

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

Braunston History Society

Tuesday April 19th 7.30pm in Village Hall

Tonight, our guest speaker is Tim Coghlan who will talk on:

Aubrey Berriman, the NB Raymond's Shipwright.

Aubrey, a qualified boat builder, who sadly died in 2019 age 93, worked at Nurser's, Barlow's and Blue Line. He lived in Braunston and will be remembered with affection by residents.

Please come along and support your local history society.

Members Free, Guests £4

Braunston Walkers

Shuckburgh 19/3/22

Unbroken sunshine greeted us as 19 of us set off to drive to Lower Shuckburgh. We had four new members join us today and they are most welcome. I think they enjoyed the walk. We strolled through the village and then entered the estate of Shuckburgh Hall. It is a steep climb from here through the parkland with the estate church nestling in the woods. You get fantastic views across the Warwickshire Plain from here. We paused to look at the magnificent hall itself and then dropped down past the stables to reach the lodge cottage and a lane towards Park Farm. To avoid sinking into knee deep mud we turned onto a field path behind the farm and followed it all the way to a junction to join the Priors Marston Road. Hardly any mud.

We followed the road, then branched off left over fields and obstacle course stiles. The ground dropped away with fabulous views over to Napton. It was steeply downhill and then a gentle climb to the village. We strolled down the lane to The Folly pub which is next to the canal. At this stage we had walked about five miles.

We enjoyed our lunch in a very comfortable building which they call the Potting Shed. In the afternoon we followed the canal towpath all the way back to the cars. We passed Wigram's Turn where the Grand Union joins the Oxford Canal. I recall a picture of Braunstonites enjoying a picnic here many years ago.

This is a great walk through some spectacular scenery and all on our doorstep.

Ray Scrivens(rayscrivens@btinternet.com)

Braunston Village Gardens Association

- The store will be open on Sunday mornings between 11 and 12, from 6th March to 29th May when you can buy the products listed below without ordering in advance.
- We accept cash, cheques and bank transfer. BACS details are the same as last year but please don't pay in advance in case some items are out of stock.

Contact details:

Richard: rmstapley@talk21.com or ring 01788 890475.

Alan: a.mawer@virgin.net or ring 01788 890340

Composts:

General purpose, organic, peat-free, also works well as a growing bag.	40 ltr	£5
Ericaceous, peat free, for lime intolerant plants	50 ltr	£7
Compost formulated for seeds and cuttings, peat free	25 ltr	£5.50

Fertilisers:

FBB organic	1lb 60p	7lb £3	14lb £6	25kg £17
Bonemeal organic	1lb 70p	7lb £3.50	14lb £6.50	25kg £20
Growmore	1lb 90p	7lb £6	14lb £10	25kg £27
Pelleted poultry manure	1lb 80p	7lb £4	14lb £7.50	8kg £8

Other products:

Bamboo Canes	8 feet	70p
Tomorite	1 ltr	£4
Natural Jute Twine	110 m	£2.50
Mini Bark Chips, for mulching pots and containers.	75 ltr	£8
Large Bark Chips, for covering larger areas	100 ltr	£8

Braunston Heart

Braunston Heart continues to receive calls for assistance, whether for medication collection, signposting or to change light bulbs; all are welcome. Now that we are emerging from the pandemic, a Good Neighbour Scheme can do things that you may have difficulty doing for example:

- Dog walking and caring for pets during illness.
- Household tasks such as setting up televisions, changing light bulbs or batteries in smoke alarms, changing duvet covers.
- Support filling in forms, writing letters, reading, or using computers and the internet.
- Gardening.

There are things we can organise such as learning to cook courses if there is enough interest. Would you like a companion to attend coffee morning with or go on a walk?

Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The Twinkle team have been busy making plans. Here are some of them, more will follow. Please add to your diary.

Thursday 2nd June: Family sports and games at the playing fields complete with BBQ and bar.

Friday 3rd June: Tea dance, interspersed with an afternoon tea, entertained by a West End singer, in the village hall. Ticket only event.

Saturday 4th June: Duck race on the canal by the Admiral Nelson in the morning. Traditional summer fête on The Green in the afternoon. A road closure will be in place again. Art and craft stalls in the village hall celebrating the best of the village's creativity. Display by the History Society in the Library.

Sunday 5th June: This is National Street Party Day – we hope your street has plans. If we can find a suitable vehicle, we will have a float visiting the parties.

Obviously, all these events need helpers. Please make contact if you would like to give some of your time or help in some way. We will also be looking for stall holders and for game stalls at the fête.

We would like to hold a promise auction – is there something you can offer?

Jo Glover

Kindness and Compassion

Braunston Scouts



Braunston young people need you!

Volunteers are not 'superheroes' who know everything – we provide training & support to help you learn new skills too.

We help young people develop and gain skills for life.

3 great reasons to volunteer:

- Share your skills with young people, & develop yourself
- Have fun and make friends in your area
- Inspire a generation (and they'll never forget it)

What to expect:

- A warm welcome, support and great team
- **Flexibility** to get involved in a way that works for you
- Easy access to training both online and face to face

email us at: GSL@braunstonscouts.co.uk

Braunston Scouts



cubs

BEAVERS



This month Cubs and Beavers were cooking up pancakes. This includes hygiene before cooking as well as trying to cook the perfect pancake. Thanks to our plug-in induction hobs we can cook in both our kitchen and main hall and they reduce the risk of burns.



Come and join the fun

Relaxed and Informal Atmosphere

Safe and Secure Learning Environment

Childcare Vouchers Accepted

Excellent staff ratio

Mon to Fri 9:00-15.00 term time only

Morning and Afternoon sessions

Only £16 per session. Full day £32

Lunch £3

Come & see for yourself

Tel: 01788 891891

braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

Village Hall, Braunston NN11 7HW

www.braunstonpreschool.org.uk

Ofsted.....A good school

Put the sparkle back in
your oven with



OVENCLEAN
The original oven cleaning specialists

Call Ian Griffin on 07747 808680

www.ovenclean.com



All Property Maintenance & Home Improvements

GARY CAPELL

LOCAL BRAUNSTON CARPENTER AND JOINER

MOST WORK CATERED FOR INCLUDING:

***Making and fitting wooden and UPVC Windows – Doors – Kitchens – Tiling –
Decking – Fencing – Alteration Work – Laminate Flooring – UPVC Facia Boards –
Guttering – Painting***

FREE COMPETITIVE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE



Telephone anytime on: 01788 891120 or mobile: 07717804378

Weddings & Special Events

SPECIAL RATES FOR
BRAUNSTON RESIDENTS

EST.
2014

HOME FARM EVENTS

Home Farm, Braunston, Northants, NN11 7HJ

Tel: Sue Harrison: 07769 589 459

www.homefarmevents.co.uk

Just imagine, your own traditional **MARQUEE** with delicious **HOME-MADE FOOD** of the highest quality. Complete with stunning views overlooking the spire of All Saints' Church, Braunston and miles of rolling **COUNTRYSIDE**. Home Farm is the perfect location for enjoying the **SUNSET** – a unique and special venue for your special day.



Facing issues with your laptop or tech?

I can get your devices back up and running in no time. My name is Tim Banks, and I am an IT support specialist based in Kilsby. With 30 years of experience in this industry, I have the expertise and knowledge to offer IT set-up and solutions for your homes or business. I offer my services in Rugby, Daventry and surrounding villages. I accept payments through BACS, PayPal, cheque and cash. Whatever your IT requirements or problems are, I am here to help. After an initial phone consultation, home visits can be arranged or I can connect remotely to solve simple problems.

- Computer set-up and networking issues
- PC/computer/laptop/tablet/mobile device advice
- MacBook set-up
- Home and business technology set-up
- Printer and scanner set-up
- iPad, email, image transfer and storage training
- Internet network security
- Wi-Fi troubleshooting
- Hardware installation and more



RIENZO
TECHNOLOGY
SERVICES

Call me on 01788 823 759 or 07977 019147

tim.banks@rienzo.co.uk

rienzo.co.uk

Braunston Cricket Club

By the time this edition of the BVN is published and distributed winter nets will have finished and hopefully the weather will be good enough for us to use the outdoor nets at the playing field. We will also have spent a whole day using a hired heavy roller to flatten the pitch as the first part of our preparations for our first home game on Saturday 23rd April against Dunchurch & Bilton.

We have recruited a few more players in the last few weeks, but there is always a need for more. We are not necessarily looking for people to play every week, although that would be ideal. Please contact Tom Sabin on 891797 or email braunstoncc@gmail.com for more details.

Jetty Field

Spring has arrived and Jetty Field is starting to look a little more colourful. The purple crocuses and yellow daffodils dotted along the path down to the main field look a picture, especially in the bouts of sunshine we have enjoyed in recent days. The hedging saplings planted last autumn are beginning to bud, as are the fruit trees in the orchard.

The volunteer work party this month spent time tidying up the corner of the field aerating the grass cuttings and using it to mulch the trees growing along the boundary wall. The ruts caused by the tractor when the field was mown earlier in the month were also repaired. It is no surprise that the ground is so soft following the wet weather earlier in the month.

The gate leading to the path near Archer Avenue has now been repaired and the clogged up ditch has now been cleared allowing surface water to drain away.

The next work morning will be on Saturday 9th April at 9 am and the next committee meeting will be in the Wheatsheaf on Thursday 7th April at 7.30pm

After many years as Secretary Zara Corbin has had to resign and she has been replaced by Bob Tuck. The committee would like to thank Zara for all the work she has done over the years.

Braunston Canal Society

For the first task party in February the BCS crew split into 3 teams. Using Skippy, a team of 5 performed an offside cut between the Stop House and bridge 91 (A45). This was mirrored by a team of 4 cutting the towpath side. The third team set about removing trees that were overhanging the Stop House bin compound area.

Later that month, with a crew of 5 on Skippy and 7 on the bank, BCS had no problems in completing the offside/onside cut below the flight. Several branches overhanging the towpath were removed and, along



with the arisings from the offside, were transported and stacked at the Midland Chandlers water point ready for chipping in March. In addition, the ivy enveloping the Stop house bin compound was removed and a considerable amount of litter and rubbish was collected and disposed of.

Ad hoc task parties this month included replacing the lock beam signs, cutting hedges at UCC and filling a wash hole in the towpath below lock 2.



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 Village Charity

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.



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

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.

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). **For everyone's safety our drivers will continue to wear masks and all passengers will be required to do so too.**

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

Other News



DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

£520 !!

To all our customers for helping us raise this amazing figure last month for this so deserving a cause :-

THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH



BRAUNSTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY CAFE
31 HIGH STREET

VILLAGECAFE@BRAUNSTON.NET



We are open Mondays - Fridays 10.30 - 2.30
for sale of wide range of coffees, teas,
hot & cold snacks & home - made cakes

Wanted- used stamps, postcards and coins

I would like to say a big thank you to everybody who has delivered stamps, coins, and bank notes. The total is £1,717.53 so far this year.

Val

We still need your used stamps, postcards and coins to help us continue to raise money for dogs charities.

Please keep sending them to:

Val Ward, 51 High Street, Braunston

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



www.gofund.me/3be1e80f

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.

Bin Collections

Wednesday	6 th April	Food and Garden Waste
Wednesday	13 th April	Food, Recycling and Waste
Wednesday	20 th April	Food and Garden Waste
Wednesday	27 th April	Food and Recycling



Services Offered

Domestic Window Cleaning
Commercial Window Cleaning
Conservatory Deep Clean
UVPC Deep Clean
Facia and Gutter Clean
Internal Domestic/Commercial Cleaning
Pressure Washing

With over 20 years in the industry, Rise and Shine guarantees perfection and customer satisfaction with every clean.

We offer De-ionised high-rise poles and traditional cleaning.

garystrangleman@gmail.com

Please call or email for a free quotation 07532 848020

THE SHEAF
STREET
HEALTH
STORE



**Address: Sheaf Street Health Store,
20 Sheaf Street, Daventry, NN11 4AB**

Phone: 01327 312037

f @sheafstreethealthstore i @sheafstreethealthstore



- The most advanced Anti Virus in the world for £12 per month (discounted price for Braunston residents, usually £14 per month)
- SentinelOne is for PCs or Apple Macs
- Protect your computers and data from Viruses, Malware, and Ransomware



Call Chris on 07852 159092
28 Church Road, Braunston. NN11 7HG
www.TheAntiVirusGuy.co.uk

**Steve
Roberts**



**Chimney
Sweep**

07825 136 453

Fully Insured
NACS Trained
Good Rates

**TSK
ELECTRICS**

Gold Card Electrician

- Domestic Systems
- EV Charging
- Smoke Alarms
- Sockets
- Installations
- Lighting
- Consumer Units
- Outdoor Equipment
- and much more

Free Quotes
No job too small,
Shockingly good service

Call Tom on 07515 002134
or email tskelectrics@gmail.com



Free Estimates

DAVID GOODEN

LTD

Building Contractor

• Extensions • Alterations • Brickwork • Block Paving

t: 01788 890690 m: 07944 726142

Love Ballet
Dance Company

♥ LOVE TO DANCE?
DAVENTRY CLASSES

FREE TRIAL CLASS

Monday	Friday
Prima Ballerinas 1 (3-5 yrs) 4.00pm - 4.30pm	Street Dance & Modern (8 yrs+) 5.15pm - 6.15pm
Prima Ballerinas 2 (3-5 yrs) 4.30pm - 5.00pm	Grade 3 Ballet (13 yrs+) 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Intro to Ballet (5-6 yrs) 5.00pm - 5.45pm	
Pre Primary Ballet (7-8 yrs) 5.45pm - 6.30pm	
Primary Ballet (8 yrs+) 6.30pm - 7.15pm	
Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+) 7.15pm - 7.45pm	
Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+) 7.45pm - 8.30pm	

★ confidence ★ fun ★ friendships

Nene Hall | The Grange | Daventry | NN11 4RB
Call Miss Lorraine
www.loveballet.co.uk 07921 853773

TONY
Vintage Diesels
REDSHAW

01788 899123

Engineering solutions for traditional problems

Mechanical services, engineering, fabrication, maintenance etc
With full in house machining and engineering capabilities we can offer a solution to whatever your requirements. From a broken screw in a stove door, to complete restoration of your engine, and everything else inbetween!

All welding processes are available.
Castings and one off parts machined to order

The Workshop, Bottom Lock, Dark Lane, Braunston, NN11 7HJ
vintage_diesels@btconnect.com



DAVID COSBY
ESTATE AGENTS



Thinking of
moving?

*We've got you
covered*

www.davidcosby.co.uk

t: 01327 361664

e: enquiries@davidcosby.co.uk

Weather Report for February 2022

Total Rainfall	63.5 mm
Wettest Day	12.7 mm on Thursday 24 th
Highest Temperature	15.1 °C at 15.27 on Wednesday 16 th
Lowest Temperature	0.0 °C at 01.06 on Friday 11 th
Highest Pressure	1033.5 hpa at 10.49 on Friday 11 th
Lowest Pressure	979.0 hpa at 11.52 on Friday 18 th
Strongest Gust	47.9 mph at 13.07 on Friday 18 th
Brightest Sun	575.5 W/m ² at 12.43 Wednesday 23 rd
Highest UV Index	5 at 12.12 on Wednesday 16 th

The average rainfall for February since 2015 has been 46.6 mm.

February 2022 was the first time that 3 named storms have been recorded since the naming of storms began in 2015.

I recorded that here in Braunston Storm Dudley peaked on the 16th at 19:58 30.9mph. Storm Eunice topped out at 47.9 mph at 13:07 on the 18th and finally Storm Franklin on the 21st reached 40.0 mph at 11:30am. Those of you who live high up the village for example in the Ashby Road area may have received higher gusts.

Adrian

Features

Extracts from Historical Notes published in old editions of the BVN
February 1999 Village Notes by Derek Turner

Derek used to run the village post office with his wife Joan

Did you know that Braunston once had an orphanage?

The orphanage was at 36 High Street and was initially run by the 'Guardians of the Poor of Daventry and District' and opened about 1904. It was later under the jurisdiction of Northamptonshire County Council and was known as 'The Cottage Home'. Formerly a farmhouse, a wing was added to the building accommodating a dormitory, dining room and bathroom. An outbuilding was extended upwards and became an isolation block! From visible and verbal evidence it appears that the living conditions were somewhat spartan. The home closed in 1935, the house was sold, and a shop was built on the front and became the Post Office in 1938.

Also by Derek Turner

The item written by Dick Herne, on Braunston's industry, and especially on the Drill Factory, brought to my mind the effect that Mason Master had on our village Post Office. When my parents took over the Post Office in 1938 mails were received via Midland Red bus, and the evening mail despatched by rail. The bags were carried to Braunston station by Tom Quinney and Bill Meacham and travelled to Rugby via the Leamington line. With the closing of the station, the Postmen cycled to Willoughby station with 3 or 4 bags of mail.

As the Mason Master factory developed, the number of bags rose to about 20 and were taken to Willoughby station by taxi. After a few weeks the GPO laid on the first mail vans and subsequently, with the exception of overseas parcels, Rugby Post Office collected mail directly from the factories.

Braunston Now and Then



Braunston Post Office, Money Order Office, Savings Bank and Telegraph Office at Eastrea House on The Green, run by Sarah A. Pebody from 1874 to 1906 (when she was aged 66), according to Rev. H.E. Ruddy's 1953 account of *'Braunston: as it is and as it was within living memory'*. Kelly's Trade Directory of 1890 also lists her sister Jane Pebody as a postmistress. To the right is the corner of the 'Squatters Cottage' on the north side of The Green, since demolished.



DTP

Working harder to give you extra...

www.campbell-online.co.uk

SELLING OR LETTING YOUR PROPERTY IN THE AREA?







*"Looking after you and
your property properly"*

Mark Heycock *Franchise Director*

campbells

mark@campbell-online.co.uk

01327 878926

Search "Campbells" on      

BVN Deadline - May 2022 Edition

The next newsletter will be published on **1st May**. Please submit to bvn@braunstonpc.org or the Post Office by noon on **18th April**.