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Notice of resolution before Parish Council Meeting

on

Monday 9th April 2018

From 7.30pm

in the Old Library at the Village Hall

All parishioners are invited to attend

Following on from the successful grant application to Sport England for £50,000 the following resolution has been submitted to the Parish Council : -

The Parish Council should continue with the Public Works Loan Board loan application for £90,000 (already approved at the Annual Parish meeting in 2017) but to change the scope of works that the loan is intended for.

The monies would be now spent as follows: -

£40,000 on the Skatepark

£50,000 on upgrading and renewing the Play Area facilities at the Barby Road Playing Field site.

The existing funds raised would be used to pay for the works carried out at the Welton Road Play Area with any remaining funds being ring fenced for maintenance on the Play Areas.

There will be no changes to the Council Tax as a result of this proposal

Full agenda will be available on the parish webpage



**As Ashby & Braunston are currently without a Vicar,
If you need one, please contact Canon Michael Webber,
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REGISTERS

BRAUNSTON

Funerals to be held in the near future *(no dates available as yet)*

Eileen Berry
John Ramsbotham
Peter Parkes
Sidney Berry

ASHBY

A memorial service was held for Barbara Crisp in Ashby Church on Wednesday 28th February, followed by the interment of ashes in the village cemetery

May they all rest in Peace and rise in Glory



PARISH PAGE

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The council currently has three vacancies, please contact the clerk if you are interested in being co-opted to the council

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.

9th April	Full Council Meeting
14th May	Full Council Meeting

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Rights of Way

In England and Wales rights of way consist of footpaths, bridleways and byways that cross land that is owned mostly by private landowners. The designated local authority, in our case Northamptonshire County Council, keeps a record of all rights of way. This record is called the Definitive Map.

In some circumstances routes shown on the Definitive Map can change, for example if a landowner has good reason to request a variation. Sometimes a route can be added to the Definitive Map if a claim is made that a route has been used but is not shown on the current version of the map.

Recently the government passed legislation to amend this. The aim is to give landowners certainty about what footpaths, bridleways and byways exist on their land. From 1 January 2026 Definitive Maps will be closed to claims that paths exist. This date is to allow individuals and groups time to check the routes in their areas.

At the March meeting of the Parish Council it was agreed to set up a working group of councillors and other volunteers to compare the paths on the ground with those shown on the Definitive Map. If any anomalies or omissions are found they will be presented to the full Parish Council which will then decide whether to submit these to the county council who would then have the duty to consult landowners to seek agreement on any potential changes to the Definitive Map.

We hope that interested parishioners will join the working group. If you would like to join please use the clerk's contact details near the front of the Braunston Village News and let us know by 15th April.

There is an online version of the Definitive Map which can be found by searching for 'Northamptonshire county council definitive map'. This shows the approximate location of rights of way. The working group will use the detailed paper version held by the Parish Council.

CHURCHWARDEN'S LETTER



Something bunny's going on!

Rabbits – cute, fluffy pets, annoying lettuce-munching pests or something tasty to put in a stew? Where do you stand? Personally I am on the side of cute, fluffy pet. I had a few as a child and loved them to bits. If you are a real rabbit lover then you will be up on your bunny vocabulary.

Diggerate, meaning to dig at a patch of earth, blanket, sofa, carpet or other item for a period of time, e.g. “Yes I understand your point of view but here’s mine...this carpet *needs* to be diggerated”. Nom, meaning to eat and/or nibble, e.g. “I have nommed all my food and therefore will now nom your carpet instead.” (This may explain why my Mum was less enamoured.) And of course Binky, meaning to leap in the air, twisting one’s body while kicking the legs out, an expression of happiness.

Perhaps you feel a bit like ‘doing a Binky’ now that Spring has sprung and ‘the beast from the east’ has finally hopped it. There are signs of new life all around us, buds opening, shoots appearing, lambs baa-ing, birds nesting. At Easter we are surrounded with these images. By the time you are reading this I guess the Easter bunny will have done his rounds. The eggs are a symbol of new life. For Christians, Easter eggs are used as a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus. Resurrection – don’t care, don’t believe, don’t know what to believe, totally believe? Where do you stand on that one? If you out right reject the concept or struggle with it then you certainly wouldn’t be alone. Whilst you are busy nomming on your Easter eggs bear with me a moment whilst I diggerate into this. First of all, it’s a choice. It’s your choice. You can’t really sit on the fence on this one. The buck stops here. The resurrection is an invitation, a gift, which you can choose to receive or not. Christians believe that when Jesus died and was raised to life he overcame death and sin and in doing so offers people the promise of eternal life. The resurrection blasts apart the finality of death. Throughout history some words have inspired hope, comforted the grieving, and motivated others to reach for new heights. But of all the words ever spoken, none have echoed through the ages as the words spoken by an angel at an empty tomb: “He is not here. He is risen!” Those words always fill me with great joy, enough to make me want to perform a Binky in fact. That is where I stand, what I believe. Whatever you believe, wherever you stand, my prayer for you this Easter is that you will be filled with great peace and hope and be surrounded by love.

Anne Parker-Tyler

FLOODLIGHTING 2018



March floodlighting

- 10th March – Remembering our dearest mother Gladys Elizabeth Wood. Forever on our hearts
- 13th March - * In memory of Chris Woods, friend & ringer
- 15th March - * In memory of Ada Littlemore, Boatwoman
- 20th March - * For Richard, with love on his birthday
- 25th March – Remembering my darling Sylvia – devoted and much loved wife, mother and Nanna.
- 26th March - * Wedding Anniversary for Judith & Nigel Sykes
- 27th March - * Pat and Alison's Wedding Anniversary
- 28th March - * Our Wedding Anniversary. Jean & Brian Branch
- 29th March - In loving memory of my wife Pat Edwards on what would have been our 49th Wedding Anniversary today. Love always, Dave xxx
- 30th March - Birthday wishes today for a very special and much-loved Wife, Mum and Nan – Pat Edwards with all our love Dave, Mark, Dawn and families xxx

April 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
- 9th April - * Happy Birthday Rosemary
- 9th April – In memory of Annie and Horace Isom
- 19th April (Primrose Day) - * In loving memory of my wonderful parents, Alan and Nancy Matthews, on this their 74th Wedding Anniversary. Rest in Peace, together again
- 23rd April - * For Pat and Sybil's Wedding Anniversary
- 26th April - * Julie's Birthday
- 27th April – In loving memory of our beloved great-granddaughter Ava-May on her 8th Birthday. Always in our hearts.

* = Friends of All Saints – **A huge Thank You**

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – **18th March 2018**

JENNI'S JOTTINGS

Well didn't March march in with all guns blazing. It is many years since I saw snow like that, even coming from the 'frozen north' as my husband calls it! I don't know if many of you walked the lanes and the towpath but some of the snow drifts were quite stunning. I especially liked the igloo at bottom lock as did most of the village dogs looking at the yellow snow! As I write this I note that more snow is forecast for this weekend. I hope not as the first signs of Spring are showing. The beautiful purple crocus in the Scouts' garden and at the top of Jetty Field look stunning and seem to get better every year.

I see that the Twinners are having a Craft Fair with refreshments in the Village Hall at the end of the month. Did someone mention cakes???? Also the Garden Store will be open until June for all us keen gardeners.

I took Bramble out as usual early Monday morning and noted to my horror that there looked to be dead sheep in the field in front of my house. On closer inspection it appeared to be piles of fleecy looking stuff but definitely no 'remains'. It turns out the piles had been blown across to Braunston from the huge fire on the top of the hill towards Daventry. It wasn't until later that more information came out and that the Warehouse was burned to the ground. I don't particularly like the buildings encroaching on our village but hate to see such awful destruction. It is a miracle that no-one was hurt but I do pity all those who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. Happy Easter everybody and see you next month.



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5.45pm - 6.30pm

Primary Ballet (8 yrs+)

6.30pm - 7.15pm

Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+)

7.15pm - 7.45pm

Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+)

7.45pm - 8.15pm

Adult Ballet (no exp req)

8.15pm - 8.15pm

Acting, Performance & Singing (all ages)

5.45pm - 6.45pm

Friday

Gymnastics (all ages)

5.00pm - 5.30pm

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Come and find out the latest on the restoration of Braunston's historic church.

Enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles.

Hear about the progress so far and the plans for the future.

Wednesday 4th April at 7.30pm
in the Parish Room in the church.

ALL WELCOME!



VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

WEEKLY

			CONTACT	
Monday	Pilates	6.45pm	Sam	07593 913686
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Tuesday	Pop Mobility	2.00pm	Lorraine	01788 890846
Wednesday	Braunston Art Group	2.00pm	Alan	01788 890164
	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	Jenny	01788 890186
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

Hall hire charges

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Good News for our Younger Parishioners

The Welton Road Playground is now a safe and exciting place to play for under ten year olds.

We would like to acknowledge Your Café for their generous donation and Plantool Ltd of Daventry for helping with equipment.

Thanks also to Paul Chamberlain, Paul Hart and Richard Patchesa for their hard work and support.

Come, see and enjoy:

New 'Beauty and the Beast' equipment, to promote interactive and creative play

New see-saw

New fencing, so that children can see and be seen at play

New safety flooring under all equipment

New picnic bench

Repair of the swings and roundabout to bring them up to current safety standards



CHURCH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR APRIL 2018

Day		Time	Event
Sun	1	09:15	Easter Sun Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Easter Sun Family Communion Br
Tue	3	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	4	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Fri	6	19:00	Sung Compline
Sat	7	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	8	08:00	Holy Communion Br
			Holy Communion or Family Service
		09:15	Ash
		11:00	Family Service Br
Tue	10	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	11	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sun	15	08:00	Morning Prayer Br
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
Tue	17	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	18	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	21	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	22	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Breakfast Service Ash
		11:00	Family Communion Br
Tue	24	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	25	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	28	15:00	Licensing of Rev Nat White - Br
Sun	29	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Family Communion Br
		18:00	No Labels Worship

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS APRIL 2018

Monday	2nd	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	3rd	W.I. : Beavers
Wednesday	4th	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	5th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo: BVGA Meeting
Monday	9th	Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	10th	Royal British Legion Meeting:Beavers:
Wednesday	11th	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	12th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: W.I. Trip: : Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Monday	16th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	17th	Beavers: History Society
Wednesday	18th	Royal British Legion Lunch: 9pm Yoga
Thursday	19th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo: Community Garden- ing
Saturday	21st	Crafts Cakes & Coffee
Monday	23rd	Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	24th	Beavers: BVGA Talk
Wednesday	25th	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	26th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	28th	Cinema Club
Monday	30th	Explorer Scouts

PROJECT LINUS SPEND A DAY SEWING

I would like to start a group in Braunston making Project Linus quilts for children. Here is a link to the organisation's website to find out more:

<http://projectlinusuk.org.uk/>

Their aim is "to provide a sense of security and comfort to sick and traumatised babies, children and teenagers through the provision of new, home made patchwork quilts and knitted/crocheted blankets, and to give volunteers across the UK the opportunity to contribute to their local community."

If you are interested please contact me by email laura@whitenap.plus.com or on 01788 890102.

Project Linus quilts can be made to any design but colourful, simple, fairly quick to make designs work well. Some sewing experience is useful, particularly with a sewing machine but no great quilting skill is needed.

Initially, I am planning to gather at my home (off Greenway) where we can accommodate six people and sewing machines. If the project takes off we could move to the village hall but that of course incurs a cost. Depending how it turns out I envisage meeting about once a month.

You can make a quilt from start to finish or volunteer to do the parts of the quilt making that most appeal to you. If you prefer hand sewing you can hem the binding. You can piece a quilt top – there are packs of pieces ready cut. Or you can machine quilt the tops. If sewing is not your thing, you can design quilts then select and cut fabrics.

I recently tried out a day with my family and got my partner, both brothers and a nephew sewing. None had any experience of quilt making but that didn't hold them back. I felt that day demonstrated both that Project Linus is not just for women and that quilting experience is not required.

I have some fabric to start us off but more will be needed. If you have any cotton quilting or other fabric please consider donating it. The fabric must be cotton and quilt weight. This is lightweight like dress fabric. Curtain fabric is too heavy.

Please think about joining me for a day of sewing (including tea and cake). It's a friendly enjoyable day out and you are making quilts for children and their families who will love them. Contact me by email laura@whitenap.plus.com or on 01788890102.

Laura Sturrock

Art & Craft Fair

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th October 2018

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BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

April 17th 7 30pm in Village Hall

“AGM”

Please come and join us for a glass of wine and a chance to meet up with other members and renew your membership. New members are always welcome.

There will be short reports from the Chairman, secretary and treasurer. Plus, election of officers and committee members. Being on the committee is not arduous so if you feel you would like to participate you will be welcome.

Also, a look at our new programme for 2018-2019

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 on Fridays 20th and 27th of April

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BRAUNSTON WALKERS

Borough Hill Saturday 10/3/18

It was a fine day as twelve of us set off to drive to the Tesco “one stop” in Daventry. The walk took us into Country Park where we were soon sauntering over the dam by the reservoir. Looking in dismay at the number of new houses that have sprung up in the marshy ground off to our left. At the end of the dam we were glad to get shelter from the cool wind blowing over the water. We took a little used muddy path on the left churned up by horses and trudged up hill to reach a road. The next bit was trespassing, but we sneaked along a hedge to reach the footpath up through the golf course onto Borough Hill. This is where the BBC world service was transmitted for years and is reputedly the highest point till you reach the Urals. It felt like it as we puffed our way uphill. We paused for one of Nigel's sweets. This is a great place for a walk with extensive views all around and huge stone anchor points that were at the base of the radio masts, scattered over the fields. We walked toward the one existing mast then over an ancient earthwork to find the elusive path to Norton. We were forced to climb two gates and finally got back on track leading to Borough Hill Farm. I had warned everyone about the three muddy fields I had encountered on my recce and was way out in front oblivious of the shouts from the group till Daxa shouted “Byriani” whereupon I spun round. We had a mutiny on our hands where Judith suggested we follow a small road which I have to admit, was a better option. After following the road, we soon arrived at the track that goes between Norton and Dodford and then arrived at The White Horse. The pub is attached to their own chippy and after a short delay we were soon tucking into excellent food. My haddock was superb and that along with the beer and good company made lunch a real pleasure. We lost four of the group who had elected to only do the first half of the walk, but the others set off through the village and joined the gated road toward Welton. We reached the canal and Nigel was soon demonstrating his hammer wielding technique to help a lady moor her boat. We followed the canal and it was still dry all the way to the bridge carrying the Welton road which we followed back to the car and home for a cuppa.

Our next walks are as follows:

21/4/18 Harbury

19/5/18 Broughton

16/6/18 Carsington Water in the Peaks

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FROST'S NATURE NOTES

New snake in the grass

As long as I have been studying and writing about British reptiles I have known that Britain is home to three kinds of wild snake. The grass snake; the very rare smooth snake; and the only British venomous snake the adder or viper. We also have a legless lizard, the slow worm which is often confusingly identified as a snake.

Now it seems there are four native snakes and have always been four. The newly identified species is the barred grass snake, *Natrix Helvetica*. It is now recognised as a species in its own right distinct from the common or eastern grass snake (*Natrix natrix*). I have often written about Grass snakes, which grow to more than one metre (3ft) in length, live near water, and mainly feed on amphibians such as frogs, toads and newts. Neighbour Daxa has had a particularly large female grass snake in her garden in recent years

We now know that the barred grass snake is more greyish in colour than its olive green cousin and lacks its most striking feature, a bright yellow collar. Dark bands along the body are much more pronounced than in their common cousin.

As keeping snakes becomes a more popular hobby there are more and more escapes and mischievous releases. This leads to a surprising number of large, exotic and colourful snakes being spotted on likely sites like canal towpaths. Without a very good description, or a photograph, it is hard to identify the species but a common escapee and one that has been spotted in Braunston is the albino Burmese python, a beautiful golden blonde snake, favoured both by pet keepers as well as by erotic or even exotic dancers. Sadly the extremely popular pet pythons grow quickly and are often released or escape when they grow too large for their tanks. In the wild they can grow up to 19 feet long. They eat small mammals and birds and would have no problem living beside the canal. The RSPCA says it is receiving more calls reporting escaped snakes than ever before.

Peter Frost

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

EASTER SERVICES & EVENTS

Good Friday - 30th March

Messy Church Easter Workshop:
An Hour at the Cross:

10am at All Saints'
2pm at All Saints'

Easter Saturday - 31st March

Passion Narrative & Music Service

5:30pm at All Saints'

Easter Sunday - 1st April

Family Communion & Chocolate!:

11am at All Saints'

CRAFTS CAKES & COFFEE



**Braunston
Village Hall**

**Saturday 21 April
10.00am - 2.00pm**



TO BOOK A TABLE CONTACT: -

JOHN POMFRET POMFRET@BTINTERNET.COM



OR LIZ FRASER
07890 072487



BRAUNSTON TWINNERS



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 12TH MAY

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL - 7PM FOR 7:30PM START

£10 per person incl. Quiz & Supper

(Fish & Chips or Sausage & Chips)

Teams no more than 6

**To book, please call Pat on 01788 899 157
(or sign up at church) - BYO drinks & glasses**

Proceeds in aid of All Saints' Church Braunston

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Braunston Community Café

Braunston Community Café has proven to be a great success, this is down to the efforts of many people in all different ways.

Its purpose is to raise money for the benefit of the village and all its occupants, any one resident in the village has a right to approach the committee to request funding for any project they need assistance with. The committee will consider these requests and, if approved, will provide some funding.

The café is very small, part of a privately-owned house, and totally manned by volunteers. It has to meet various regulations, carry insurance, and to be very conscious of where it is. Anything happening is with the consent and approval of the owner of the property.

Unlike the village hall that can be hired for many different events, or for example pubs where the owner can if they wish allow events to take place the café is just that. It would be unreasonable to expect volunteers, already working under pressure, to get involved in raffles, events outside normal hours etc.

So, in simple terms the café is a village amenity where people can get drinks and food at reasonable prices. Unlike Pubs or shops though all the profits made are there to be used for the benefit of the village. All residents are invited to put forward requests for funding, some may be rejected, or the amount requested reviewed, but all written applications will receive consideration. If anyone has any questions about the café, or which organisations have received help please feel free to contact myself.

If you have never visited the cafe please come and see us you can be sure of a warm and friendly welcome and of course delicious things to eat and drink. We have recently been awarded 5 Stars for Food Hygiene!

We are open on Wednesdays to Fridays 10 to 4pm and on Saturday mornings 10 to 12.30.

Jenni Burton

BVN DISTRIBUTION

Over 1000 copies of the BVN are printed each month which are distributed around the village by our marvellous team of voluntary distributors. We would like to thank them for the excellent job that they do. Plus, they need a very special THANK YOU for last month. The magazines were delivered even though the snow and ice was hazardous.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
APRIL		
21st	Cakes, Coffee & Crafts	Twinners
MAY		
5th	Charity Race Night	Hibbs Lupus Trust
8th	Trip to Trentham Gardens	W.I.
12th	BVGA Plant Sale	BVGA
12th	Quiz	All Saints' Church
JUNE		
9th	Summer Fete	All Saints' Church
23rd	Visit to Winterbourne House	BVGA
JULY		
14th	Puddings & Performances	Braunston Players
AUG		
3rd	Car Treasure Hunt	
SEPT		
8th	Ride & Stride	All Saints' Church
22nd	Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day	
22nd	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints' Church
OCT		
6th	Quiz	All Saints' Church
13/14th	Craft Fair	All Saints' Church
DEC		
1st	Christmas Fair	All Saints' Church
14th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints' Church



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 Wednesday 25th April 2018
 Between 10 am—1pm**

BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

Sat April 28th in the Village Hall

**“Murder on the Orient
Express”**

2017 12A

Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot.

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The advice service provides free advice, support and advocacy helping you and your carers to access statutory support where necessary.

The Legion operates a free Handy Vans service to help carry out basic repairs, maintenance or any other minor adaptation to your home.

There are many other ways that the Legion is able to help.

A dedicated contact centre is available on **FREEPHONE 0808 802 8080**.

The legion web site: www.britishlegion.org.uk.

A copy of a brochure can be obtained from the undersigned.

The Legion exists to provide this service and so please use it.

The next meeting of the Branch will be at the Sporting Club, Barby, at 8.00pm on Tuesday 10th April. Please note that this is a changed venue from that previously advised.

The April Luncheon will, also, be at the Sporting Club at midday Wednesday, 18th April

Tony Saunderson

Telephone No. 01788 890797

**** YOU ARE INVITED ****

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRAUNSTON

Saturday, 28th April at 3.00 p.m.

to a service where

REVD NAT WHITE

will be installed as the new Team Vicar for

Braunston, Ashby & Welton

Please do join us to welcome Nat and her family to our villages

Braunston Young People walk the Red Carpet in London

A group of young people from Braunston have just been recognised with a national film award at the BFI Southbank in London. They were nominated for an Into Film Award for a stop-motion animation they created whilst in Year 5 at Braunston Primary School. The school commissioned professional filmmaker Chris Bradley to work with all 28 pupils within the class, to produce an animation which was created as part of a series of artworks to commemorate the centenary of WWI.



The Into Film Awards are an annual celebration of young people's creativity in film, and the glitziest date in the awards calendar, attended by stars of the big and small screen! The awards are designed to recognise, showcase and celebrate young people's involvement in film education and aim to shine a spotlight on the filmmaking achievements of 5-19-year olds from across the UK.

The group of young people from Braunston were in the running to receive a highly coveted Into Film award for the Best Animation (12 and Under) category. Of the hundreds of entries submitted each year from across the UK, only 3 films within each category are nominated for an award...so to get this far was an huge achievement!

On Tuesday 13th March, the group travelled to London to strut their stuff on the red carpet and mingle with the Hollywood celebrities who had come to attend the ceremony. A few of the famous faces went unnoticed by the group but when Martin Freeman made an appearance (star of Sherlock, The Hobbit and the film Nativity), there was a resounding gasp of recognition!

With an auditorium packed full of nominees from across the UK, it was finally time for the contents of the golden envelope to be read aloud. "And the winner of the Best Animation (12 and Under) category is...Braunston Primary School".

Accompanied by a resounding applause, the group took to the stage to accept their award and deliver their well-rehearsed acceptance speeches. It was an incredible day for everyone involved and a fantastic experience that the young people will undoubtedly treasure for years to come.

Many congratulations to Braunston Primary School and the whole class who were involved in the production of the animation. Their award-winning film, 'The Great Escape' can be seen on the Into Film website - <http://www.intofilm.org/news-and-views/articles/the-great-escape-awards-winner>

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CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

Braunston Women's Institute



Tuesday April 3rd. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Come along and enjoy a relaxed evening of fun and games and the opportunity for a good chat with your friends.

The charge for visitors is £3 and you will be most welcome at any of our meetings.

Any queries, contact Barbara on 01788 890452

The Braunston Friendly Club

Next Meeting: **Monday 9th April 12.30 to 2.30** Fish & Chip Lunch. Subscriptions will be taken today.

Monday 23rd April 2pm to 4pm. A boatwoman's radio interview and memories of old Braunston.

At the Friendly Club members enjoy tea, cake and a chat. We meet in the Gaillie Room at the Village Hall.

Non-members are very welcome to our meetings.

Jenny 01788 890186

RAINFALL— 2016/2017/2018

	All in mms			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jan	53	72	55	62
Feb	31	37	47	24
Mar	25	79	54	
Apr	14	43	12	
May	45	33	71	
Jun	25	68	32	
Jul	48	8	54	
Aug	44	60	53	
Sep	33	43	72	
Oct	48	16	11	
Nov	61	74	29	
Dec	72	21	92	
Total				
mm	499	554	592	
ins	20	22	23	

Information provided by Rob Buckley

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Braunston
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Braunston Fishing
Club
BINGO
Every Thursday
throughout the year
8.00pm in the Village
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Non members
welcome

Derrick Wawman Turner who sadly passed away in January this year.

Derrick was born in Long Buckby 13th March 1928. He came to Braunston as a youngster in the late "thirties" when the family moved to a cottage in the High Street and opened a sweet shop in the front room. They later moved further along the High Street into what had been an orphanage and set up a general store which also included the post office whose business had previously been located at the other end of the High Street near Nibbits Lane - his mother running the P.O. - his father the store.



Derrick was educated locally and later at Daventry Grammar. After leaving school he trained at The General Post Office in Rugby and started as a telegraph boy cycling around Rugby and district delivering telegrams and getting to know the workings of The Post Office and Royal Mail.

In 1946 when Derrick was 18 he became one of the early National Servicemen spending the next 2½ years in the RAF - some of the time at Padgate (Warrington) and some at Gloucester Records Office.

After being demobbed he joined the local branch of the Royal British Legion and remained a member for the rest of his life.

Derrick married Joan and they had a son - Richard (known locally as Sam).

Derrick's parents ran the Post Office and General Store for many years and over time Derrick and Joan helped out with Joan taking over from Derrick's father and Derrick assisting his mother who by this time was well past normal retiring age. Eventually old Mrs Turner died aged 100 in the Wheatsheaf Residential home late in 1999, having been born in 1899 and just failing "to have a foot in 3 centuries"!

Joan pre-deceased Derrick some years ago and son Richard, who never married and always lived at home in Greenway and was in his fifties and on his first day in a new job at Magna Park (near Lutterworth) being shown around, suddenly collapsed and died leaving Derrick on his own.

Derrick knew everyone in the village by name including most of the children and always had a kind word - he used to call the children "sausage" and entertained them with the occasional conjuring trick and was always telling jokes and was always ready to help wherever help was needed.

He enjoyed photography and was very interested in the history of the village. He enjoyed brewing beer and was proud of his expertise.

He was a regular churchgoer and always helped at fetes, running sideshow - whether it be shove halfpenny, white elephant, skittles, etc. In short - a real village character!

Fundraising for Braunston School - Sam Halls

I started running on the 1st January 2017. My mother passed away and having struggled with Christmas without her I decided to turn the energy I was wasting being sad into something positive. I signed up to run a ½ marathon in September 2017 to raise funds in my Mums memory, at the time running 13.1 miles seemed crazy however over the months I managed to plug away and successfully completed the ½ in 2 hours 10. I found running so therapeutic I decided to carry on and signed up to run Brighton marathon on April 15th – my craziest challenge yet! I have so far run a total of 1228.5 miles since setting out for the first time in January 2017 and you'll have probably swerved in your cars to avoid me running on the country roads around the village (sorry!) I am really pleased that Friends of Braunston School are allowing me to fund raise for them. We are trying to raise £1000 to fund improvements to the school library – we are all aware of just how tight budgets are for schools and the pressures they are under financially and hopefully we will be helping to make the school even better for the pupils and staff. My Mum was a dedicated Teaching Assistant who was passionate about inspiring children to read so I think she'd have thought this a worthy cause. Anyone who would like to sponsor me can do so online <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/samhallsbrightonmarathon> or alternatively if you would rather sponsor in cash you can pop it through my letter box at 2 Mill Close and I will donate online on your behalf.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

It will have been noticed that once again there is scaffolding in place at the Church. During the last building inspection by the Architect, it was discovered that the two windows at the west end of the Church were in need of restoration. This work was put in hand and started on the 19th of February and is due to be completed by mid April. The glass has been taken out of both windows and replaced by boarding. The glass has been taken away by a specialist contractor for restoration, while the masonry work on the surrounds of the windows is taking place. The scaffolding inside the Church is taking up a great deal of room but the Church activities are still functioning well.

The work is being paid for by the Friends of All saints and the P.C.C.

Pat Milner
Churchwarden



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COMMUNITY GARDENING Thursday 19th April
10am

Jubilee and Herb gardens at the Village Hall

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10am to 12pm

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mawerk@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01788 890340.

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BRAUNSTON CHURCH FETE

SATURDAY JUNE 9TH

On the Green & in the Village Hall, 12-4pm

BBQ, Teas, Cakes, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Plants, Books, Handicrafts, Wine Tombola, Glassware/Bargains, Woodcraft, Jewellery, Lucky Straws & more



Bring the pooch!

Fun Dog Show!



Lookout for more details in the next BVN
Enquiries to Mrs Gloria Brough on 01327 876 638



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

If you are willing to help with any of these at the Fete, please call Charles Dunn on 01788 812 143 - your help will be greatly appreciated!

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BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION

Winterbourne House and Garden, Birmingham. Saturday 23rd June

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Cost £34 maximum to include your entrance fee for the house and garden, coach travel and a buffet lunch.

Leave Braunston at 10am. Home by 5pm.

If you would like to be included please complete the form below and put it through the door, with the £15 deposit, at 65 High Street, Braunston. (Cheques payable to BVGA)

Please contact Kate by **Tuesday 15th May** to confirm numbers.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

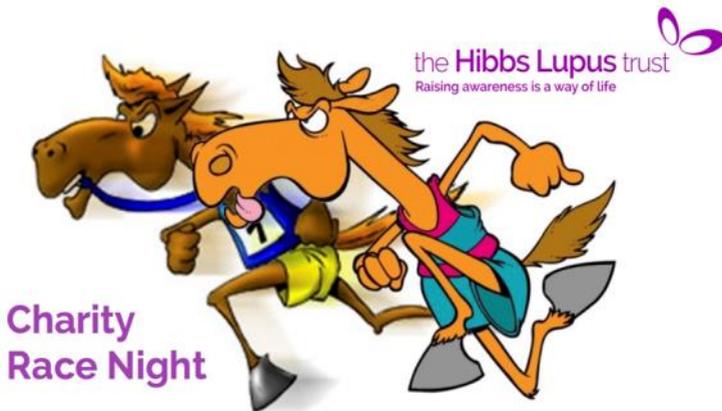
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Email Kate with any questions on mawerk@hotmail.co.uk

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Places limited to 33. Cost reduces after 22 people.



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