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Spring on the canal

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REGISTERS FOR MARCH

ASHBY

Holy Matrimony

March 19th Rebecca Goodyear & Neil Terry

BRAUNSTON

Funerals

March 29th Pelham Cole

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

PARISH PAGE



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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 7.30

4th April Full Council Meeting
9th May Full Council Meeting

**All Agendas and Minutes are available on the
Braunston Website**

FLOODLIGHTING 2016

March's floodlighting so far

6th March - Cliff Allcott. Sadly not here for his 70th birthday.

Missed by his family.

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

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

20th March - * For Richard, with love on his birthday

22nd March - My Birthday

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

3rd April - * Happy Birthday Pat

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

8th April - * In Memory of Anna.

9th April - * Happy Birthday Rosemary

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

17th April - * **Janet & Alan Atack's 45th Wedding Anniversary**

19th April (Primrose Day) - * In loving memory of my wonderful parents, Alan and Nancy Matthews, on this their 73rd Wedding Anniversary. Rest in Peace,
together again

26th April - * Julie's Birthday

* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received
before the BVN Deadline – 20th March 2016

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Everything in your life is a reflection of a choice you
have made,
If you want a different result make a different choice.



SARAH'S LETTER

On good news for Braunston

My husband really likes the following joke. I can't think why- but it gives me a useful lead in to an important piece of news for Braunston so I'll give him his moment:

A certain woman went into hospital for a minor operation. After her surgery she was in quite a lot of discomfort so she was given some strong medication for the pain. Very soon afterwards her husband arrived to visit and as he walked in he met a nurse just leaving his wife's room.

"How is she?" asked the concerned husband in hushed tones.

"Well, she's a little dopey," said the nurse.

"Oh, I know that!" said the husband. "I mean, how is she health-wise?"

Ever since I arrived here almost five years ago I have been aware that health-wise there are a lot of people in Braunston who struggle with physical, mental, social and spiritual health issues. Cancers and low level mental health problems loom large as do bereavement and family problems. Some people have supportive neighbours and families. Others do not. Because Braunston is only part of my ministry I just about manage to fight the pastoral fires- the urgent things- but my ability to love and care for the chronically ill, the lonely, the long-term depressed, even among the regular church congregation let alone in the wider village, is pitiful. I prioritise those without close family but I find this distressing because my calling is to show God's love to ALL God's people and I barely scratch the surface.

For two years the church has been trying to suss out how to serve the community better- how to love and support those in need at any given time. The café and car initiatives are part of that response and the glory of those is that they are delivered and owned by the whole village.

We are slowly building a visiting team but it takes time. So I am delighted that All Saints' has been given a grant to employ a Parish Nurse for two days a week for three years. We hope to recruit the right person for Braunston at the end of the summer.

Our parish nurse will spend time with those with health issues and look at all dimensions of human health. He or she will be a practicing registered nurse, who is also an active Christian, so in a great position to help people access mainstream healthcare provision while providing practical and prayerful care and a listening ear. This is unapologetically a church initiative and prayer may be offered (but may also be declined! This is for everyone not just church people.)

Whatever your feelings about church and faith I hope you see this as good news for Braunston. I'm really excited by it (albeit a little dopey!) and will keep you posted on progress

Every blessing, Sarah

PS. If you want to know more about Parish nursing look online at www.parishnursing.org.uk

NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD

The Friends of Braunston Pocket Park have, once again, generously financed some more projects. A gate has been installed in the fence at the bottom of the Conservation Area so that easier access can be gained for those approaching the area from the back of the Archer Avenue houses. It will also give access to any jobs that need to be done in the ditch. The fence damaged by the tree falling on it during the high winds will now be repaired in the near future. In the next few weeks you will also notice a picnic table will have been installed half way up the main field where the two footpaths cross. This will be made of metal and set in concrete. It is designed to have wheel chair or push chair access at the table. We hope people using the Pocket Park will enjoy sitting there to enjoy the view, have a picnic or to rest a while! If it is a success we hope to add one or two more around the field!

Dennis has been continuing to work in the wooded areas. He has been removing the ivy from around the trees and tidying up, where necessary.

Please keep clearing up after your dogs and continue to encourage others to do the same. We are still faced with the problem of dog mess in our beautiful Pocket Park. It does spoil the enjoyment of being able to wander about the area and children love to play and run about!

We hope you continue to make good use of this fantastic village amenity. The Parish Council and the volunteers who work to maintain this wonderful asset want to keep improving it for the benefit of everybody!

JENNI'S JOTTINGS

Happy April everyone. I hope you are not too full of Easter eggs to read this edition of the BVN. Sadly I am allergic to chocolate, but have to indulge sometimes—it would be rude not to!

As I write this it is the 1st day of Spring and the sun did peep out earlier. The village is looking beautiful, I love the spring flowers probably best of all. They are so cheerful. Sadly the dog mess problem seems to be worse at the moment, I think it must be a few 'naughty people' as most people I meet on my walks with Bramble do pick up.

I have met two new puppies in the village this month, Jacob and Messy, I am sure you will meet them trotting round the village before long, it makes me very tempted to get a friend for Bramble.

Chris & I gave a days gardening in the Auction of Promises last year and now that the ground is drying out we hope to do it very soon. We will be spending the day at Bragbrough Hall in their lovely walled garden, really looking forward to it.

I am so pleased the Little Fishers is starting up again, if you are a mum or dad with littlies why not go along and join in the fun and games.

On a sad note, due to lack of interest the Street Party for the Queen's 90th Birthday will not happen. I would like to thank Louis Prat for trying to get this off the ground.

Enjoy the coming month whatever you are doing, and if it is something good why not let me know and you can have a 'spot' in next month's edition.



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4.30pm - 5.00pm	

Friday

Pro Sylphides Ballet (5-6 yrs)	Gymnastics (all ages)
5.30pm - 5.45pm	Solo Dance & Modern (8 year+)
Primary Ballet (7 yrs+)	5.30pm - 6.30pm
6.30pm - 7.15pm	Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+)
7.30pm - 7.45pm	7.45pm - 8.00pm
Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+)	Grade 4 Ballet (12 yrs+)
7.45pm - 8.00pm	7.15pm - 8.15pm
Adult Ballet (no exp req)	
8.15pm - 8.30pm	

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Braunston Community Café Grants

During 2015 a total of **£4000** was made available from the surpluses of Your Café for the Community Café Steering Group to allocate to village societies for projects.

A total amount of £1890 has been paid out so far, across 7 different societies and groups operating within the village:

- Braunston Friendly Society
- Braunston Scouts
- Braunston Pocket Park
- Braunston Cinema Club
- Braunston Football Club
- Wheatsheaf Ladies Skittles Club
- Dick Herne Braunston History Society

We have a couple of applications in the pipeline and we have around **£1500** still available for allocation from the 21015 surpluses; we also expect more funds to become available during 2016. We are keen to support specific projects, something tangible e.g. purchasing equipment or other capital items, not running costs.

The application form is available on the Braunston Village website (link to Your Café is top right of home page).

<http://www.braunston.org.uk/org.aspx?n=Braunston-Village-Community-Cafe>

So please do submit your applications to our Treasurer, Judith Sykes at Checkley Close, 69 High Street or via email to judith.mortimersykes@btinternet.com for our committee to consider.

Revd. Sarah
Chair of Community Café Steering Group

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Only 200 tickets will be on sale and entry will be ticket only, purchased in advance.

**Details of ticket sales will be in the MAY B.V.N. £10 EACH.
 (£8 for "The Friends of All Saints' Church")**

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY! AN OCCASION NOT TO MISSED

BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

Sat 30th April at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall

“Suffragette”

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BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION

Gardening together in Braunston

APRIL

NEW

EVENTS

Sunflower competition for 5 to 14 year olds.

Grow your own sunflower and see who grows the tallest by Saturday 3rd September. Judging will take place at Braunston Show. So plant some sunflower seeds now and look for more information in the BVN and on posters around the

Thursday 14th April 7.30pm – Village Hall – Planning Meeting – all welcome

Sunday 17th April 10am - Village Hall – COMMUNITY GARDENING at the Jubilee Garden and Triangle. National Garden Week.

Sundays in April 11am to 12pm - Village Hall – GARDEN STORE OPEN

Sunday openings that will continue through to 29th May. We hope that you will enjoy shopping locally for your composts, canes and much more.

We are happy to deliver for those people without transport.

Please see our webpage for more details. <http://www.braunston.org.uk/bvga>

Other events

Saturday 21st May 9am to 11.30am – Village Hall – PLANT SALE.

We will be selling perennials, shrubs and bedding plants as well as helping with gardening advice and offering refreshments with bacon butties. If you have plants that the BVGA can add to their stall then please bring them along on the morning between 8.30 and 9.00am. Call Kate 890340.

Tuesday 24th May 6.15pm Canons Ashby Garden Tour – Pre booking essential.

A guided tour led by the Canons Ashby gardeners. Please contact Kate 890340 to reserve a place and any additional information. The fee of £10 includes the cost of the tour and refreshments afterwards. We are able to provide lifts to Canons Ashby for those without transport and to reduce the number of cars.

Braunston Front Gardens and Container Competition 2016



Did you know that every year a gardening judge visits Braunston and awards prizes for gardens, hanging baskets and containers?

This unique competition is free to enter without entry forms as everywhere in the village is viewed from the public high-

Businesses – an opportunity for great publicity because there are two competitions dedicated to you.

Millennium Cup (on the High Street) and **Dennett Cup** (not on the High Street).

The BVGA will contact you in the near future to develop ideas

Residential
Competition -
Gardens



Residential
Competition
Containers

Last year the judge said of the residential winners

A lovely display of colours but more than just a summer garden.
A clever grouping of containers to the back and front filling a small space.

Also the judge thanked all those in the village who may not have won prizes but who brighten the village by their gardening efforts

The Braunston Village Gardens Association (BVGA) can be contacted on 890340 or via the Braunston website.

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS APRIL 2016

Day		Time	Event A = Ashby B = Braunston
Fri	1	19:00	Sung Compline
Sat	2	17:30	Youth church
Sun	3	09:15	Holy Communion A
		11:00	11 am Parish Communion B
		18:30	Evensong - B
Tue	5	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	6	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
		15:15	WOW planning meeting
Sat	9	17:30	Youth church
Sun	10	08:00	Holy Communion B
		09:15	Morning Prayer A
		11:00	Family Service B
Mon	11	13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	12	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	13	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
		15:30	WOW
Sat	16	17:30	Youth church
Sun	17	08:00	Holy Communion B
		09:15	Holy Communion A
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church B
Mon	18	13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	19	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	20	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	23	17:30	Youth church
Sun	24	08:00	Holy Communion B
		09:15	Breakfast Service A
		11:00	Family Communion B
		18:00	No Labels Worship
Mon	25	13:30	Little Fishers
Mon	25	19:00	Ashby APCM
Tue	26	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	27	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
		15:30	WOW
Sat	30	17:30	Youth church

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS 2016

Monday	4th	19.30 Council Meeting: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	5th	13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers: 19.30 Royal British Legion: 19.30 W.I.
Wednesday	6th	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	7th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Monday	11th	Friendly Club Lunch: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	12th	13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers: 20.00 Royal British Legion Meeting
Wednesday	13th	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	14th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo: BVGA Planning Mtg
Saturday	16th	19.00 Quiz Night in Village Hall
Sunday	17th	Community Gardening
Monday	18th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	19th	13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers: History Society AGM
Wednesday	20th	Royal British Legion Lunch: 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	21st	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Friday	22nd	Fishing Club Bingo
		17.10 Mobile Library
Monday	25th	14.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	26th	13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers:
Wednesday	27th	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	28th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Saturday	30th	Fishing Club Bingo
		Cinema Club

THE DICK HERNE HISTORY SOCIETY

The society had a wonderful evening on Tuesday 15th March when an audience of nearly 50 people heard an excellent talk by Lorna York entitled “Canal Boat Families”. Lorna’s knowledge, backed up by very interesting archive photographs, gave a vivid impression of her family and their life over the past few hundred years on the canals of England.

Please remember that we have our A.G.M on Tuesday 19th April at 7.30 in the Gaillie Room of the Village Hall. Wine and nibbles and a warm welcome are guaranteed. Please do come along and support Your local history society. Find about our exciting programme for 2016—2017

All Saints’ Church Braunston – Church Fete

SATURDAY 11TH JUNE 12.00 P.M. TO 4.00 P.M. ON THE VILLAGE GREEN.

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - BRAUNSTON AND DISTRICT

The Branch will be joining The RAF Association for a talk to be given on Barnes Wallis by a relative. This will cover his career.

The talk will be given on Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm at the Ex Servicemens Club, Hillmorton Road , Rugby .

All are welcome. Please arrive several minutes before the start.

The April luncheon will be held on the 20th at The Sporting Club Barby at Midday. All are welcome.

The next meeting of the Branch will be also at the Sporting Club on Tuesday 12th April at 8.00pm.

Tony Saunderson
Tel. No. 01788 890797

NAB visit to Braunston

NAB is also extending its coverage of the Mobile Unit by arranging a series of visits to villages in the county from May 2016. The unit will be found in the following Northants villages on Tuesday May 10th .
Braunston,Kilsby and Barby, between 10.00am and 3.00pm More details of the exact location and specific times of the visits will be available next month .

BRAUNSTON WALKERS

Walk Norton Dodford Weedon (c.9 miles)

Eleven intrepid souls met up at the village hall for the short drive to Norton and our starting point by the old church. We set off back along the Daventry road at a blistering pace thanks to Daxa, Sandra and Debbie being on a mission to get to the pub. We turned left to reach the bridle way which goes up and down like a roller coaster towards Dodford. (the uphill bits seemed much steeper on the way back as we were full of Everards Beer and crumble and custard) The beauty of this walk is that despite our recent wet weather and a recce when we battled horizontal rain courtesy of hurricane Ariadne, this is a metalled lane with no mud. After a pause to enjoy sweets courtesy of Nigel we walked past a stunted windmill that the villagers in Norton had campaigned for to be hidden from the village, it worked as it is short and tucked below the brow of a hill. We also came across several large concrete plinths that would have held anchor points for radio aerials like the Burrough Hill mast that we could see on top of the hill to our right. At the farm on the lane we saw the glass sphere used as a summer house in the garden. It stands on top of a hill with fantastic views all around. The bridle way drops downhill to reach and run parallel with, the old disused railway that used to connect Weedon with our very own Braunston, we turned right on a track under the old railway and then left to cross the busy main west coast line with Virgin trains thundering by at impossible speeds although I guess compared with HS2 they are really quite pedestrian. The path leads down to join the Grand Union Canal muddy towpath to Bridge Street in Weedon where we left the canal onto a path called Puddle Bank with the canal towering above us on one side and the main West Coast railway on the other bringing home how transport links are such a part of Weedons' history. Reaching the old stone Church we paused to enjoy the banks of snowdrops in the church yard before going in the surprisingly spacious old church for a look. We walked past the village hall with a full car park and needing a comfort break Nigel and Bharat went inside. When they finally re-emerged, they told us that the hall was filled with 24 couples about to get married who were having a collective blessing and preparatory day. Nigel and Bharat were pressed into singing along a hymn something like "further on along the road" a very apt theme for a walking group. Bharat in particular was asked to bless the forthcoming unions and dispense advise like a wise and itinerant Maharishi. It could only happen to them and you really can't make this stuff up!

Our lunch stop, which by now was becoming urgent, was the splendid Plume of Feathers. It's an excellent pub in the heart of Weedon and we were soon tucking into excellent food and quaffing pints of Everards ale. Not satisfied with just that some of our members ordered delicious

crumble, tarts and custard. All really good and of course highly recommended. But there was a walk to do, so dragging ourselves away from the roaring fire we rebooted and set off along Ordnance Lane a footpath running below the old Ordnance depot, a former Napoleonic War era Military base established in 1803. It was a small arms depot for the British army and the canal had an arm running into it through a portcullis. There was also a rail link built directly into the depot with the coming of the railway. It was built at a time when there was a real threat that Napoleon could have invaded. There is a silver lining though in that without the army depot the magnificent Plume of Feathers may not have been built along with lots of other pubs in the village to keep the troops amused. We left the Weedon on a muddy footpath called Ordnance Lane and although it was the only real stretch of mud it felt like quicksand and we had to do a body count after the mud to make sure we hadn't lost anyone! We followed a farm road to cross the A45 then retraced our steps through Dodford and back to Norton on the delightful Bridal way with super views all around back to the cars, home and a refreshing cuppa.

Our next walks are as follows:

19th March – Eydon, 16th April – Braunston Cleve, 21st May – Hook Norton,
18th June – The Stiperstones



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Badby Village Hall	– Wednesday 10am
Reach for Health Gym, High March, Daventry	– Thursday 5.55pm

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Would Anybody Consider becoming a Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council is up for re-election this May with all 12 Councillors having come to the end of their term. The Parish Council has tried to continue to improve the quality of life in the village by supporting new projects, meeting its responsibilities for things like street lighting and, where appropriate, lobbying the District or County Council to take action. We hope you think that we have done this effectively, but in order to continue to do so, the Council needs to be representative of the whole village.

We know that a large number of people across the parish contribute in lots of ways to the life of the village, by volunteering in clubs and societies, by joining Neighbourhood Watch, Community Speed Watch and other organisations as well as helping neighbours and friends. If you are one of these, or someone with a view on what the Council should do and how it should do it, we hope you will consider standing for election in May.

Some of the current Councillors may decide to stand again, but it would be great for the village if we had an election to decide who the new Councillors will be and any resident who is on the electoral role is eligible to stand. The nomination papers are now available and advice on how to complete them will be available. If you are interested, do go on the Village <http://www.braunston.org.uk/> or Daventry District Council websites for more information or keep an eye on the Parish noticeboard by the bus stop seat on the Village Green. Completed papers have to be submitted to the Returning Officer at the District Council by 4pm on Thursday, April 7th 2016.

If you want to find out more about what being a Councillor means, do speak to one of the current Councillors, whose contact details are at the front of the BVN.

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Pete Morgan Chair,
On behalf of the Braunston Parish Council

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FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
April		
9th	Murder Mystery	Braunston Players
16th	Braunston Bakes	
23rd	Table Top Sale	Twinners
May		
21st	Plant Sale	BVGA
	Cannons Ashby Garden	
24th	Tour	BVGA
June		
5th	French Trip	Twinners
11th	Church Fete	All Saints Church
July		
2nd	Braunston Bakes	
24th	Jazz at Bragborough Hall	All Saints Church
August		
6th	Music Festival	The Admiral Nelson
27th to 29th	Arts & Crafts Festival	All Saints Church
September		
17th	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints Church
	Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day	

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Hope and Homes for Children

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£ 936.66

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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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Tel 01788 899086

TAP DANCING CLASSES

The Tap Dancing classes will now be held on
Wednesdays at 8.30 in Welton Village Hall during school
term times

Julie Beattie ISTD Imperial Ballet Faculty Co-ordinator
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Braunston Village Gardens Association Sunflower Competition for 5 to 14 year olds.



Tallest Sunflower competition for 5 to 14 year olds.

Open to all children who

- live in Braunston or
- go to Braunston School or
- go to any Braunston organisation or
- have grandparents who live in Braunston.

**Grow your own sunflower and see who grows
the tallest by Saturday 3rd September.**

Judging will take place at Braunston Show.

- Read all the instructions and decide whether you are going to plant your sunflower in the ground or in a pot.
- Plant any sunflower seed you choose.
- Look after it by watering it and feeding it. Also, in the early days, keep pests off it like pigeons and slugs.
- Bring your sunflower to Braunston Show on
- **Saturday 3rd September** so that it can be measured for height and see if you win the prize.

By entering you will also gain points towards the trophy for your age category at The Show.



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Macmillan Cancer Support

On behalf of the Daventry Supporters for Macmillan Cancer Support so many thanks are due to the Braunston community for their support in 2015 – almost £2000 – from the Open Gardens Day, the collecting box in the Old Plough and Avril and her crew at the Gongoozlers' Rest. The proceeds from the bags of Swan and Duck food alone bring in such large regular amounts, those of us land lubbers wonder how the fat little creatures can continue swimming! I hope it will please everyone to know that all the contributions are spent locally to assist cancer patients. Thank you so much.

John Birch and Meryl Nicholls

Robert Moores' Funeral

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Braunston Women's Institute Next Meeting:-

Tuesday 5th April at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

An interesting talk by Mr D Larkin on Flowers & Butterflies of the English Countryside

Contact Barbara 01788 890452



Braunston Friendly Club

Next Meetings:-

Monday April 11th
A pub lunch. Details to Follow

Monday April 25th

2.30 in the Gaillie Room of the Village Hall. Kate Mawer will talk about the History of a Braunston House

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TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL CALL:-
Mrs Leyla Clayson
62 High Street
Braunston
Leyla_geric@hotmail.com

RAINFALL— 2014/2015

	2015	2016
Jan	52.7	71.8
Feb	31.0	37.2
March	25.1	
April	14.1	
May	45.2	
June	24.5	
July	47.8	
Aug	43.5	
Sept	33.2	
Oct	47.9	
Nov	61.3	
Dec	72.2	
Total	498.5mm	
	or 19.6 ins!!	

Information provided by Rob Buckley

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL KEEPING YOU INFORMED

It has been good to see that the Braunston youth club has started up again providing somewhere for the younger generation to meet and have a good evening. The Braunston pre-school are also going to be doing a trial after Easter on extended hours and we are looking forward to seeing the hall getting used more. We have had to say goodbye to Mrs Beattie and her tap dancing class and we would like to wish her luck.

We have had to say goodbye to Andrew Alsop as our secretary and thank him for everything he has done not only as part of this committee but the village in general. We would like to wish Andrew and his lovely wife Ingrid the very best of luck in their new adventure and we will be sorry to see you both leave. If you are interested in joining the committee, please get in touch with our Chairman Graham Newman on 01788 890143.

We would also like to remind people that the village hall is available to hire for various events including parties. If you are interested in making a booking please contact Leyla Clayson at 62 High Street or email leyla.geric@hotmail.com

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 starting and 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 every Friday

Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

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RON HOUGH – 1934 – 2015

Canal boat painter and sign writer who was a CUT above the rest

The death of canal boat painter and sign writer Ron Hough, on 11th December, 2015, marked the passing of last of those master craftsmen who had both painted the old working boats in the twilight of canal carrying, and brought that tradition into the new era of canal leisure boating.

Ron was born on 3rd October, 1934 in Birmingham, into a family of working boatmen, who worked for the great canal carriers, Fellows Morton & Clayton. But Ron was born in a house and not on the canal, Ron was the youngest of four children.

Ron's parents had married in 1921, and separated shortly after his birth – they did not divorce because it was all too much for the illiterate boatmen. His mother moved 'on the bank' as the boatmen would say, to the canal village of Braunston because she wanted her children to have a proper education in the village school. She would have had first hand knowledge of the village and that school, as she and her husband most probably took part in the famous Boatmen Strike of 1923, which lasted 14 weeks from the 13th August, during which 46 children of boating families were enrolled at the village school.

At about the age of 16, Ron began working for canal carriers and boat-builders, Samuel Barlow in its Braunston yard, as an apprentice working in boat building and repairs. But he was soon attracted to the yard's tradition for boat painting, especially that of its foreman, the legendary Frank Nurser, who took him under his wing, in his remaining years there, until he retired in 1952. By then, Ron was master of his trade, and on his return from National Service, he became self-employed, working around the waterways, including Samuel Barlow in its dying days, and the new world of canal leisure boating, mainly focussed on Michael Streat's Blue Line Cruisers, which took over Samuel Barlow's Yard in 1962. When necessary Ron would turn his hand to being a house painter and decorator.

Ron continued working as a canal painter into his seventies. His charge-rates were modest, as he had all he needed to live on, and liked working. In 2002, he painted the restored wooden narrowboat Raymond, for the Friends of Raymond. He told them how happy he was to be painting the Samuel Barlows livery again, after a break of so many years: it was the livery on which he was trained, and the one that he thought was the finest on the Cut.

Ron was married in Braunston Church in 1958 to a London girl, Yvonne. He had met her walking the village towpath, when she had come up to visit her

sister, who in WWII had served in the Women's Land Army in the Braunston area, and had married a Braunston man and settled there. When Ron and Yvonne married, she was only 18. They went on to have three children. The marriage was to last little short of sixty years, and Ron's first great grandchild was born only days after his death.

Ron was buried in Braunston church yard, only a short distance from his mentor Frank Nurser, and the many working boatmen and women also buried there,

Ironically, despite Ron's parents being working boatmen, and his painting working and leisure canal boats for over sixty years, he never had his own boat, he very occasionally went boating with a village friend, and only for the day, Ron Hough never spent a night afloat.

Tim Coghlan

Photograph: Ron Hough painting the recently restored Raymond in 2002.
(Photograph by Peter Andrews of the Friends of Raymond.)



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Growing up in the 1940's Continued

by Peter Andrews

By Easter 1943 the bombing had stopped. I was getting a bit old for the Primary School and so my parents sent me on to the Junior School at Highgate. All went well for a year but in the Summer of 1944 Hitler launched his first Vengeance Weapon – the V1 or doodle-bug. Unlike the blitz in which the raids were mainly for a few hours each night, the V1s came on and off throughout the day. At first we all went to the shelter when the sirens sounded and stayed hours until the all-clear went. This clearly caused multiple problems for the teaching schedule – especially at exam time! The school hit on a bright idea. They stationed a lookout on top of the main school building with a super view over London. When the sirens went we ignored them and carried on with our lessons as usual. When the lookout saw a V1 heading in our direction the school bells were sounded and we all scampered for the shelter.

One day when we were in the shelter there was a big bang and we knew something had happened. Twenty minutes went by before we were told to go carefully to our classrooms, collect belongings from our desk and go home. A V1 had landed on the school field and we got three days extra holiday while they cleared up the mess and replaced all the windows. That was the second time that Hitler had failed to get me.

Getting to and from school was not easy, it was a 5 mile journey by bus or tube train. You could sometimes hear a V1 coming – that was OK. It was when the noise of their jet engine stopped and they were about to dive to the ground that action was needed. There were times when I ducked under a bus or train seat or, when walking or from the train station, just dropped to the ground and waited for the bang.

The V1s were soon replaced by the V2s – rockets fired high into the sky. These did have one advantage – there was no warning of their arrival and so no time was wasted in the shelters. One day I was standing in our dining room talking to mother when there was a bright flash like lightening - but this was a sunny day. I knew that light travelled very quickly but sound (and blast) took 5 seconds to go a mile. The room had a bay window with five large panes of glass. I immediately ducked under the large mahogany table. There was a short pause and then a big bang and the windows all rattled but stayed intact. A V2 had landed in East Barnet which was down a bit of a hill and this had diverted most of the blast over the roof of our house. Hitler's third attempt had failed!

The war in Europe finished in May 1945 but many hardships continued. Petrol for cars became available again but was rationed, so were clothes. In particular, food rationing did not cease until 1953. Living in the 1940's was difficult for everyone but as a youngster I had to grow up quickly, learn to look after myself and to make quick decisions. I sometimes feel that these days some of our youngsters are molly-coddled too much and not given the opportunities needed to grow up quickly and be responsible for their own lives.

FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES

Dark clouds on the road to Daventry

Isn't it nice that the evenings are at last starting to get lighter? Those slightly brighter twilights brought me a couple of delightful nature sightings in the middle of March. What I saw in the dusk sky as I drove from the village towards Daventry were one of the most remarkable phenomena in the entire animal kingdom – murmurations.

A murmuration is the delightful term to describe a huge flock of starlings all swooping and diving in unison. The birds make incredible patterns in the sky as they perform their tightly packed aerial ballet. It's completely breathtaking to witness. Murmurations can involve many hundreds of birds or even many thousands. Some of the biggest have been known to include over a million birds.

The starlings do it for many reasons. Grouping together offers safety in numbers – predators such as Braunston's very own peregrine falcons find it hard to target one bird in the middle of a hypnotising flock of thousands. They form the murmurations as they gather over their roosting site – I think in this case Daventry Country Park - and perform their wheeling stunts before they roost for the night. They like to gather in large roosts to keep warm and to exchange information, such as good feeding areas.

Smaller than blackbirds, with a short tail, pointed head, triangular wings, starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) appear black at a distance but when seen closer they are glossy with a sheen of purples and greens. Their flight is fast and direct and they walk and run confidently on the ground. It is one of our commonest garden birds having a love-hate relationship with gardeners. It consumes many garden insect pests but can also ruin fruit harvests picking at buds and stealing ripe soft fruit.

Most starlings are residents, and most never leave us. However, this number almost doubles every winter with the arrival of thousands more birds from Eastern Europe. Sadly starlings are declining. The UK breeding population has fallen about half since the 1970's. Modern farming practices may be to blame. Although still one of the commonest of birds, its decline has put it on the Red List of threatened species.

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