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**Village** 

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St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers**

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**REGISTERS FOR MARCH 2015**

**BRAUNSTON**

**Funerals - 9th March**

**11th March**

**17th March**

**David Streeton**

**Beric Shrubbs**

**Leanne Porter**



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### Forthcoming meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the following meetings.

Unless indicated meetings are held in the Library at  
Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

|                      |                                                      |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr  | Jetty Fields Sub Committee (5 Mill Close)            |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr | Full Council Meeting                                 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr | Neighbourhood Planning                               |
|                      |                                                      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> May | Full Council Meeting                                 |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> May | Annual Parish Meeting (Village Hall 10.00am to noon) |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun  | Full Council Meeting                                 |

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website

# Church Floodlighting

## March's floodlighting

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

15th March - \* In memory of Ada Littlemore, Boatwoman

16th March - To Audrey and Ron on your 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary,  
From the family.

21st March - \* Pelham's special birthday with love from all the family

23rd March - For Leanne Porter. With love from the family.

28th March - \* Happy 56th wedding anniversary to us, Jean and Brian Branch



## April's floodlighting so far ...

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

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

9th April - \* Happy Birthday Rosemary

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

10th April - Happy Birthday Mum, miss you so much. Love from the family,  
Jean and Brian xx

12th April - Happy 60<sup>th</sup> birthday Barbara. Love Richard, Vicky, Isabella and Craig

26th April - \* Julie's Birthday

28th April - Memories of Gladys. Passed away April 28<sup>th</sup>. Three years have passed with sadness. Always in our hearts, Love Lyn +Jim xx

\* = Friends of All Saints - **A huge Thank You**

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN  
Deadline - **20<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

## SOME VILLAGE FUND RAISING NEWS

### LENT LUNCH 7th MARCH

Donations amounted to £ 120--00 and this year went to The Community Cafe and The Community Car.

Thanks to the soup makers, donors of food and servers. This year there was a Religious Quiz which appeared to promote interest and leaflets to look through while enjoying lunch and conversation.

## On the Trumpets of the Resurrection

There is something about this time of year that makes February almost worth having. Apologies if you a) were born in February so

consider it the most auspicious and worthwhile month of the year b), like the colour grey a lot or c) enjoy being wet and cold. But I'm with William Wordsworth- he who spent a lot of words on a load of yellow flowers – better known as “a host of golden daffodils”. (Now we see why he was a poet and I am just a vicar). Like the great poet I love daffodils and other members of the narcissi tribe.

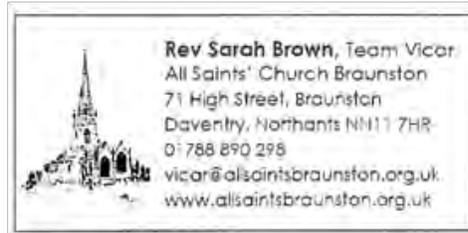
They are brave and yellow and early and they change the landscape completely with their boldness. They bellow out the fact that things are looking up and that spring is on the way. If they were in a cartoon they would be trumpeting. They even look trumpety.

For me they are not simply blowing a fanfare for spring but for Easter. They are trumpets of the Resurrection. A visual reminder –better than eggs in my book- even chocolate ones- of what we really celebrate at Easter. Jesus died on a cross, separated from God, hated by most of those he came to save. It was a bitter time of betrayal and loss and it seemed to be the end of all hope for those who loved him. Yet three days later the whole mood was changed with the extraordinary, unprecedented, unbelievable news that what looked like defeat was actually glorious incredible victory over death and the powers of evil and that something quite new was beginning in his wake.

It is an extraordinary victory and one that offers to all of us a new tomorrow and a new life after death. Victory should be celebrated noisily and with brassy splendour and when I see the trumpets of the resurrection bobbing in the breeze it gladdens my heart.

Happy Easter to all.

Sarah



**NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.**

**Take some time to walk down to the Pocket Park, wander around the garden area and see the beautiful spring flowers and the trees coming back to life!**

Carry on through the copse and down to Jetty Field; sit on one of the benches and take in the superb view. It will be worth it!

We had a very successful work party morning on Saturday 28th February. 15 local volunteers gave up their time to work on a damp, cold morning! They worked very hard for three hours, tidying the area and planting Christmas roses. Others worked in the conservation/wild area clearing the undergrowth and disposing of it on a large bonfire. A large amount of scrap was also found; this as left over from when that area was an allotment. This was piled up and will be taken away in due course.

Our next work morning is on **SATURDAY 2ND MAY 9.00 TO 12.00. PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY AND COME ALONG. YOU WILL BE MADE VERY WELCOME!**

Work continues in the area, a fence between the copse and the wild area has been refurbished. We are starting to carry out an audit of all the trees so we can plan more effectively for the future. The ideas people sent in are being evaluated and costed. If you have any more- contact us via our Parish Clerk!

The allotments are looking very tidy and are ready for spring work and planting. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HAVING AN ALLOTMENT? If so then you must contact Bob. Cluett to get your name on the waiting list! **(01788 890630).**

**HEART START – SUCCESS!**  
**TWENTY-FIVE PEOPLE HAVE NOW ATTENDED THE HEART START COURSES!** There is another course planned for **WEDNESDAY, 15TH APRIL AT BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL.** If you are interested there may be one or two places left! You will need to hurry! If there is a demand for more training further courses may be arranged. The courses last two hours and are held in the evening. They are free and may help YOU save a life! **INTERESTED?** Ring Andrew Alsop **(01788 890826)**

## **Jenni's Jottings**

Just before I started this 'Jottings', I went up to The Green to see the eclipse. There must have been a couple of hundred people there including lots of children all dressed up for World Book Day. There were some huge telescopes which the owners very bravely let others look through. It was a truly memorable sight. Apart from the eclipse it was good to see so many villagers chatting together. This village Rocks!! As an extra bonus £87 was raised for the Air Ambulance Charity. I would like thank, on behalf of many of us, Richard Bailey and his pals for organising such a brilliant event. How about an evening of star gazing Richard?

I notice that the Peregrine Falcons are back on the Church Tower and hope that they raise youngsters again. I often see one sitting in a tree opposite to where I live, I expect he is choosing his next meal! We have a camera in a bird box on the side of the house. Billy blue tit has been snuggled in there all winter and now is 'modifying' the box ready for his nest. This involves chipping away at the entrance – Why when he managed to get in last year does he do that? I expect Frosty will know.

I would like to thank all those who sent me photographs for the cover of the magazine there were some fabulous ones. I want to create a folder of local pictures so please keep sending me pictures of the area or of local events.

I am sure you are all enjoying the beautiful spring flowers, in gardens, along pathways, on the towpath and in lots unexpected places. I walked through the little wood at the top of Jetty Field ( to avoid a dog that Bramble distrusts) and saw some lovely clumps of snow drops. Now is the time to split clumps up and to replant in groups of 5 or 6 so that they will form a carpet in years to come.

On this happy note I will leave you to enjoy (hopefully) this issue of the BVN. Let us all go joyfully MARCHing into APRIL (sorry I couldn't resist!!)

Jenni



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 Monday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

- 4.00pm - Prima Ballerinas 1 (8-9yrs)
- 4.30pm - Prima Ballerinas 2 (10-11yrs)
- 5.00pm - Pre-Syllabus Ballet (6-8yrs)
- 5.45pm - Pre-Primary Ballet (7-8yrs)
- 6.30pm - Primary Ballet (9-10yrs)
- 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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**EASTER SERVICES** at ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March - Messy Church Easter**  
 2pm-4.30pm Village Hall - *For children & families*

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday Procession**  
 11am - *Family Service*

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March - No Labels Worship**  
 6pm - *Led by the band & Roger Pearse*

**Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> April - From Passover to Eucharist**  
 Dinner & Worship

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Good Friday) - An hour at the cross**  
 2pm - *Solemn meditation and reflection with music*

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April - The Passion According to Mark**  
 5:30pm - *The whole story of the lead up to Easter. Readings & music, like a short Holy Week Version of 9 Lessons & Carols*

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday) - Easter Service**  
 11am - *Family Service with Communion & chocolate!*




BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL. KEEPING YOU INFORMED!

The chairman, Graham Newman, and committee of our village hall thought it would be a good idea to keep everyone informed about what is happening in connection with YOUR village hall.

First of all, we must thank **ALAN DENT** for his hard work and devotion during his five years as chairman. Alan has now stepped down and will be having a very well deserved rest and enjoying his travels around the world!

The library has been completely renovated. This has involved taking down the book shelves, relining the walls and completely redecorating the room. We now hope to replace the carpet and obtain some new chairs. Plans are now moving forward regarding the resurfacing the hall car park. This will be an extremely expensive task but one that does need doing!

Quotations are being sought for the replacement of the lighting in the main hall. It is hoped that we can replace the remaining old windows at some stage.

The committee would welcome suggestions and ideas from parishioners concerning the use and any further improvements for our village hall. Contact details and information regarding the hall can be found on the Braunston village website.

## Julie's Quote of the Month

**Life is like riding a bicycle,  
to keep your balance, you must  
keep moving**

**Albert Einstein**



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# BRAUNSTON CHURCH FETE

SATURDAY JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>

- On the Green from midday -

*Grand Raffle, BBQ, Antique Organ, Teas, Childrens' Fancy Dress, Antique Swing Boats, Bouncy Castle, Cake, Plant, Book & Handicraft Stalls & much more*

**Plus NEW for 2015**

Bring the pooch!



## Fun Dog Show!



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\*\*\* See next month's BVN for more details \*\*\*

If you are willing to help with any of the following at the Braunston Church Fete, please call Andrew Alsop on 01788 890 826 - your help will be greatly appreciated!



**Running a Stall, growing Plants,  
making Crafts, Tombola Prizes,  
making Cakes  
or helping in any other way!**

*Fete proceeds in aid of All Saints' Church, Braunston*



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We look forward to welcoming you on board!



## **The Royal British Legion - Braunston and District**

We are sad to report the death of our long time member David Streeton .The Legion were proud to provide a guard of honour at his funeral.

Our thoughts are with Pat Streeton and family.

Armed forces day service this year will be held at Barby Church on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Further details to follow..

The April luncheon will be at the White Lion Welton on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at midday.

The next meeting of the Branch will be at the Sporting Club Barby at 8.00 pm on 14th April.

Tony Saunderson  
Tel. No. 01788 890797

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DID YOU KNOW?**

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**CAN YOU CLICK IT? YES YOU CAN!!**

## BRAUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL INTRODUCTION TO A COUNCILLOR

HANNAH SMITH

I have lived in Braunston since when my family moved here when I was two years old. As a child I attended the village pre-school and then on to Braunston School. After moving here my grandparents, after several visits, also fell in love with the village and decided to move here too. My parents and grandfather still live in Braunston today. The experience of growing up in our beautiful village is one that I not only enjoyed but also wanted for my children. My husband and I decided to stay in Braunston and our two sons are both now at Braunston school and are very happy there.

Living in Braunston we are fortunate enough to have many wonderful facilities and organisations. I have been involved with several of the organisations in Braunston., including being a member of the preschool committee, co-running the Toddler Group, a trustee on the Village Hall committee and a short spell on the Friends of Braunston School committee.

I joined the Parish Council a few years ago and my areas of responsibility within the Parish are Welton Road, Maple Close and up to the A361

### **Braunston Village Gardens Association**

Gardening together in Braunston

2015 – Celebrating our Diamond Jubilee Year

#### **April Events**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 10am - Village Hall – COMMUNITY GARDENING** at the Jubilee Garden and Triangle. **National Gardening Week.**

**Sundays each week 11am to 12pm - Village Hall – GARDEN STORE OPEN**

Come along to the Garden Store and see what you can buy help your gardening year get off to a good start. Membership remains at 20p per year!

We are very happy to deliver for those people without transport.

#### **Other events**

Coach visit to **RHS Wisley Garden on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – please ring Kate on 890340 for more details and to reserve your seat.

**Open Gardens Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – if you are interested in opening your garden at this year's event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support please let Jean know by phoning 01788 890515 or by email at [dibben@btinternet.com](mailto:dibben@btinternet.com)

## 200 Club Results 2015

| Date       | Number | Winner        | Prize |
|------------|--------|---------------|-------|
| 26.02.2105 | 046    | K. Clark      | £50   |
| 05.03.2015 | 003    | P. Furniss    | £10   |
| 05.03.2015 | 141    | A. Billingham | £5    |
| 12.03.2015 | 175    | B. Berry      | £10   |
| 12.03.2015 | 023    | G. Taylor     | £5    |
| 19.03.2015 | 154    | A. Manning    | £10   |
| 19.03.2015 | 066    | S. Batchelor  | £5    |

### *Braunston Canal Society*

Over the past month members of Braunston Canal Society have turned out for two work parties which have seen the bank above Top Lock cleared adjacent to the visitors moorings , lockside vegetation cleared and litter removed, and maintenance carried out in the Stop House Garden. It has been particularly encouraging to welcome several new members and the signs are that the group will continue to attract fresh interest. We have been asked to carry out work outside of our adopted area and at the time of writing, the group will be engaged in a project to clear the overgrown path at the Welton end of Braunston Tunnel. It is clear that the Canal and River Trust holds our group in high regard using our members to carry out such work outside of our area. We are also attracting support from members of the Northamptonshire Inland Waterways Association.

The next scheduled work day in Braunston will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March when it is hoped members will start the task of painting the lock gates along the flight. See the link on the Braunston Village website for up to date details of this event and other forthcoming dates. New members will be made most welcome.

### **Health Walks**

- Put a Spring back in your step by coming along and joining in our Health Walks in the Village. Walks last approx 30/40 minutes finishing up at our Community Cafe.
- All are welcome but please wear suitable footwear as some walks will be across fields.
- Walks will start from outside the Community Cafe at 2pm on Fridays the 13th, 20th and 27th.
- Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)



## Hope and Homes for Children

The 28th. February was our Financial Year End  
Last Financial Year

Total money send to Hope and Homes    £3,050.00

This Financial Year

Money raised from Penny Pots in March    £ 63.56

This would not be possible without your continue support.  
So please keep filling those Penny Pots which are available  
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Thank you all so much  
Brenda Hobbs on behalf of  
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Wed. May 27th at 10.30am - returning 3.30pm

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to book your place

### **The Dick Herne Braunston History Society.**

Mark and Louise Vance gave a fabulous talk on “Medieval Armour and Weapons” at our society meeting on the 17th March. The talk used the local Wars of the Roses Battle of Northampton as the focus for this entertaining and absorbing presentation. The twenty five, very fortunate members of the society and guests were enthralled by the lively delivery that was illustrated with weapons and armour from that period of history. It was evident that the audience enjoyed the occasion as many stayed after 9.30 p.m. to ask questions and experience the feel of the rather brutal artefacts! Mark and Louise will certainly be on our list for inviting back to bring alive another aspect of history!

**REMINDER! Please do come along to our A.G.M. on 21st April in the village hall library at 7.30 p.m. There will be wine and “nibbles”, as well as a very warm welcome!**

#### **THE LATE DAVID STREETON**

Pat, Caroline and family would like to thank everyone for the cards, letters, telephone calls, donations, love and support so freely given to them during this extremely sad and difficult time. The number of people at the funeral service was beyond belief – thank you.

Grateful thanks too, to Revd. Sarah Brown for her guidance and great kindness, to Mr. Pat Milner for his help, and to the Braunston Branch of The Royal British Legion for their support.

What a wonderful ‘send off’ you gave my beloved husband – he would have been speechless.

Pat Streeton

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS APRIL 2015

| <b>Day</b> |    | <b>Time</b> | <b>Event</b>                                  |
|------------|----|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Wed        | 1  | 12:30       | Peace at lunchtime                            |
| Thu        | 2  | 19:00       | "From Passover to Eucharist Dinner & Worship" |
| Fri        | 3  | 14:00       | An hour at the cross                          |
| Sat        | 4  | 17:30       | Passion Narrative                             |
|            |    | 17:30       | Youth church                                  |
|            |    | 19:00       | Gospel Diva Concert - Ash                     |
| Sun        | 5  | 09:15       | Holy Communion Ash                            |
|            |    | 11:00       | Easter Family Service - with chocolate!       |
| Tue        | 7  | 09:00       | Morning prayer - Br                           |
| Wed        | 8  | 12:30       | Peace at lunchtime                            |
| Sat        | 11 | 17:30       | Youth church                                  |
| Sun        | 12 | 08:00       | Holy Communion Br                             |
|            |    | 09:15       | Morning Prayer Ash                            |
|            |    | 11:00       | Family Service Br                             |
| Mon        | 13 | 14:00       | Little Fishers                                |
|            |    | 19:30       | Healing Service                               |
| Tue        | 14 | 09:00       | Morning prayer - Br                           |
| Wed        | 15 | 12:30       | Peace at lunchtime                            |
| Sat        | 18 | 17:30       | Youth church                                  |
| Sun        | 19 | 08:00       | Holy Communion Br                             |
|            |    | 09:15       | Holy Communion Ash                            |
|            |    | 11:00       | Holy Communion & Junior Church Br             |
| Mon        | 20 | 14:00       | Little Fishers                                |
| Tue        | 21 | 09:00       | Morning prayer - Br                           |
| Wed        | 22 | 12:30       | Peace at lunchtime                            |
| Sat        | 25 | 17:30       | Youth church                                  |
| Sun        | 26 | 08:00       | Holy Communion Br                             |
|            |    | 09:15       | Breakfast Service Ash                         |
|            |    | 11:00       | Family Communion Br                           |
| Mon        | 27 | 14:00       | Little Fishers                                |
| Tue        | 28 | 09:00       | Morning prayer - Br                           |
| Wed        | 29 | 12:30       | Peace at lunchtime                            |

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS APRIL 2015

|           |                  |                                                                                                                          |
|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:                                                                           |
| Thursday  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:                                                                 |
| Monday    | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 10am Work Party with Playing Fields Association                                                                          |
| Tuesday   | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 W.I.                                                                                |
| Wednesday | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:                                                                           |
| Thursday  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:                                                                 |
| Monday    | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts:                                                                                          |
| Tuesday   | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 Dick Herne History Society; 20.00 Royal British Legion meeting at the Sporting Club |
| Wednesday | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:                                                                           |
| Thursday  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:                                                                 |
| Saturday  | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 10am – 11amCommunity Garden Village Hall                                                                                 |
| Monday    | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 14.30 Friendly Club                                                                                                      |
| Tuesday   | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 Dick Herne History Society A.G.M in the Village Hall                                |
| Wednesday | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga: Royal British Legion Lunch at White Lion 12 noon                          |
| Thursday  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:                                                                 |
| Friday    | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 17.10 Mobile Library                                                                                                     |
| Saturday  | 25 <sup>th</sup> | Cinema Club 'Pride'                                                                                                      |
| Monday    | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Explorer Scouts:                                                                                                         |
| Tuesday   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group                                                                                            |
| Wednesday | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:                                                                           |
| Thursday  | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo                                                                  |

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| Thursday              | 4.30 — 9.30  |
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A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'. The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?' The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

A little boy gets home from school and says, "Dad, I've got a part in the school play as a man who's been married for 25 years."  
His Dad replies, "Never mind Son. Maybe next time you'll get a speaking part."

## Braunston Village Gardens Association

Gardening together in Braunston  
2015 – Celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Year

April Events

Open 11.00 am till Noon every Sunday from 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015 at the  
Village Hall

We hope that you enjoy shopping locally for your composts, canes and much  
more. We are very happy to deliver for those people without transport.

### GARDEN STORE PRICE LIST 2015

| <i><b>Composts</b></i>                              |                      |       | <i><b>Fertilisers</b></i>         |      |           |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|------|-----------|-------|
| Product                                             | Quantity             | Price | Product                           | 1LB  | 7LB       | 14LB  |
| Compost – J A Bowers<br>multi purpose               | 50 litres            | £4.00 | Fish Blood &<br>Bone              | 0.60 | 3.00      | 5.00  |
|                                                     | per bucket           | £1.00 | Bonemeal                          | 0.60 | 3.00      | 5.00  |
| Compost – New<br>Horizon Peat Free multi<br>purpose | 50 litres            | £5.50 | Growmore                          | 0.70 | 4.00      | 7.00  |
|                                                     | per bucket           | £2.00 | Rose<br>Fertiliser                | 0.70 | 4.00      | 7.00  |
| Compost – Ericaceous                                | 50 litres            | £4.50 | Lawn Sand                         | 0.60 | 3.00      | 5.00  |
|                                                     | per bucket           | £2.00 | Lawn Food –<br>spring &<br>summer | 0.90 | 5.00      | 8.00  |
| Compost – John Innes<br>No.2 or No.3                | 20 litres            | £3.50 |                                   |      |           |       |
| Growbag                                             | For 3 or 4<br>plants | £2.00 |                                   |      |           |       |
| <i><b>Sundries</b></i>                              |                      |       |                                   |      |           |       |
| Bamboo Canes                                        | 8 ft                 | £0.50 | Garden String                     |      |           | 40p   |
| Tomorite                                            | 1.0 litre            | £3.80 | Doff Slug<br>Pellets              |      | 250gm     | £2.00 |
| Pelleted Chicken<br>Fertiliser                      | 4lb bag              | £2.00 | Bark Chips                        |      | 50 litres | £4.50 |

Prices as at 22/3/2015

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 11am- Village Hall – COMMUNITY GARDENING** at  
the Jubilee Garden and Triangle.

Please ring Kate on 890340 for more details about any of these events.

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**The Mobile Sight Centre will visit New  
Daventry on Wednesday 15th April  
10am—1pm**



### THE MOBILE LIBRARY

**The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall**

**On Friday 24th April**

**17.10 to 17.50**

## FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

| DATE             | EVENT                                         | ORGANISATION           |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>April</b>     |                                               |                        |
| <b>May</b>       |                                               |                        |
| 2nd              | Cider Festival, Hog Roast and Braunston Bakes |                        |
| 16th             | Picnic in the Park                            | Friends of Jetty Field |
| 16th             | Quiz in Village Hall                          | All Saints Church      |
| <b>June</b>      |                                               |                        |
| 6th              | Visit to RHS Garden, Wisley                   | BVGA                   |
| 6th              | Summer Fete                                   | All Saints Church      |
| 21st             |                                               |                        |
| 26th             | Folk Night in Village Hall                    | All Saints Church      |
| <b>July</b>      |                                               |                        |
| 17th             | Treasure Hunt                                 | All Saints Church      |
| <b>August</b>    |                                               |                        |
| 8th              | Musical Festival                              | The Admiral Nelson     |
| <b>September</b> |                                               |                        |
| 5th              | Braunston Show                                | BVGA                   |
| 12th             | Historic Ride & Stride                        | All Saints Church      |
| 19th             | Last Night of the Proms                       | All Saints Church      |
| 26th             | Fund Raising Day                              | Air Ambulance          |
| <b>October</b>   |                                               |                        |
| 5th              | Harvest Supper in Village Hall                | All Saints Church      |
| 17th             | Autumn Quiz                                   | All Saints Church      |
| 27th             | Garden Talk @ Cannons Ashby                   | BVGA                   |
| <b>November</b>  |                                               |                        |
| 14th             | Autumn Fayre                                  | All Saints Church      |
| 21st             | Friends Barn Dance                            | All Saints Church      |
| <b>December</b>  |                                               |                        |
| 10th             | AGM                                           | BVGA                   |
| 18th             | Christmas Extravaganza                        | All Saints Church      |

## Braunston Playing Field Association

*(a small group of volunteers looking after the village's field and playing facilities for everyone)*

The field and pavilion are going to need a bit of work soon to get them ready for the new season of activity, so if you can spare some time on Easter Monday (April 6th) at 10:00 to come down and help at a working session then we would love to see you there!

Jobs we would like to do on the day:

Litter Pick

Clean and tidy the pavilion

Level out the trench dug for the water supply

Check and clean the stream bed

Make a list of planned improvements

Check and tidy shrubs/trees

Replumb the showers (in plastic pipe this time!) ready for the electrician to install the units.

Add extra gutter supports to reduce sagging and overflows

We will have tea and coffee available for helpers and hopefully something to nibble on too.

News:

Fun Days (a pic-nic at the field with bouncy castle and field games for all) will again be the second Sunday of the month in May, June, July and September) at 2pm

We hope that 2015 will see the start of a local adult football team using the field (thanks to Liam from the Admiral Nelson for getting this under way)

We have joined the Time Bank so that volunteers can bank their time for the playing field.

We hope to see the circus again this year after its success last year

The skate park committee want the base to be started in the spring

What with this and our resident cricket team playing their regular fixtures the field is going to be busy again this year. If you miss the working day but would be happy to help with any of our jobs on a different day then please mail us on [bpfa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bpfa@hotmail.co.uk).





**Abigail Campbell  
District Councillor**

**Village life** We moved to Braunston from south London where we lived on a small estate with people who had lived there since the houses were built in the 1950s, newcomers like us, big families and single older people. Our neighbours were a Somali family; two doors down was a film-maker; above us were students. We loved the mix of people. We left to move to the Midlands and settled in Braunston because it was one of the few villages we looked at that seemed to have a similar mix, and sense of belonging. It's not a village in aspic. It's a living, working, changing place.

I love talking to Bob Bunn about the days when pub sing-songs round the piano were a weekly tradition in the village, just as I love going to Pete Lawrence's music gigs. I love learning from Jeanita Cooper about when the trees outside the Village Hall were planted and also helping to look after the Pocket Park. I enjoy hearing about the doughnuts that the Bakery (the Hovis sign will soon be back, I hear!) used to sell and I love buying pastries at Braunston Bakes.

I'm as proud of Braunston's history as I am of its present. Not everything is for everyone. And what we've got isn't perfect – there is no question that facilities for young people in Braunston could be better, for instance (and we're getting closer to getting a new play area and skatepark). But it seems to me we've got the mix of people, history and new ideas that keep a community thriving. And long may that continue.

**Buses** Stagecoach have agreed to continue the bus route up Ashby Road. The new bus stop on The Green is finally in use. Stagecoach and the County Council agree that this route best meets the needs of bus users in the village. They also agree that widening the road slightly at the base of Ashby Road would be very helpful but at the moment there are no funds to do this. In the meantime, they ask residents to park with care, and off-road wherever possible.

What worries me is that no-one seems to have a long-term plan for improving parking in our villages and in the town. Not only are bus companies threatening to withdraw routes, in some places emergency services haven't been able to reach homes because of parked cars. I have talked to the

Chief Executive of the District Council about the need for proper investment for parking solutions; he has suggested I lobby the Leader of Northants County Council. So, I will! And I'll let you know how I get on.

**Mickle Well Park** Outline planning permission was given last week for 450 houses, a primary school and community 'hub' opposite Middlemore, on the other side of the A361. This site is not in the development plan for the District, and there was significant local opposition, including from Welton and Braunston PCs and me. I argued the proposal was not close enough to the town to aid its regeneration, but that it would cause significant harm to the village of Welton, and the green space which sets apart the villages on the edge of Daventry from its urban landscape. I'm disappointed the committee disagreed and voted it through 5:4.

My next **Ward Walkabout** will be on Saturday 18 April 10-11 around School Close and Welton Road.

*With best wishes, Abigail*

### **Braunston Art Group**

We have been established now for 4 months and are an informal, very friendly group of individuals who enjoy getting together to paint or draw, once a week in the scout hut, on a Wednesday between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. The session is unstructured and does not involve tuition. All abilities and mediums are encouraged.

At present we have 6 active members and are keen to expand. New members will allow us to move venue to the library and keep costs down, which currently run at £7 per month per person.

If you fancy getting artistic in a social setting please contact me on 01788 890764 or e mail at [nick.strivens@btinternet.com](mailto:nick.strivens@btinternet.com)

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**CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS**

**Braunston Women's  
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**Next Meeting:-  
April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 in the Village  
Hall.**

This will be a fun evening with a  
Beetle Drive and lots of 'chin  
wagging!'

Contact Barbara on 01788  
890452

**Braunston Friendly  
Club**

**Next Meeting:-  
13<sup>th</sup> April.**

Sandy MacDonald will give us  
a talk and show some photo-  
graphs of her recent visit to Ka-  
zakhstan.

**27<sup>th</sup> April**

Tea and chat

Gill 890763

**Braunston Fishing Club  
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Braunston  
Leyla\_geric@hotmail.com**

**RAINFALL— 2014/2015**

| 2014 | 2015 |
|------|------|
| Jan  | 52.7 |
| Feb  | 31.0 |
| Mar  |      |
| Apr  |      |
| May  | 71.1 |
| Jun  | 45.7 |
| July | 37.6 |
| Aug  | 46.7 |
| Sep  | 7.6  |
| Oct  | 33.5 |
| Nov  | 68.2 |
| Dec  | 43.5 |

All in mms

Information provided by Rob  
Buckley

# Voluntary and Community Groups Funding Fair 2015

**2pm - 4pm Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015**  
**iCon Centre, Eastern Way, Daventry NN11 0QB**

**2.00pm**

Presentations

**How to write a successful grant application**  
**New funding stream for parish councils**  
**How one group raised £40,000 for their community project**

**2.45pm**

Funding information stalls open, including:

**Lloyds Bank, Midcounties Co-op, Daventry District Council,**  
**DDH Community Chest, Daventry Town Council,**  
**NCC Empowering Councillors Fund**

Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire will also be demonstrating  
how to use their web-based grant finding tool.

**3.45pm**

Prize draw

**A chance to win £250 for your community group**

**Free refreshments available throughout**

**To register, e-mail [info@daventryvolunteers.org.uk](mailto:info@daventryvolunteers.org.uk)**  
**or telephone 01327 300614**



### Frosty's Nature Notes – Here be dragons

This spring has been really good for populations of native amphibians. Braunston's dragons – you may know them as newts - are back in my favourite pond.

Most common is the smooth newt (*Lissotriton vulgaris*), our other small brown newt is the palmate (*Triturus helveticus*). Both rarely reach three or four inches (6-8cm).

Most spectacular of our tiny pond dragons is the great crested newt (*Triturus cristatus*). Just six or seven inches long, they are as impressive as any dragon in a story book. As a young boy I kept them in a fish tank. Today, this particular newt is one of the most protected animals in Britain and Europe. Locations are kept secret.

As our weather warms up, the black beasts with their fire bellies and their darting tongues have been doing their curious mating dance among the reeds and lily pads. The newts have dark grey-brown backs and flanks, and are covered with darker-coloured spots so they appear almost black. Their undersides are bright yellow or orange, with large black blotches. Only the males have a spectacular jagged crest, and only during the breeding season. Females have no crest, but have a yellow-orange stripe along the lower edge of their tails and often an orange stripe along their backs.



Look, there they are. The larger male is performing his courtship dance. He deposits a small packet of sperm in the path of the female. Then he swims sideways in front of her to gently encourage his chosen partner into a position where the packet will be pressed against and picked up by her cloaca - her sexual opening. It's sex Jim, but not how we know it.

Once fertilised, the female can start to lay two or three eggs a day for up to four months. That's 300 eggs, each one carefully wrapped in a leaf. The larvae or efts hatch after about three weeks, and then live in the pond as aquatic predators. Parent newts will have chosen the pond carefully. The efts have many predators and few young newts will survive to become adults. From October to early April, adult newts hibernate under logs and stones, or in the mud at the bottom of their breeding ponds. The newts normally return to the same breeding site each year, and can live as long as 25 years, but ten is more usual.

Their long-term survival is up to all of us.

### **Braunston Walkers - Saturday 14/03/2015 - Fawsley (9 miles)**

Eight intrepid walkers met up at Everdon (eventually!) to start a fantastic walk around stunning countryside, probably the best in scenery in the county. We took a footpath along the back of the lovely old church at Everdon into open country and followed field paths up and over hills in a south westerly direction with distant views up to Preston Capes with the huge house that used to be owned by Norman St John Stevas M.P. who used to appear on TV in "That was the Week that Was." Happily sucking Nigel's delicious pear drops we passed by the woodland of Kingsbrook Spinney to reach the road leading from Newnham to Preston Capes and the Knightley Way which goes 12 miles from Badby all the way to Greens Norton near Towcester. We turned right along the road passing an enclosure full of deer and then off left and uphill towards Fawsley. The path leads over fields with Fawsley hall and church revealing themselves in the distance. The weather was dry, cold and with sunny intervals further drying out the mud which would have made this undulating walk really difficult. We passed between the two large lakes and walked to the church to look around the old graveyard which includes graves of servants of the Knightley family including several newish ones that belonged to a local farming family. The old church has many interesting features and tombs to members of the Knightley family whose ancestor Richard Knightley, was a Staffordshire lawyer who built the hall and created the beautiful landscape park in 1416. After the church we puffed and panted our way uphill to reach the high point where we paused to look back over the magnificent countryside. We followed the path downhill through Badby Woods with bluebell plants peeking out waiting for a bit of warmth, down to the village and our lunch stop at The Windmill where we were soon ensconced over pints of beer brewed in nearby Litchborough and very tasty sandwiches. Really good and of course, highly recommended. After an all too short lunch we had to climb back uphill retracing our steps and then follow the path downhill and then steeply uphill over Everdon Hill to reach the cars back at Everdon. This really is a magnificent local walk and even with all the hills, well worth the effort, a great day out.

Our next walks, some real stunners, are as follows:

25<sup>th</sup> April Weston and Helmdon (11 miles), 16<sup>th</sup> May Compton Verney (10 miles)



**ALL SAINTS' HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND**  
**DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**  
**APRIL 2015**

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) approved our Final Payment Request/ Completion Report for the end of the project's Development Phase. Their final payment for this work has now been sent to us.

There was then a frustrating delay in our obtaining access to the HLF on-line forms for our Second Round Submission caused by software problems on their system. However, these were eventually overcome and we were able to complete our submission on 9<sup>th</sup> March together with supporting documents. We are now awaiting HLF approval of our application.

In parallel with the above work we submitted our request for a faculty to Peterborough Diocese allowing us to carry out the restoration works. We are expecting the faculty to be granted any day now.

Until we have the above two approvals we cannot authorise our contractor to start work. The contractor needs 4 weeks to mobilise staff and materials. So it is now more likely that work will start on site late April/early May with a 26 week programme to completion.

Whilst waiting for approvals we have been submitting further requests for grant aid to various charitable Trusts. These were Trusts which would only consider applications once we had received tenders for the work. Since we also need to replace our PA system and review our church heating, all contributions will be welcome!

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## **A new local community website for Daventry**

Streetlife, the local social network, has a simple aim: to help people make the most of where they live by connecting with their neighbours. The website provides a free and easy place to share local news, views, recommendations and resources, enabling people with busy routines or reduced mobility to keep in touch with their community. Conversations on Streetlife have helped reunite lost pets, expose doorstep scammers, save threatened public services and recall local history. The site is also encouraging real-world friendships, with neighbours sharing gardening equipment, IT advice etc, organising craft groups, street parties and book clubs. Streetlife has just launched across Daventry and everyone – residents, groups, local government representatives and businesses – is invited to share their knowledge, discuss the local issues they care about, and help build a stronger, better connected community. Get Involved!

Sign up at [www.streetlife.com](http://www.streetlife.com) with your postcode and email address.



**The Gongoozler's Rest  
Cafe Boat**

***Moonwalk Challenge***

Avril and the Gongoozler girls will be walking 26.2 miles for breast cancer in London on May the 16th. Marathon training is now underway so you may see us pounding the streets of Braunston!

With breast cancer now affecting 1 in 8 women we feel it is a very worthy cause, so if you feel you can please sponsor us on board or on 'the walk the walk' web site under Gongoozler Team:  
[www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/network/fundraisers](http://www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/network/fundraisers)

There will be a fund raising disco 11<sup>th</sup> April in the village hall 7pm to 11.30pm. If anyone can help us with music and/or food please call ...

*Tickets available from the boat £5.00 each. 07940 973529*

## VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

| CLUB                                | CONTACT                                      | PHONE 01788                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Angling Club                        | Chris Miller                                 | 891938                     |
| Amy Cadet Force                     | David A Hurley                               | 890095                     |
| Bell Ringers                        | Peter Wenham                                 | 891935                     |
| Braunston Canal Society             | Nick Strivens                                | 890764                     |
| Braunston Cinema Club               | Sandy Mac Donald                             | 891488                     |
| Braunston Players                   | Chris Grossart                               | 890491                     |
| Braunston Singers                   | Jacqui Lancaster                             | 891018                     |
| Braunston Walkers                   | Phillip or Ray                               | 891437 / 891384            |
| Church Choir                        | John Viggars                                 | 0247667 9967               |
| Conservation Group                  | Pat Herlihy                                  | 890590                     |
| Cricket Club                        | Simon Stapley                                | 890475                     |
| Fishing Club                        |                                              |                            |
| Friendly Club (for over 60's)       | Gill Powell                                  | 890763                     |
| Friends of Braunston School         | R. Undy                                      | 07814695160                |
| All Saints' Kids Club Sunday School | Revd, Sarah                                  | 890298                     |
| The Dick Heme Braunston Histor Soc. | Annie Rogers                                 | 891179                     |
| B V G A                             | Kate Mawer                                   | 890340                     |
| Braunston Primary School            | Sue Rigby                                    | 890494                     |
| Playing Fields Assn.                | Alison Coleman<br>Wendy Wilson<br>Louis Prat | 891096<br>890348<br>890766 |
| Little Fishers                      | Veronica Smith                               | 899155                     |
| Pre-School                          |                                              | 01788 891891               |
| Royal British Legion                | Colin D White                                | 890390                     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Braunston Scouts    | Steve Rolt                                   | 0795668273                 |
| Explorer Scouts Boys & Girls        | Jo Longworth                                 | 0795192659                 |
| Beavers for Boys and Girls          | Joan Bishop                                  | 01327878178                |
| Scouts for Boys & Girls             | Stuart Muddiman Via Steve                    | 0795668273                 |
| Cub Scouts for Boys and Girls       | David Coleman                                | 07796 336985               |
| Short Mat Bowls                     | Alan & Mavis Eley                            | 890011                     |
| Adult Tap Classes                   | Julia Beattie                                | 890488                     |
| Toddler Group                       | Mandy Byrne                                  | 07530 947159               |
| Twinning Association                | Eric Baker 565617                            | 07724 123363               |
| Village Hall Committee              | Leyla Clayson                                | 899138                     |
| Women's Institute                   | Barbara Bury<br>Sue Goodchild                | 890452<br>891806           |
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