

BRAUNSTON

Village

NEWS

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*Our pretty young gardeners Charlotte & Josie planting trees in Jetty Field
(see page 24)*



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REGISTERS FOR MARCH 2017

BRAUNSTON

Funerals:- 10th March - Anne Milo
17th March - Eric Kibblewhite

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory



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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

3rd April	Full Council Meeting
8th May	Full Council Meeting (7pm)
	Annual Parish Meeting (8pm in Gallie Room)

**All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website
www.braunston.org.uk/bpc**

FLOODLIGHTING 2017



We must apologise for inadvertently missing the following dedication from the previous edition of the BVN: -

23rd February - Fondest memories of Shelley. Love Mum, Dad and Family xx

March's floodlighting so far ...

14th March - In memory of my mum. "Thank you mum for giving me life & love. Daxa

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

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

26th March - * Wedding Anniversary for Judith & Nigel Sykes

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

1st April - In loving memory of you Mum, miss you every day. Love from Angela & Trevor

3rd April - * Happy Birthday Pat

4th April - Happy 80th Birthday John Lilley, love from family & friends

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

8th April - * In Memory of Anna.

9th April - * Rosemary Ann Harding. Happy Birthday

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

20th April - * Michelle Cotton - 40 today! - with fond memories of your time in Braunston.

Love from your family and friends! Xxx 'Cheers!'

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 – **18th March 2017**

Floodlighting

If you wish to have All Saints' floodlit for a special occasion it is very helpful if you could use one of the request forms from the table at the back of the church. The current fee is £7 per entry, although you can give more, and we ask that you try to keep the length of the dedication for inclusion in the BVN to no more than 12 words. The completed form with the donation can then be left at the Rectory or at the village Post Office.

Please ensure that your request is submitted in good time before the BVN closing date of the 18th of the month.

SARAH'S LETTER



On choosing a story.

I always find the Easter BVN the most difficult article of the year to write which seems absurd because it is the most important and exciting time of the Christian year. The problem is that Easter is big and world-changing (yes- bigger than Brexit, bigger than Trump) but only if it is seen in the light of the events of Holy Week and the general human condition and life and death (just little things then!) Without the context it looks like a weird story of a dead god bounding back to life again and scaring the big bad Romans and wicked religious people- Boo!- like something you might read in a book of ancient myths and legends. And then there is the tricky business of the Christian claim that it is neither the stuff of myth or legend because Jesus is still alive and active in billions of lives today. Honestly, if you were creating a global religion from scratch you wouldn't start with all this. It's far too complicated. You couldn't make it up!

But every day I and countless others stake all that we are and will be on Easter and the Jesus person at its heart. We may be gullible fools or we may be right. No priest or scientist, no philosopher or politician can prove it one way or another this side of the grave or the crematorium oven. And so we just have to choose which story we prefer to live by. And (with a spot of vicarly pinching of an idea by Bob Hartman) I think it boils down to this.

The first story starts something like this: *Once upon a time, a very long time ago, there was a series of accidents. Energy and matter and molecules collided and somehow you are here today. By accident. By chance. Your fate is random and only important to you and a few close friends and family.*

The second story starts this way: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And you are here today, not by accident, but because he designed you and loves you and wants to have a relationship with you.*

The first story goes on: *The fit live, the weak die, the vocal and the strong dominate the game. Survival is the game. Look out for number one.* And here is how the second story goes: *Blessed are the meek. Blessed are the poor and the peacemakers. Greater love has no one than this. That he lay down his life for his friends.*

The first story finishes like this: *You die. You decay. The end.* And the second story? Well the second story doesn't have an end. *For Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die"*

In Church we celebrate that second story every day but especially over Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Come and be part of it. We'd love to see you.

JENNI'S JOTTINGS

Well, doesn't our village look beautiful? The spring flowers seem better each year and of course we now have all the purple Crocus to brighten our way. I have looked at the many planting sites round the village but in my opinion the bed to the side of the Scout Hut is the most magnificent. Well done Scouts.

As well as our (very noisy) peregrine falcons and soaring buzzards I have been told on very good authority that we now have some Red Kites in the village. I spend quite a lot of time in Buckingham and have seen them there regularly but not yet in Braunston, but here's hoping I do.

If anyone, like I do spends any time on or near the canal please take time to read Frosty's article on page 28. If you fall in or are with someone who does PLEASE seek medical attention quickly. (hope you are feeling much better now Angela). Without being alarmist the water can be dangerous.

I was so pleased to receive an article from our Youth Club (page 29) and hope that it is a regular thing. This page is for all our young people and not just for Youth Club members. Please send me your thoughts, what you have been doing etc and I will find a space for you.

I also heard that we had some success at Crufts this year and I would love to put something in next months magazine. We also have a number of farmers in the village and it would be great to hear from them hint hint!

By the time you read this I will be in my 70th year!! I know you just can't believe it can you? So, look out for being more dodderly than usual.

See you next month and enjoy the Spring.

Jenni

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

To all Braunston residents: -

I am writing to inform you that the affordable houses off Maple Close should be available to let towards the end of May 2017. The NRHA Housing Officer will be taking nominations for the new homes from Daventry District Council in April. It is, therefore **CRUCIAL** that qualifying local people to be housed in this scheme make sure that they bid for the new affordable homes on the Daventry's DC's Home Choice System

Steve Rolt

Clerk to the Parish Council

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Primary Ballet (8 yrs+) 6.30pm - 7.15pm	Street Dance & Modern (8 yrs+) 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+) 7.15pm - 7.45pm	Grade 3 Ballet (13 yrs+) 6.30pm - 7.15pm
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OUR VILLAGE HALL



BRAUNSTON AT ITS BEST PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

MAKE HISTORY TODAY is an invitation to everyone to send us their favourite photographs of our village. These will be made into a DVD which will be shown at the hall on the day and the winning photographs exhibited on the History Society stand.

The competition is open to all and is in two groups, under 16 and 16 and over.

Please either Email your entries to fredcarol@boatshopbraunston.co.uk or take them to The Boat Shop at Bottom Lock.

HEALTH WALKS

All are welcome to join in our Health Walks in the Village. Walks last approx 30/40 minutes starting and finishing up at our Community Cafe.

Please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be across fields. Walks will start from outside the Community Cafe at 2pm on Fridays the 7th and 14th April

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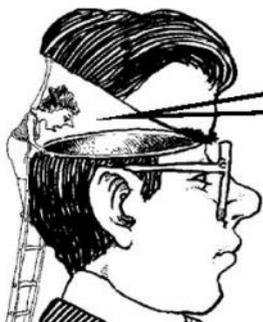
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CHURCH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS APRIL 2017

Day		Time	Event
Sat	1	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	2	09:15	Holy Communion A
		11:00	Parish Communion B
		18:30	Evensong - B
Tue	4	09:00	Morning prayer - B
		19:00	Ashby APCM
Wed	5	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Fri	7	19:00	Lent Sung Compline
Sat	8	12:30	Lent Lunch
		17:30	Youth Church
Sun	9	08:00	Holy Communion B
		09:15	Holy Communion A
		11:00	Palm Sunday Family Service B
Tue	11	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	12	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Thu	13	19:00	Maundy Thursday Passover Supper
Fri	14	10:00	Good Friday Messy Church
		14:00	An Hour at the Cross
Sat	15	14:00	Wedding
		17:00	Passion Narrative Service
Sun	16	08:00	Holy Communion B
		09:15	Easter Communion A
		11:00	Easter Family Communion
Tue	18	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	19	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sun	23	08:00	Holy Communion B
		09:15	Breakfast Service A
		11:00	Family Communion and dedication of Gifts B
Tue	25	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	26	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	29	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	30	11:00	Fifth Sunday Service
Sun	30	18:00	No Labels Worship

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS APRIL 2017

		Easter Craft Fair: Braunston
Saturday	1st	Bakes: Twinners Quiz
Monday	3rd	Explorer Scouts: Council Meeting
Tuesday	4th	19.30 W.I.
Wednesday	5th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
		Fishing Club Bingo: BVGA Meeting:
Thursday	6th	Jetty Fields Committee Mtg
Friday	7th	Youth Club
Saturday	8th	Jetty Field Gardening
Monday	10th	10am Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	11th	Royal British Legion Mtg.: Beavers
Wednesday	12th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	13th	Fishing Club Bingo
Monday	17th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	18th	Beavers: History Society AGM
Wednesday	19th	Royal British Legion Lunch 19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	20th	Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	24th	14.00 Friendly Club
Tuesday	25th	Beavers: BVGA Talk
Wednesday	26th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	27th	Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	28th	Mobile Library: Youth Club
Saturday	29th	Cinema Club

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION
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APRIL & FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday 2nd April 11am to 12pm and every Sunday until June.

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This visit will **cost £8**. We will be travelling in members cars to the venue.

We look forward to meeting you at our events.
For more information please contact Kate Mawer
mawerk@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01788 890340.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

EASTER SERVICES & EVENTS



Sat 8th April

Lent Lunch: 12:30pm-2pm in the Village Hall

Come and enjoy a chat and some sumptuous soup

Palm Sunday - 9th April

Palm Sunday Family Service: 11am at All Saints'

All are very welcome to join us in a joyful celebration of Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday - 13th April

From Passover to Eucharist Supper: 7pm at All Saints' - Booking Essential

A full scale meal (Roast lamb and trimmings) which as well as being a good social occasion and a lovely meal will explain the real meaning and origins of the Last Supper in the Passover feast and the beginnings of Holy Communion.

Good Friday - 14th April

Messy Church Easter Workshop: 10am at All Saints'

For children and parents. Just what it says on the tin! Messy! This is Holy Week brought to life for youngsters and will end with the lighting of a gigantic cross made of candles.

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

A quiet and meditative reflection on Jesus' crucifixion with music and words. For those who wish to enter the mood of the day and reflect prayerfully on how and why Jesus had to die. Can be hard-hitting and promises food for thought.

Easter Saturday - 15th April

Passion Narrative & Music Service: 5pm at All Saints'

A reading of the whole story from Matthew's gospel interspersed with well-known hymns to highlight the story.

Easter Sunday - 16th April

Family Communion & Chocolate!: 11am at All Saints'

All are very welcome - Easter treats for all (don't make the vicar eat them all herself!)

BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 18th April in the Village Hall, 7.30pm

AGM

Inviting all members to our AGM and also to welcome new members who wish to join. Yearly membership fee is £10 and then the meetings are free to attend.

Apart from the usual treasurer, secretary and chairman reports there will be a glass of wine and nibbles and a chance to catch up with other members.

The new programmes for 2017/18 will also be available and we have some interesting speakers arranged.

We would also welcome volunteers for our committee. If interested, please speak to us at the meeting or before.

BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY TALK

Our February meeting saw 60 of us, both members and guests, gathered in our village hall to listen to Mark Vance. Dressed as a Barber Surgeon Mark gave us a talk about Medieval Medicine which was wonderfully informative, at times amusing and sometimes blood curdling.

The difference between Physicians who had qualified at Oxford or Cambridge but never actually touched or examined a patient and very often made a diagnosis based on urine samples and Barber Surgeons who actually mended broken bodies was illuminating. The Surgeons set broken bones, extracted teeth, lanced boils and abscesses, removed gun shots and arrows from limbs all of course without anaesthetic or antibiotics. Unless you were very rich

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and could afford the produce of the opium poppy.

It was interesting to note how the use of various herbs and plants used then are still in use today, lavender to promote sleep, ginger for settling upset stomachs, Senna for the bowels and garlic to thin the blood.

Also, I think that however far forward we have progressed in medicine and health care we all still have that same dread today of pain, disease and ill health as did our medieval ancestors. Thanks to Mark for a very entertaining evening.



BRAUNSTON WALKERS

The Dirty Dozen do Draycote 18/3/17 (10 Miles)

Well the slightly grubby half dozen to be more accurate. We drove to Bourton on Dunsmore on a slightly cloudy, slightly drizzly morning. We had kindly been given permission to park at the village hall and were soon booted and suited for a splendid walk. After following the Frankton road for a few yards, we branched left over fields and climbed up to emerge by St Peter church which, like a lot of the houses here was built of a grey Lias rock. We passed through the churchyard and joined the small lane downhill with the imposing stately home Bourton Hall standing proudly to our left overlooking some beautiful parkland. At the bottom of the hill we reached the old Rugby to Leamington disused railway line embankment which is now a super cycle path called the Lias line. We walked along this for a few hundred yards then down some steps, under the track and over sheep filled fields to reach Draycote village. This is a beautiful old place with some fabulous old thatched cottages and a small daffodil lined stream and then a track off right that leads up to the dam and reservoir. We paused to enjoy the view over Draycote Water in blazing sunshine and to enjoy Werther's Original sweets supplied by Ronald. By now it was quite warm as we walked along the road that runs around the reservoir watching the anglers and seeing one gentleman's catch of 5 rainbow trout which would make someone a splendid dinner. Eventually we left the reservoir and followed a track up to Ryefield Farm and then field paths into Dunchurch. At the Dun Cow, we were soon enjoying foaming pints of Doombar and tucking into great sandwiches and triple cooked chips, just fantastic and of course highly recommended. Nothing is a drama with the Dun Cow and even though I had expected 15 people and we were only six I am sure they would have coped with more. Reluctantly after Daxa had her small desert with 6 Spoons we were soon off again back through the village and along to Thurlaston. After the village, we walked through Whitefields golf course which was thankfully quiet before re-joining the disused railway back to the path up to Bourton on Dunsmore and home for a refreshing cuppa. This is a wonderful walk and so close to home.



Our next walks are as follows: - 15th April Burrow Hill Leicestershire 9 miles, 20th May Frankton 9 miles, 17th June Broadway 9 miles

VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

WEEKLY

			CONTACT	
Monday	Zumba	7.00pm	Nicki	07887853886
Wednesday	Art Group	2.00pm	Alan	07948581299
	Yoga	7.00pm	Sheila	01788 891831
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	1.45pm	Alan	01788 890011
	Bingo Club	8.00pm	Harry	01788 890396

FORTNIGHTLY

Monday	Friendly Club	2.00pm	Gill	01788 890763
Friday	Youth Club	7.00pm	Leah	01788 891833

MONTHLY

Tuesday	History Society	7.00pm	Annie	01788 891179
	Women's Institute	7.30pm	Barbara	01788 890452
Thursday	Gardens Association	7.30pm	Kate	01788 890340
Saturday	Cinema Club	7.30pm	Arthur	01788 890508

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

Upcoming Events

Saturday 1st April from 11.00am an Easter Arts and Crafts Fair
presented by CA Promotions

The Gallie Room is available most weekday afternoons from 1.30pm, it has a kitchen attached to it which makes it ideal for events and meetings.

If your child attends Braunston Pre-School or Braunston C. of E. Primary School you are entitled to Braunston resident's rates when hiring the hall even if you do not live in the village – **AND you can receive an extra 10% off hall hire charges during the Easter and Summer school holidays.**

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We are supporting Hope and Homes for Children which is a national UK registered charity working with children, their families and communities across 30 countries to help children grow up in safe and productive environments. The charity moves children out of institutions into family-based care, helps keep together families who are at risk of breakdown due to the pressures of poverty, disease or conflict and works to prevent child abandonment.

Thank you all so much
Brenda Hobbs on behalf of
Hope and Homes for Children

NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD

What a successful workday!



Thank you so much to the 20 wonderful volunteers who helped us to plant 100 wild harvest trees into the copse area and at the bottom of the field in front of the stone wall. It was so lovely to see everyone working together.

We also laid down the 15 tons of aggregate to the top section of the main pathway in Jetty Field. This will make the pathway much safer throughout the year. Thank you again to the “Your Café” for awarding us a grant for the cost of this. Our next Jetty Field committee meeting is on **Thursday 6th April**. Anyone is welcome to join us.



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FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
April		
1st	Spring Quiz	Twinners
	Easter Arts & Crafts Fair	CA Promotions
1st	Braunston Bakes	
8th	Lent Lunch	All Saints' Church
22/23rd	National Share Boat Show	Marina
29/2nd May	Twinning Visit by Quincy-Voisins	Twinners
May		
6th	Quiz	All Saints' Church
6th	Braunston at its Best	Village Hall
9th	Fashion Show	W.I.
13th	Marie Curie Afternoon Tea	Braunston Singers
14th	Fun On The Playing Field	PF Committee
June		
10th	Summer Fete	All Saints' Church
11th	Fun On The Playing Field	PF Committee
24/25th	Rally & Canal Festival	Marina
27th	National Herb Centre Visit	BVGA
July		
9th	Open Gardens	BVGA
16th	Fun On The Playing Field	PF Committee
23rd	Jazz @ Bragbrough Hall	Friends of All Saints'
August		
4th	Car Treasure Hunt	All Saints' Church
Sept		
9th	Ride & Stride	All Saints' Church
10th	Fun On The Playing Field	PF Committee
23rd	Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day	
23rd	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints' Church
Oct		
21st	Quiz	All Saints' Church
Nov		
4th	Autumn Fair	All Saints' Church
Dec		
15th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints' Church

BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

**Sat April 29th 7.30pm in the
Village Hall**

**“Bridget Jones’s Baby”
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FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES

Danger in the depths

The beautiful Grand Union Canal flows slowly through our village and brings with it a bundle of bonuses in attractive wildlife. Everything from huge carp and zander swimming in the marina waters. Herons, swans, ducks and even kingfishers flying above its waters. Otters, mink, mice and voles make their secret homes along the waterway among the water lilies and reedmace. All of them are lovely and mostly welcome visitors that contribute to an amazing biodiversity.

However deep in the still and murky waters is at least one not so welcome species. It is a spiral bacterium called leptospirosis and it is very, very dangerous indeed.

In 2010 Great Britain's double Olympic champion rower Andy Holmes MBE died after being infected with leptospirosis which can, in serious cases lead to an infection called Weil's disease.

Our canal animals, like rats, carry the bacterium and it can spread it in their urine. Humans who come into close contact with that urine either by swallowing canal water or through open cuts and wounds can find themselves infected. The first you notice may be mild flu like symptoms but they can get worse and in every case, it is important to get any worries checked out

In recent years, the number of cases of infections have increased and each year the disease kills two to three people in the UK. It can take weeks after catching the infection to develop the full symptoms, which makes it harder to trace and control. Symptoms can range from none at all to a mild flu-like illness, more seriously Weil's disease can develop and cause jaundice and sometimes fatal kidney failure.

It is important if you come in to contact with canal water, falling in perhaps? to get urgent medical attention. In most cases, with antibiotic treatment you will make a complete recovery. But for a few, it can be fatal even with the best hospital care so the sooner you get yourself checked out the better.

The Braunston Big Little News! Young voices, big views...

The Shout Out Box:

(a space for celebration! Just email the youth club admin to nominate someone for a shout out)

Well done to Annabelle for her amazing performance at Guilsborough school! What a voice!

Big congrats to Ted and his hockey team for their fantastic tournament games #Teampayers

This month's big question: "what are the best things about our village, and what would you change?"...

Bradley loves that there's a park just down the road and he doesn't have to drive to school. But he really doesn't like it when dog owners forget to pick up the smelly dog mess!

Noah says that we need the skate park! And it would be good to have a Braunston junior football club – hint hint.

Caitlin loves that she can hang out with friends at youth club but thinks that we could do with a Braunston Eye in the village!

Tom loves the youth club because of all the activities but Mitchell thinks we need individual iPads and maybe a source of Wi-Fi?

What's coming up?

In May's edition we will let you know how we got on at the Braunston Youth Club Talent Show all in aid of Comic Relief. We wanted to prove how much young talent we have in our village, including singing, dancing, keepie-uppie contests, and bottle-flips.

Did you see our Red Nose Day posters dotted around the village (handmade by the talented artists of the youth club)?

Braunston Youth Club is on fortnightly Fridays 7pm – 9pm
For ages 9yrs – 12yrs, only £1.50 and we have a tuck shop!

You don't have to be a member of Youth Club to get your achievements celebrated or share your views on where you live, what you are happy or sad about or even if you want to share a good joke! This page is for all tots to teens in our village just send us an email at braunstonyouthclub@gmail.com

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CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

Braunston Women's Institute



Next Meeting:-
Tuesday 4th April at 7.30 in the Village Hall.
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Contact. Barbara on 01788 890452

Braunston Friendly Club

Next Meetings:-
10th April - Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy Stall **10am to 12 noon**

24th April - A Short talk - Tax, Care and Toy Boys. Normal time 2pm to 4pm

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Braunston Fishing Club BINGO

Every Thursday throughout the year
8.00pm in the Village Hall
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Mrs Leyla Clayson
 62 High Street
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 leylaclayson@gmail.com
 01788 899138

RAINFALL— 2016/2017 All in mms

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Jan	53	72	55
Feb	31	37	47
Mar	25	79	
Apr	14	43	
May	45	33	
Jun	25	68	
Jul	48	8	
Aug	44	60	
Sep	33	43	
Oct	48	16	
Nov	61	74	
Dec	72	21	
<u>Total</u>			
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Information provided by Rob Buckley

How the Braunston Neighbourhood Plan fits into the planning system.

As a result of the Braunston Neighbourhood Plan referendum vote the plan was officially 'made' by Daventry District Council on 17th February 2017. On this date Braunston became the eighth area in Daventry District to complete the processes. This follows the 2011 change in legislation that allowed local communities to produce neighbourhood plans, the 2012 vote by Braunston Parish Council to set up a Steering Group and work towards a Neighbourhood Plan and more than four years of discussions and consultation in the community.

The 'made' Braunston Neighbourhood Plan is now part of the Development Plan for the Civil Parish of Braunston. Daventry District Council is the local planning authority that determines all planning applications and will be responsible for collectively applying all the policies in the Development Plan. The exceptions are minerals and waste applications which are determined by the County Council and national infrastructure projects which are determined by Central Government. The Development Plan therefore comprises the following three documents:

the saved policies in the 1997 Daventry Local Plan (which will eventually be replaced by the emerging Settlements and Countryside Local Plan) <https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/living/local-plan/>

the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy which was adopted in 2014 <http://www.westnorthamptonshireipu.org/connect.ti/website/view?objectId=14087653#14087653>

the Braunston Neighbourhood Plan <http://www.braunston.org.uk/variable/organisation/37/attachments/Braunston%20Neighbourhood%20Plan%20Made%20Version%20-%20February%202017.pdf>

How the Braunston Neighbourhood Plan was financed

Most of the work to produce the Neighbourhood Plan was done at no cost to the Parish Council because it was carried out by a large number of people in the village who responded to calls for volunteers to take part. The costs that did occur were almost entirely met by the grant money that the council applied for from national bodies including the Community Development Forum. The grants given to the council amounted to £7450. Most of this money was spent on hiring a professional planner to guide the team through the legal processes of writing a plan and on printing. At the start of the process the council set aside £1000 to spend on the Neighbourhood Plan if it were needed. Only £38 of this was spent and the remainder of the money has been returned to the general council budget.

Update from Councillor Jason Pritchard

I just wanted to provide an update in relation to district council (DDC) and county council (CC) matters.

DDC are negotiating with a company called 'Norse' in relation to the new waste management contract. This will start in 2018 and represent a joint venture which will ultimately mean that general waste will not be emptied for **three** weeks, recycling (mixed) **two** weeks and food caddies weekly. There is no provision for green waste other than if you opt into a yearly fee (TBC) or place garden waste into the grey bin for landfill.....how green!

Separately, potholes are absolutely horrendous on some roads within and surrounding our village, with Northamptonshire County Council not allocating nearly enough money for repair. There is a noticeable difference as you travel upon roads in neighbouring counties. I have raised this with Malcom Longley our County Councillor who simply says there is not enough money. Please continue to report all potholes (Zero-tolerance approach) to streetdoctor (Either search for 'street doctor, Northamptonshire council' or call 0300 126 1000) If there is a less than satisfactory response email JPritchard@daventrydc.gov.uk, so I can follow this up or MLongley@northamptonshire.gov.uk as this is a County council area of responsibility.

In relation to County Council elections, these will take place on the Friday the 4th May. The recent County Council budget agreement will see cuts of £58 million that will affect children's centres, the fire service and adult social care contracts. There needs to be real opposition to the Councils' proposals, please vote with this in mind.

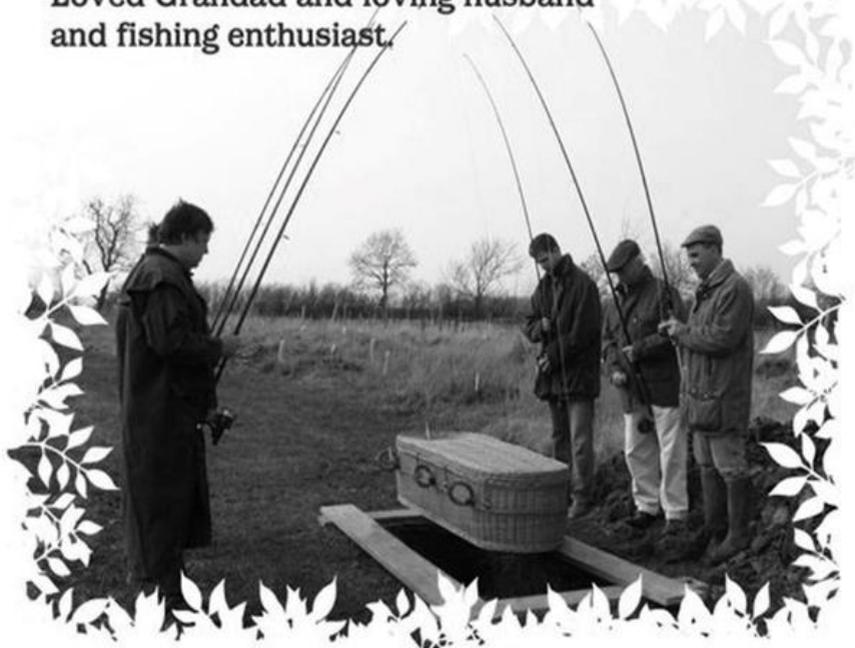
Braunston Business Link

As your district councillor, I am always mindful of the importance of local employment for our village community and the important role businesses play in relation to employment, regeneration, opportunity and innovation. There are occasional funding opportunities and notifications that would be of interest and inform our businesses and I would like Braunston to be at the front of the queue. With this in mind, those businesses that would like to receive pertinent information please forward their email address to the Parish Council Clerk at clerk@braunstonpc.org and between us we will ensure you are made aware of opportunities/notifications as they arise.

Finally, the Neighbourhood plan was 'made' with an overwhelming majority of voters in favour. This adds an extra level of consideration when developers approach our Village for planning permission alongside current planning policies. I would like to thank all those that have spent years putting together an excellent and comprehensive document.

Councillor Jason Pritchard

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- N - Is it Necessary?**
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We have been invited to attend the next meeting of Rugby RAFA on 3rd April at the Ex-Servicemen's Club at Hillmorton at 1.30 pm. This will include a follow up talk by David Howe on *Comedians*.

The April Luncheon will be at the George Hotel, Kilsby on 19th at Midday.

The next meeting of the Branch will be at the Sporting Club, Barby, on Tuesday April 11th. During the Summer, we are reverting to a starting time of 8.00pm

Reminder we are still looking for a new Standard Bearer if anyone is interested.

Tony Saunderson
Tel.No. 01788 890797.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

The Braunston short mat bowls club have just completed their annual competitions.

The winner of the knockout competition was Clive Goodchild.

The winner of the accuracy target competition was Annie Rogers.

Alan Eley
Chairman of the club



TWINNERS AGM

The AGM of the Braunston Twinners
Will take place in the Village Hall on Monday
12th May at 8pm

BRAUNSTON CHURCH FETE

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