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A change from Spring Lambs - Baby Alpaca called Cria

Photograph courtesy of Chris Burton



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REGISTERS FOR MARCH 2014

Funerals - Braunston

03/03/2014 - **Ronald Pickard**

18/03/2014 - **Marion Ethel Flack**

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

Baptisms - Braunston

02/03/2014 - **Karvell Gunda**

23/03/2014 - **Freddie Southern**

On Hitler's birthday

April 20th is the anniversary of Hitler's birthday. This year it is also the anniversary of the return of Jesus Christ after three days dead - no, not prowling first century

Palestine as a zombie- but crackling with full resurrection vitality and love and power having trashed the norm that death was terminal and set a new precedent that it isn't. As the only effective antidote to the evil of the Hitlers of this world he came back, against every expectation, bringing life where there was death, hope where there was despair, and a promise that death and evil will never have the last word.

The older and wiser amongst you will know how stupid it is to spend time indulging in what-ifery. You know; what if I'd had blonde hair and bigger boobs? What if Aunt Flo hadn't been on that bus? What if I had married the other brother? You can waste a lifetime playing the what-if game. But the coincidence of Hitler's anniversary with Jesus' does give pause for thought.

What if April 20th 1889 had not seen the birth of a son to proud parents, Klara and Alois Hitler? Would the world have missed out on WW2, the holocaust, the H bomb, the Volkswagen beetle, and Werther's Originals? If there had been no new blue eyed moustachioed baby in the Hitler household, would the world have been a better place? I don't know the answer to that any more than you do but I do have my dire suspicions. We humans have a terrible propensity to foul things up.

What if two thousand years ago Jesus had not died a brutal death in order to take the rap for the sins of people like you, me and Adolf Hitler? What if he had actually chickened out of his terrible fate as he prayed in terror and waited to be betrayed in the garden of Gethsemane? What if he had sneaked off and gone to ground on a Greek Island where he lived peacefully before dying in his sleep at the age of 99? What if he had not risen from the tomb? Would the world have been worse off?

I'm pretty clear about that one. Granted, human beings are still inclined to megalomania, paranoia, selfishness, pride and greed- the bible is sparkingly honest about the awfulness of most of its heroes! I find it a great relief to see what silk purses God can make out of us sows ears. But take away Jesus's death on the cross to deal with our sins and we would be left with the social, physical, mental and spiritual consequences of our unforgiven evil. Take away his resurrection and we would be left with eternal death as a black full stop, separated from God and those we love.

But Hitler was born and the world saw enough evil to see what it really looks like. It didn't stop us committing more. And Jesus did die and was raised again and that didn't stop us committing more either. But he bought us the chance to change and be forgiven and won us the option on life beyond death with those we love in the kingdom of God. Whether that makes a jot of difference to your every days is, of course, up to you. For me it is everything

Happy Easter
Sarah



CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2014

March's floodlighting

8th March - * To celebrate the lives of May & George McCarthy and Bill & Gladys Law

15th March - * Lit for Ada Littlemore

20th March - * Happy Birthday Pelham, with fondest love from all the family

21st March - * Celebrating Janet and Mike McCarthy's golden wedding and their fifty happy years in Braunston

26th March - * For Judith & Nigel Sykes' wedding anniversary

27th March - * Pat and Alison's wedding anniversary

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



April's floodlighting so far ...

1st April - * Janet & John's Wedding Anniversary

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

10th April - * Happy Birthday Phyl - with love from Ken

12th April - In loving memory of Thirza Pittam - 100th birthday, Love from the family

17th April - Celebrating Sheila and Sam Hiscock's Golden Wedding

26th April - * Julie's Birthday

28th April - In loving memory of our dearest friend Glad Owen 2 yrs ago. We miss you so much. Always in our heart. Lynn and Jim x

28th April - Congratulations Laura and Eric Kibblewhite on your diamond wedding anniversary from the Bowls Club

* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - 20th March 2014

DAVENTRY HEALTH WALK SCHEME

Help yourselves get fit by joining in our 30/40 min Health Walks around the village.

Walks in April will take place every Thursday from outside The Cake Slice Tearooms, in the High Street. at 2.pm

All are welcome (no charge) but please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be over fields.

Leader Rosemary Kendall (01788 8905

Braunston Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent questionnaire. There were 47 online responses and 127 paper copies were handed in.

In the roads and transport section there was concern that Stagecoach had withdrawn route 10 from Braunston, in particular leaving The Wharf area unserved. There were many suggestions including stops at Maple Close and elsewhere on the High Street, later buses from Rugby, a direct link to St Cross Hospital and for a Sunday service.

A proposed cycleway to Daventry was supported by 82% of respondents. Some pointed out that it would be safer for cyclists not to use the A45 or Welton Road but others thought it might encourage crime and intrusion. Some thought it might bring more tourists and lead to more trade for businesses.

Improvements to the towpath were widely supported mainly because of flooding but there were some concerns about cost.

79% supported checks on traffic speed. There were requests for the village entrance junctions to be reviewed, with the possible addition of mirrors or roundabouts. Some felt that there is too much parking but others said that parking helps reduce traffic speed.

69% did not want more new homes in the village. Several villagers thought there is a need for more affordable housing so that young people can stay in the village. There were suggestions for additional smaller properties suitable for older people who wish to downsize and stay in the village. A care home was suggested.

The majority of respondents supported the options for promoting local businesses, except for longer opening hours which were supported by only a few. Additional suggestions included making more use of canalside notice boards, building public toilets and having regular farmers' markets. There was also support for business expansion, but it was also pointed out that we are already well-served.

This is just a summary. All the responses and suggestions have been collated by members of the Neighbourhood Planning Working Groups and Steering Group. The Working Groups are referring to them when writing their reports for submission to the Steering Group who will consult these reports as well as other documents when suggesting plans for Braunston.

NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.

ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS!

Nineteen village residents spent the whole of Saturday morning on 15th March working in the Pocket Park. This must be a RECORD for the number of volunteers coming to help in the last few years! We achieved a great deal in wonderful spring sunshine. Without Peter and the tractor loaned by the Harrison family we would have achieved only a fraction of the work we successfully undertook on the day. All the heaps of branches cut from the hedge that Dennis has cleared, the huge pile of vegetation from under the willow tree and other material from the area was burned in two, giant bonfires. We also managed to plant a small hedge by the fence near the willow tree, almost complete the hedge at the bottom of the field alongside the wall and tidy up the feature in the garden area. A small group of volunteers also set about cutting the ivy from around the trees in the copse. This was a much needed task recommended by the tree conservation officer from Daventry District Council.

We also have good news about our FRIENDS OF BRAUNSTON POCKET PARK initiative. We now have over thirty members who have donated £10 each to help our important work in keeping the Pocket Park a beautiful place for all who visit. You can also join! Ring Pat. Herlihy (01788 890590) if you want more information. We are always looking for more volunteers to help undertake basic tasks in the park. If you can give a few hours of your time then contact Andrew (01788 890826.) or Brian (01788 899262). We hope villagers and visitors continue to enjoy our wonderful park at the heart of our village.

THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.

The History Society A.G.M. is on TUESDAY 15TH APRIL AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL LIBRARY. Do come along to find out about our exciting programme for the next society year. You will be able to join at the same time! The advantage of being a member is that talks are free and there are preferential rates for any trips and visits that the society organises.

Heritage Day, Saturday 11th October 2014.

Can you offer to help at this important day? We have been chosen by Northamptonshire Association for Local History to host this year's Heritage Day at Braunston Village hall. We need volunteers to set up for the day, help with refreshments and the general organisation. If you can help then please ring Annie, our secretary, 891179 or Chris., our Chair. 890448.



All Saints' Church

Easter Services 2014

Sunday 13th April
Palm Sunday Procession followed by short Service of Praise
Meeting at the WheatSheaf at 10:30am

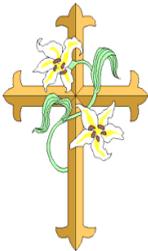
Monday 14th April
Sung Compline
All Saints' Church 7:00pm



Tuesday 15th April
Sung Compline
All Saints' Church 7:00pm

Wednesday 16th April
Peace at Lunchtime
All Saints' Church 12:30pm

Maundy Thursday - 17th April
"From Passover to Eucharist Dinner & Worship"
All Saints' Church 7:00pm (*seating limited to 30 people*)



Good Friday - 18th April
Children's Workshop
All Saints' Church 10:00am-12:30pm - craft and drama and
lots of activities for toddlers and primary school age children

An Hour at the Cross
All Saints' Church 2:00pm

Easter Sunday - 20th April
8am Holy Communion All Saints' Church
11am Family Communion All Saints' Church

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- 5.00pm - Pre-Syllabus Ballet (5-6yrs)
- 5.45pm - Pre-Primary Ballet (7-8yrs)
- 6.30pm - Primary Ballet (8-9yrs)
- 7.15pm - Grade 1 Ballet (10yrs+)
- 7.45pm - Grade 2 Ballet (12yrs+)
- 8.15pm - Adult Ballet (no exp req)

Acting, Performance & Singing

Tuesday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

- 5.45pm - Acting, Performance & Singing (all ages)

Dance, Gym & Ballet

Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

- 5.00pm - Gymnastics (all ages)
- 5.30pm - Street Dance & Modern (8yrs+)
- 6.30pm - Grade 3 Ballet (13yrs+)
- 7.15pm - Grade 4 Ballet (14yrs+)

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06.02.14	113	M Massie	£ 10
06.02.14	049	R Capel	£ 5
13.02.14	072	B Hobbs	£ 10
13.02.14	161	E Tomlinson	£ 5
20.02.14	085	A Cunningham	£ 10
20.02.14	061	J Capel	£ 5

The Annual Parish Meeting.

We have departed from the usual evening meeting for all those who live in Braunston and are going to have a Saturday morning meeting, instead. You will be very welcome to come to BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL FROM 10.00 TO 12.00 ON SATURDAY 17TH MAY. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED FROM 10.00 A.M. AND MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE THERE FOR YOU TO MEET AND TO TALK WITH YOU.

The meeting itself will start at 10.30 a.m. and last a short while. The remaining time will be left for you to talk to the representatives and councillors. You will be able to hear about the latest information regarding THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND ASK QUESTIONS!

Local voluntary organisations and societies will all be invited and we are also asking local businesses if they would like to be represented. Do put this date in your diary and come along. You will be made very welcome! It will be YOUR opportunity to ask questions and voice your opinions and ideas!

BVGA

The Braunston Village Gardens Association are holding a plant sale at the Village Hall on Saturday April 25th from 9-12.

Teas and cakes will be available.

The Garden Store will open for business on April 6th between 11am and noon at the Village Hall and every Sunday until the end of May.

Friends of All Saint's

BUCKS FIZZ! (188,000 of them)

It's time to put the champagne on ice. But possibly not quite time to pop the cork.

As we went to press, the friends of All Saints had been told unofficially that their application to the Heritage Lottery Fund has been APPROVED.

The dramatic news was given to the Annual General Meeting of the Friends by Charles Dunn, the committee member who has been leading the negotiations with the Heritage Lottery Fund.

If confirmed - and the hope is that this is now just a formality - it will mean a massive injection of almost two hundred thousand pounds to the fund! That will cover two thirds of the estimated costs of the essential roof repairs.

It means that those who have worked hard to raise funds and those who have responded to the appeals will soon be seeing some bricks for their bucks, some pinnacles for their pounds, some slates for their smackers. It means that the great goal of saving this iconic building is now achievable with just a little more help from those who believe it worth preserving.

Of course, it still means that the Friends have to raise the remaining one-third of the costs, and there will be other expenses too. Then there is the challenge of continuing to provide for the long-term health of the building. But the Lottery Fund bid was the Big One. It could see the release of some £20,000 within weeks for detailed assessments to be carried out followed by stage payments totalling a further £168,000 which would see the work finally starting to happen.

Even so, Charles is cautious. Like an estate agent who has had an offer on a house but not seen a signed contract, he warns: "I've had a phone call from the Lottery Fund to say our application has been approved, but still nothing in writing. So it's really a case of Watch This Space".

But for the rest of us, it is more of a case of "Watch This Champagne" to see if it is cold enough to open.

The Royal British Legion - Braunston & District Branch.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1 and the Legion was formed after the war to support victims of that dreadful war and their dependents. The Legion is still going strong and is larger than the total of the next four services support organisations put together. Nearly ten million people are eligible to call on the Legion for support which can include financial assistance, career advice, short or long term care, odd jobs or a short holiday. The Legion is here to help and may be contacted online at www.britishlegion.org.uk or by freephone 0808 802 8080 or the local branch. The local branch meets monthly on the second Tuesday. The April meeting will be on the 8th at the Sporting Club Barby at 7.30pm. Members please note this new starting time.

The monthly informal lunch will, also, be at the Sporting Club on 16th April at midday.

We are always pleased to welcome non members at these events.

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A FOLK NIGHT

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Jenni's Jottings

Well here I am again, another Month, where is this year going to? However, we have had some lovely spring like days over the last few weeks. Again it is so wonderful to see the blossom on the trees and spring flowers popping up all over the place. The Alpaca babies belonged to some friends of ours who had an Alpaca Farm near Buckingham. We used to love going to see the babies in the spring, even putting up with the humming and spitting of their mamas.

As many of you will know I belong to the Braunston Canal Society and as you will read in this magazine we had a couple of great days working around the canal, one on the path going down from Nibbets Lane and at the top lock. Sadly we found quite a lot of rubbish dumped in these areas but we all hope that now the areas have been cleared there will be less rubbish.

Whilst walking in Jetty Field with my dog this morning I sat for a few moments to listen to the birds and watching the green woodpecker flying down towards the canal. I failed to notice that the sign on the bench saying 'Wet Paint' had blown away and I now have an interesting pattern on my bum!

On page 35 I have published a beautiful poem written by Michael Buchanan of Ashby Road. Michael wrote it for his wife Wendi and read it to her on their wedding day. I expect there wasn't a dry eye in the house!

There is lots going on in Braunston in April and being such a pinnacle of sartorial elegance I am looking forward to the Fashion Show and the Folk Night. Whatever you are doing enjoy it!

Finally I hope you all have a Happy Easter, we will be selling raffle tickets in aid of Church funds for our famous Easter Egg Raffle shortly unless I eat all the eggs! Look out for tickets.

Jenni

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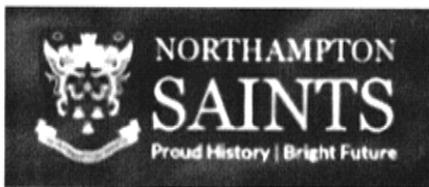
Saturday 5th April @ 8pm

CHURCH SEWRVICES AND EVENTS APRIL 2014

Day		Time	Event
Tue	1	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	2	09:30	School Easter Service in church
		12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Thu	3	19:30	Bell Ringers
Fri	4	10:30	Funeral Margaret Chamberlain
Sat	5	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	6	11:00	Bishop John Flack to Braunston
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
		18:30	Evensong - Br
Mon	7	19:30	Church choir
Tue	8	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	9	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Thu	10	19:30	Bell Ringers
Fri	11	19:30	Friends Folk Night in Village Hall
Sat	12	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	13	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		11:00	Family Service Br
Mon	14	19:30	Church choir
			Sung Compline for Holy Week at 7pm
Tue	15	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
			Sung Compline for Holy Week at 7pm
Wed	16	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Thur	17	19:00	Last Supper to Communion Meal
			Bell Ringers
Fri	18	10:00	Good Fri Workshop All Saints
		14:00	An Hour at the cross
Sun	20	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		11:00	Easter Sunday Family Celebration
Mon	21	19:30	Church choir
Tue	22	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	23	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Thu	24	19:30	Bell Ringers
Sat	26	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	27	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		11:00	Family Communion with baptism Br
Mon	28	14:00	Little Fishers
		19:30	Church Choir
Tue	29	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	30	12:30	Peace at lunchtime

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS APRIL 2014

Tuesday	1 st	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 W.I.
Wednesday	2 nd	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	3 rd	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	5 th	20.00 Braunston Players
Monday	7 th	Explorer Scouts: Friendly Club
Tuesday	8 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 W.I. Fashion Show: Royal British Legion – Sporting Club Barby
Wednesday	9 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	10 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	11 th	Youth Club (to be confirmed):19.30 Folk Night
Saturday	12 th	19.30 Twinners Spring Quiz
Monday	14 th	14.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	15 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 History Society AGM
Wednesday	16 th	Scouts :12.00 royal British Legion Lunch 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	17 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	21 st	Explorer Scouts: Friendly Club
Tuesday	22 nd	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	23 rd	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	24 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	25 th	Youth Club
Saturday	26 th	Cinema Club
Monday	28 th	14.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	29 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	30 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:



Little Saints is coming to Braunston !!!

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Tuesday	Ballet (Private)	Rugby Synchro Club	4.30 - 5.30pm
	Zumba	Badby Village Hall	7.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesday	Ballet Pilates	Badby Village Hall	10.00 - 11.00am
Thursday	Zumba Gold	Reach for Health Gym, Daventry	9.15 - 10.15am
	Zumba	Reach for Health Gym, Daventry	7.00 - 8.00pm



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Twinnners Thank You

"The Braunston Twinnners would like to thank all the villagers who supported the recent Craft Fair. A bracelet was found in the Hall. If it is yours please speak to Chris on 890491."



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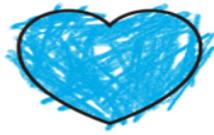
The improved weather during March has finally got our year started. On the 2nd March we cleared from the towpath, across Butchers Bridge and up to Nibbets Lane. Overgrown areas and overhanging shrubs and trees were cleared and burnt, and the spring that has continued to flood the path for sometime has now been diverted to a convenient drain. On the 13th March a similar operation achieved a good result at the moorings above the top lock. Our new S/H mower that we have acquired as a donation from Buckby Pocket Park is proving to be good for the Stop House Garden, two cuts have taken place and we now have the responsibility for all the mowing and gardening at the Stop House.

As mentioned last month we have CRT approved plans for a wild flower meadow area at the Stop House. We are grateful to the financial donation from Midland Chandlers which has made it possible for us to obtain a selection of wild flower plug plants. This along with the seeds from Daventry DC should mean an early start on this project and hopefully a visible improvement by the end of the Summer.

Work parties will take place on the 6th and the 16th April next plus additional gardening work at the Stop House. All help is welcome - contact Chris Burton 01788891546

ADVANCE NOTICE. ARTS AND CRAFTS WEEKEND.

All Saints' Church Braunston is organising an Arts and Crafts Weekend on SATURDAY 16TH AND SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST 2014. If you would like to demonstrate your own skills and talents then please contact Andrew Alsop 01788 890826 or thealsops@chibley.co.uk to register your interest or ask questions. We want to celebrate the talents of our community for everyone to enjoy. If you could offer your help over the weekend then also please contact Andrew. We hope to offer refreshments during the whole weekend and need plenty of volunteers to make sure we have a really successful time.



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Hope and Homes for Children

Funds Raised since last shown in BVN

In Financial Year to 28 Feb 2014

Money raised from Penny Pots since last shown	£ 65.36
Total raised this Financial Year (since 1 st . March 2013)	£ 2,097.27

In Financial Year starting 1 March 2014

Money raised from Penny Pots	£ 42.99
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This is a fantastic amount and thanks to so many who have contributed in so many ways. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those at Braunston Store for their help in the giving and collection of the penny pots.

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FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
April 2014		
	Car Boot Sale (to be confirmed)	All Saints Church
5th	Players at Play	Braunston Players
11th	Folk Night	Friends of All Saints
12th	Spring Quiz	Twinnors
25th	Plant Sale	BVGA
May 2014		
17th	Annual Parish Meeting	Braunston Parish Council
17th	Quiz Night	All Saints Church
23rd to 26th	Floating Market	Roving Canal Traders Assoc.
June 2014		
7th	Church Fete	All Saints Church
July 2014		
	Car Boot Sale (to be confirmed)	All Saints Church
August 2014		
1st	Car Treasure Hunt	All Saints Church
16th & 17th	Arts & Crafts Weekend	Friends of All Saints
September 2014		
13th	Proms Night	All Saints Church
20th	World's Biggest Coffee Morning	Macmillan Cancer Support
27th	Fund Raising Day	Air Ambulance
October 2014		
6th	Harvest Supper	All Saints Church
11th	Heritage Day	Dick Herne Braunston History Society
18th	Quiz Night	All Saints Church
November 2014		
1st	Barn Dance	Friends of All Saints
1st	Autumn Craft Fair	Twinnors
15th	Autumn Fair (to be confirmed)	All Saints Church
15th	Autumn Quiz	Twinnors
January 2015		
	Burns Supper	All Saints Church

**Saturday 7th June
Braunston Church Fete**



**Growing plants
Making Crafts
Tombola Prizes
Making Cakes
Running a stall**



If you can help, please come along to the planning meeting at All Saints' Church on 26th March at 7:30pm or call Andrew Alsop on 01788 890 826



All Saints' Church

Quiz Night



Saturday 17th May

Braunston Village Hall

7:00pm for 7:30pm

Teams no more than 6

£8 per head, includes Quiz & Supper

Bring your own drinks

Interested?

Sign up at Church or Phone Pat on 01788 899157



Abigail Campbell

District Councillor

Stuck in a rut

Mud, mud, glorious mud... There's plenty of it about. The ground is still sodden and easily churned up by parked cars and moving buses, not to mention the odd oil tanker and bin lorry.

Many people have reported damaged verges to me, and made requests for repairs and also for more active parking enforcement.

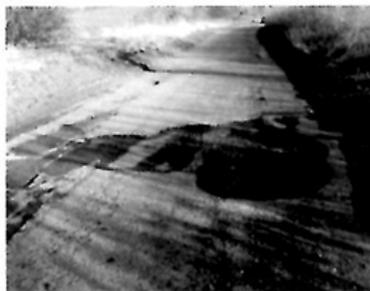
It isn't illegal to park on verges unless it is causing an obstruction. And when it comes to repairs, it transpires the entire small works budget for Kettering (24 parishes and 4 towns) and Daventry (72 parishes plus Daventry town) is less than £80,000. This budget covers materials, labour, transport and traffic management for a wide range of safety improvement works, for example warning signs, road markings, bollards, amendments to speed limits and pedestrian drop kerbs. With these resources, there is little chance of road widening, or hardening up of verges. It is thought bollards or barriers simply move the problem along.

How, I wonder, can our roads and footpaths be maintained safely with this level of investment? How can we feel pride in our local environment? And what can be done to improve the situation?

Well, we can try to park as carefully as possible, which I know as well as anyone can be a challenge when off-road parking spaces are limited. And I shall continue to work closely with the County Council, Stagecoach, Amey (formerly Enterprise), the Community Safety Partnership and our PCSO to try to find sensible and

sustainable solutions. I'm pleased NCC has agreed to soil and re-seed the worst-affected areas in the village once the weather improves and the ground dries out.

The Braunston Crater



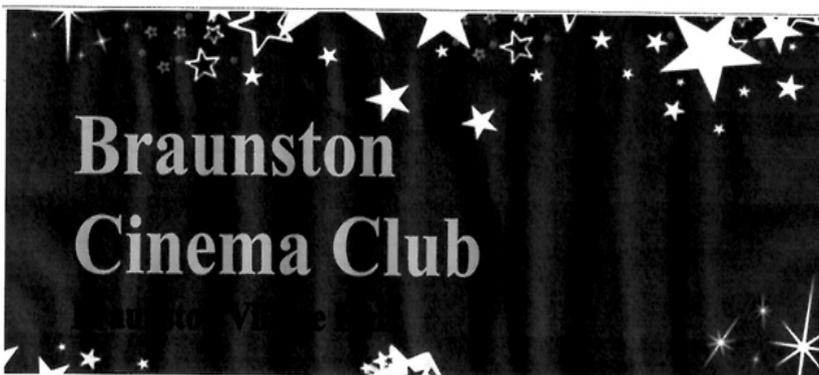
The crater on Barby Lane has been repaired at long last, after many reports and complaints. When I sent this photo to ask NCC to review their recommendation that the pothole didn't merit urgent repair, the Highways Officer replied saying 'I haven't seen a pothole this big for a long time. We'll be out tomorrow'. And he was as good as his word. It's just a shame it took so long...

Ward Walkabout

My next ward walkabout is along the **High Street and The Green on Saturday 5 April 10-11.30am**. Look out for the cards I'll deliver shortly before this date, and then put one in your window if you'd like me to call by. **Best wishes, Abigail**

PS Thanks to the BPFA for booking Circus Ginnett – it was such a treat to have this very special event in our village!

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Saturday 26 April 7.30pm

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Visit to Spectacular Bluebell Wood at Coton Manor

Braunston Village Gardens Association is organising a weekday trip by car to see the bluebell woods at Coton Manor. They are normally at their best the last week of April and the first week of May. We will fix the date nearer the time, when we check on the flower's progress and also people's availability. If you are interested in joining us, please give your name and contact details to Richard and Jean Dibben on 01788 890515 or e-mail to dibben@btinternet.com. Please say whether you require a lift or can offer one.

Entry to Coton Manor Garden	Adults	£7.00
	Concessions	£6.50
	Children	£2.50

Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute



Next Meeting -

Tuesday April 1st at 7.30 in the
Village Hall

Jonathon Wilmott will enthral us with
his talk:-

**“Queen Victoria's
Granddaughters”**

Contact Barbara on 01788 890452

Friendly Club

Next Meetings:

14th April -

Joan Wood will join us once again
to make Easter Cards

28th April -

David Baker will entertain us with a
Musical Quiz

Both meetings are in the Village Hall
at 2.30

Gill Powell 890763

**TO BOOK THE
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Braunston Fishing Club BINGO

**Every Thursday throughout the
year**

**8.00pm in the Village Hall
Non members welcome**

G Donald 891264

Rainfall

**No information
received**

BRAUNSTON TIMEBANK

Braunston Timebank was started back in the summer of 2013 - since then, almost 200 hours have been contributed by Braunstonites to other villagers. That's 200 hours of people kindly giving time to help others, in a range of ways.

We've seen gutters cleared, dogs walked, bikes serviced, help given with gardening; people have been helped to learn to crochet, draw and use Ebay. One of the most common requests that the Timebankers have been able to fulfil, is help with the mysteries of technology - there are some very clever computer people in the village, thank goodness!

The leaflet in this copy of the BVN explains how the Timebank works and shows the different offers of help that are welcomed. In fact, as a village, we are lucky to have lots of people offering their time - we now need more people to take up the offers, so read through the leaflet and register if you want to get involved, and particularly if you want some help!

Anita Lowe is the local Timebank 'broker' and will put Timebank members in touch with one another where there is a match between what's offered and what's been asked for. There is no obligation to say 'yes' if you're approached for help and you're unavailable.

Timebanking is often described as 'volunteering for people who don't normally volunteer'. It's also open to groups such as clubs and societies who want help and are happy to give some time back. It helps to strengthen us a community and show - as if we needed reminding - what a lovely bunch of people live in our village.

If you'd like to know more Anita can be contacted on 890769 or at anitaylowe@aol.com

Braunston Parish Council would like to thank the Scouts for giving us their views about Braunston. They like the opportunities the village provides with mentions of shops and places for sports. At the same time they would like more places to play football and would like the playing field to be closer to the main part of the village. Most wanted to be living here when they are 25 and few wanted any changes by that time. They like the atmosphere in Braunston, including the fact that it doesn't have a rush hour. There were concerns about limited transport, such as the difficulty in getting to a cinema, train station and Ashlawn School.

MARGARET CHAMBERLAIN

Teaching backgammon to strangers is not quite what one expects from a former headmistress. But that was the promised initiation ceremony when I first met Margaret Chamberlain. At least, that is what she threatened to do. Perhaps fortunately, the opportunity to learn the game from her never materialised ...because neighbours warned me that she was a ferocious player.

Now Margaret has died aged 95 having lived in Braunston for more than 40 years.

Margaret was born a few months before the First World War ended. She won a maths scholarship to Newnham College Cambridge and graduated just a few months before the Second World War began. She then trained as an auxiliary nurse, but her services were not needed in the war effort so she reverted to her planned teaching career. She worked in several schools before moving to Rugby in 1972 as headmistress of Rugby High School for Girls, retiring six years later.

In 1973 she bought her house in Dark Lane overlooking the canal. Her deputy and good friend Eileen Thorpe bought the identical house next door. Both were committed Christians...and both were keen backgammon players. It's rumoured that Margaret was also no slouch at Scrabble.

She had many other perhaps unlikely interests. Fly fishing was one passion; she was an avid birdwatcher, an enthusiastic camper and had an extensive knowledge of wild flowers, keeping a detailed record of all the ones she saw on her camping trips.

These excursions took her to, among other places, the Scilly Isles. On several of these trips she met the former Prime Minister Harold Wilson, who had his own holiday home there. Whether she introduced him to backgammon is not recorded.

In later years, this once formidable lady became an enforced recluse as profound deafness made conversation impossible. Nonetheless, despite failing health she was determined to stay in Dark Lane, where the view of the canal was a constant joy to her. With the help of live-in carers, she succeeded and she died at home. Her funeral is on Thursday 3 April at 10.30 a.m.

BRAUNSTON YOUTH CLUB - Dates
11th April To be confirmed
25th April
9th May
23rd May

Braunston Walkers - Walk Saturday 150314 - Old (c.10 miles)

This walk starts at the village of Lamport opposite the 400 year old, stately home of the Isham family and their motto emblazoned in the stone over the portico is "In things transitory resteth no glory" so with that in mind eighteen eager souls, a great turn out, set off on our walk. We walked along the high street to the White Swan pub and turned left along the A508 passing the two white swans that stand on the gate posts of the old house. Fabulous views over rolling Northamptonshire scenery from here. Our path went left off the main road along violet lined field edges, our first sign that Spring has sprung, and thankfully drier than when we had done the recce earlier in the month when the fields resembled the Somme. The sun shone as we skirted around the back of the hall and continued passing a Tumulus to reach Shortwood House where we paused for a group photo before turning right over fields towards Thraxton. A March Hare bounded over the field at lightning speed in front of us after we had passed a remote barn conversion. We paused for a sweetie break courtesy of Judith and Nigel. After crossing Mill Lane and being greeted by a Jack Russell and a Labrador who lived in The Lodge and naturally didn't agree that we should walk in their territory, we continued on a footpath alongside a hedge before turning right to link up with another path over several fields to reach the stone village of Old. By now we were feeling old and ready for some refreshment at the magnificent White Horse pub. To my delight it had my second favourite beer on tap, Langton Woodsman. This is brewed nearby in Thorpe Langton, Leicestershire, an area where we have walked before, and is truly wonderful (my number one is still Donnington beer from the Cotswolds which we will taste later in the year) We were very lucky as they ran out of this at the second pint but we were soon ensconced over plates of excellent food. After an all too short break we rebooted, you know you turn it off and turn it on again, and suitably attired we set off through the village passing the site where the haulier Knights of Old were based and then branched off left onto a field path through fields with scores of new born lambs bleating away. We crossed a footbridge over a river and then climbed up to the village of Scaldwell where we stood on the village green sucking on sweets supplied by Terry and viewing the site of an old well. Our path left Scaldwell and crossed several fields where we were treated to the sight of a magnificent Red Kite soaring above us and a sneaky fox slinking along a hedge trying not to be seen. Our path emerged at the A508 which we crossed and then, changing the signpost which some wag had turned around, again, took a footpath downhill and then up into the village of Hanging Haughton. We walked on another footpath back to the main road and to the cars at Lamport then home for a reviving cuppa! The weather was fantastic. A great day for walking. This is a lovely, little known area of Northamptonshire with some fantastic views. Why not come and join us on our next walks as follows:

April 19th Ilmington (c.10 miles), May 17th Aynho and Deddington (c.11 miles)

June 21st Moreton in the Marsh (c.10 miles)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

The Mobile Sight Centre will be in Daventry Town Centre - New Street on Wednesday 16th April between 10am and 2pm

WILD GEESE

It was the curly eyelashes that got me
And the curve of her full bodied lips
The way her eyes flash when she's talking
And the swing and the sway of her hips,
You could feel from the air all around her
That crackled and fizzed when she spoke
That any chance that I had to resist her
Just vanished and went up in smoke.

And sometimes she makes my heart race
And others she slows it right down
And she runs like a river right through me
As we fly like wild geese homeward bound,
And she laughs from the top of the world
And she cries from the deepest dark hole
And her eyes look right through my face
And speak direct to my soul.

And I know I was dropping in free-fall
Down in the dark velvet black
But her voice like a murmuring tide
Called me and guided me back
And we each carry shadows and tears
In a box fashioned out of our past
But love and time, the true healers
Came to the rescue at last.

Our lives had been hanging in limbo
While we waited till all that was done
And our histories were tied and sealed
And the rest of our lives had begun,
Now we step out to look at the moon
And we stay in to watch the T. V.
And we cry when we listen to sad songs
And then giggle uncontrollably.

Now the mornings roll into the evenings
And the lunchtimes drift into the day
We talk of religion and rhubarb
Cos we always have plenty to say
Now the road stretches out to the sun
And the jigsaw has found the last piece
And our hopes and ambitions fly
On the wings of a flight of wild geese

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