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Jetty Fields working Group at the allotments

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BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

There were no funerals or weddings for March

Baptisms

Marshall Gary Shaun Tarplee-10th March

Harper Daisy Dunkley-28th April

Vicars letter

The church is currently in the season of Lent. Shrove Tuesday marks the start of this season and we enjoyed a pancake tossing competition during collective worship at Braunston school.

Lent is an important time of year for Christians. It reminds us of when Jesus was in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights at the start of his ministry. It was a place of preparation, getting ready for something important. Jesus was getting ready for his work of healing and teaching. It was important that he was somewhere on his own, so that he could focus on God, with no distractions. He had a busy and important time ahead.

Christians today use Lent as a time to focus especially upon God. Jesus was tested in the desert by food, power and wealth. The main thing is that Jesus stuck by God, and this is a reminder to Christians today that when things get hard, or they are tempted to forget God, they can trust in God who never leaves them.

Sometimes people give things up for Lent – it's another way of trying to keep life simple and focus on God.

A different way of looking at it is to take something up for Lent. It may be a good time to 'turn over a new leaf' – a bit like the pancakes we flipped, we can all have the chance to show a new side to us!

I encouraged the children this year to use Lent as a time to make a positive effort to do something good, to think about how they could do a random act of kindness each day for the period of Lent. Being kind to others makes them feel good but it does something in us too.

As we approach the end of Lent, we journey with Jesus at the end of his ministry to the cross. This is the period called Holy Week. There will be a number of services and events that we would love you to come to -

Our Palm Sunday service will be at café church in the village hall, on 14th April at 11.15am for an hour.

There will be opportunity to be quiet and reflect on Monday 15th – Wednesday 17th April 7-8pm in the church.

All Age Hot Cross Bun Feast at the church on Good Friday at 10am
Service at the cross in church, 2-3pm.

Easter Sunday celebration 21st April, 11.15am in church.

Bless you,

Rev Nat

Church Floodlighting

March's floodlighting

7th March – **Frank & Jenny's 60th** Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations. Love from all the family.

13th March - * In memory of Chris Woods, friend & ringer

14th March – **Tony & Barbara's 60th** Wedding Anniversary

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

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

21st March – In memory of a much loved Dad and Grandad. David & family.

22nd March – Barbara Bunn 80th Birthday. Love from all the family

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

30th March – Remembering Pat Edwards on her birthday. Love Dave, Mark, Dawn & families

30th March – Remembering with love our wonderful mother Gladys Elizabeth Wood
on Mother's Day



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 not 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.

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

9th April - * Happy Birthday Rosemary

19th April (Primrose Day) - * In loving memory of my wonderful parents, Alan and Nancy Matthews, on this their 75th Wedding Anniversary. Rest in Peace, together again

21st April – For Juliet and Chappy on their Wedding Day

26th April - * Julie's Birthday

27th April – Loving memories of our great grand daughter Ava-May on her 9th 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 2019

Holy Communion

Holy Communion (The Lords Supper/ Eucharist) Is available to you at home

If you cannot easily get to church through age or infirmity and would like to have Communion in your home, either by yourself or with others, then you might like to know that all you have to do is contact us. If you would prefer a short service of prayer and readings that is available too.

Don't miss out on such a fundamental part of what it is to be Christian just because you cannot get about very well. We'll gladly come to you. The church is not just about the building!! We hope to hear from you.

Ring Rev Nat on 01788 890 298 or email revnatwhite@gmail.com

Church Diary

Day		Time	Event
Wed	3	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sun	7	11:15	Holy Communion & Junior Church
		17:30	Youth Church
Wed	10	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	13	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	14	11:15	Café Church at Village Hall
Mon	15	19:00	Holy Week Prayer Vigil
Tue	16	19:00	Holy Week Prayer Vigil
Wed	17	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
		19:00	Holy Week Prayer Vigil
Thu	18	18:30	Passover Supper
Fri	19	14:00	An Hour at the Cross
Sat	20	10:00	Family Hot Cross Bun Feast
Sun	21	11:15	Easter Sun Family Communion
		17:30	Youth Church
Wed	24	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sun	28	11:15	Baptism All Age Service
		17:30	Youth Church
		18:00	No Labels Worship



Tiny Treasures

Parent / Carer Toddler group

For pre-school age children

Tuesdays (in term time)

9:00-11:00 at The Rectory

High St. Braunston

For more details contact

Rev Nat 01788 890298

All Saints' Church invites you and your family to join us in the village hall for a



Every 2nd Sunday of the month

11.15am (for an hour)

Free fresh coffee, pastries & doughnuts, music, activities & time to talk around tables.

All ages are welcome

Come and join us!



Parish Council Information and News

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Tom Sabin	t:	01788 891797

Forthcoming Meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the following meetings. Unless indicated, meetings are held in the Meeting Room at Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1 st April	Full Council Meeting
11 th May at 2:00 pm	Annual Parish Meeting
18 th May	Full Council Meeting

All agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston Website:

www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc

and on the Parish Council notice board at The Green.

Annual Parish Meeting

Date: Saturday 11th May, 2:00 pm

The meeting, which will be held in the Village Hall, is the opportunity for members of the public to find out more about the work of and decisions made by the Parish Council.

This year there will be a proposal to update the village street lights to LEDs.

County Councillor's Report

County Councillor, Malcolm Longley sent a report which focused on the County Council's budget. The latest budget report for this period of the 2018/2019 financial year is for a deficit of £911 000. The previous year's deficit was £35 000 000.

The financial outlook should continue to improve, particularly as the winter has been mild. There are a few issues to be resolved concerning aged debt and law surrounding the services shared with Cambridgeshire and Milton Keynes. Malcolm expects the county to finish the year with a small underspend.

District Councillor's Report

District Councillor, Jason Pritchard reported on the most recent full District Council meeting when information about DDC's proposals for Mulberry Place was given. They propose to demolish the existing library and construct in its place a multiscreen cinema and restaurants to be leased to third party operators. In addition a public square and water feature will be created between the cinema, restaurants and the rear of the premises fronting the High Street.

The planned expenditure is £12.3 million. Jason reported that no operators had yet indicated that they would take up leases in the development.

Northamptonshire Village Awards

This is the new name for what was previously known as the Best Village Competition. Braunston has entered for the last two years and has been well ranked with certificates for second and third places. It has been decided to enter again this year. Sue Harrison has volunteered to coordinate the entry.

Awards are given to villages in different size categories. Judgements are made based on the facilities and number and range of activities and community organisations as well as the quality of the village website.

Previous entries have been compiled by a team of volunteers and parish councilors. Please get in touch if you would like to help.

Bin Collections

3 rd Apr	Food and Garden Waste
10 th Apr	Food and Recycling
17 th Apr	Food, Waste and Garden Waste
24 th Apr	Food and Recycling
1 st May	Food and Garden Waste

Bus Service

Most passengers have a Concessionary Pass or pay with a smart card which they have loaded with a weekly or longer season ticket as this is a cheaper option for regular travellers. For those who use the bus less often it is still possible to pay for individual journeys with cash.

Stagecoach have notified us that all buses are now equipped for contactless payment for individual journeys. Cash will continue to be accepted. Fares are the same whether paying by cash or card.

Village Hall Information

News

Apart from our regular users we have the Twinners Spring Quiz, the WI jumble sale and the Cinema Club along with party bookings to look forward to in April



Hall hire charges

If you want to hire our hall please visit the web site. Your bookings mean that we can keep improving the hall for your enjoyment

For all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply, see our website braunstonvillagehall.org.uk,

email villagehall@braunston.org.uk or phone 07890072487. Details of special events can also be found on the website.

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

	Braunston	Non Residents
Gallie Room	£11 per hour	£22 per hour
Main Hall	£11 per hour	£22 per hour
Both Halls	£20 per hour	£40 per hour
Meeting Room	£6 per hour	£12 per hour

Contacts for regular activities in the Village Hall

Some Clubs take a break during school holidays. Please check with the contacts.

Weekly

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
	Fishing Club Bingo	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	Linus Group	10.00am	Laura	01788 890102
Thursday	Gardens Association	7.30pm	Kate	01788 890340
Saturday	Cinema Club	7.30pm	Arthur	01788 890508

Pre-school Monday-Friday

braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

Clubs and groups

Braunston Twinners

Our French visitors from Quincy-Voisins will be coming in May . Come and join in the fun. Also come along to our Quiz.

A hand-drawn style advertisement for a quiz. On the left is a silhouette of a woman's head in profile, facing right, with a fishing rod and reel inside her brain. To the right of the head, the text reads: "Give your brain a SPRING CLEAN at our SUPER SPRING QUIZ!". Below this, it says "BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL 7 FOR 7.30PM" and "SATURDAY 6TH APRIL". In the center is a cartoon brain with eyes, a mouth, and a question mark above it. To the left of the brain, it says "MAX 6 TO A TEAM" and "SUPPER INCLUDED!". To the right, it says "£8 A HEAD" and "PRIZES!". At the bottom, it says "BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW !!", "email: Quiz@Braunston.net", and "BRAUNSTON TWINNERS" with a small flag icon on either side.

Give your brain a **SPRING CLEAN**
at our **SUPER SPRING QUIZ!**

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 BRAUNSTON TWINNERS 

Fishing Club

Braunston Fishing Club meets every Thursday at 8pm throughout the year for **Bingo** in the Village Hall. Non-members are welcome.

Harry 01788 890396



Needs You !!!

We are thinking of adding to our team of dedicated volunteers at our cafe

The shifts are only 3 hours long and if you can spare the time, why not come and talk to us? Please call Chris Maltby on 01788 890576 or Jenni Burton on 01788 891546 if you are interested

The café is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

10:00am—4:00pm and Saturday 10:00am—12:30pm

Run by volunteers who are happy to chat.

Come along to enjoy tea, coffee, cake and light lunches.

BRAUNSTON COMMUNITY CAR IS FOR YOU

Available to ALL residents to make a short journey in or out of the village.

To visit friends, shopping, hospital, dentist, doctors, appointments

JUST CALL 07984 412921 (24 HRS NOTICE PLEASE)

Any payment is by voluntary contribution

The team would like to thank Nigel of Braunston Garage for his continuing support.

At some point this year, we will be having a craft stall at one of the village events to raise funds for the community car. If anyone would like to contribute either finished items, or just wool for this, please contact Lynda on 01788 311384.

Braunston Women's Institute

Next Meeting

Tuesday April 2nd, 7:30, Village Hall



At this meeting Geoff Stone will talk about Wildlife Photography. So if you want some tips on how to get fantastic shots of wildlife come along to our meeting.

Visitors £3, including refreshments

For details contact **Barbara on 01788 890452**

Saturday 13th April

Braunston WI Jumble sale

Braunston village hall, 1:30pm, entry 20p

Clothes stalls, Books and toys, Bric-a-brac

Braunston Village News

The BVN is distributed by a team of volunteers to over 700 households. If you would like to join this team and combine a useful activity with a refreshing walk please get in touch. We would love to hear from you

e: bvn@braunstonpc.org

or write a note on paper with your contact details and take it to the Post Office counter and ask for it to go in the BVN folder.

Braunston Paddock Cricket Club

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sat 20 April	Friendly	Willoughby	Away
Sat 4 May	1st XI	Woodford Halse	Home
	2nd XI	Preston Bissett	Away
Sat 11 May	1st XI	Gawcott & Hillsden	Away
	2nd XI	Silverstone	Home
Sat 18 May	1st XI	Chipping Warden	Home
	2nd XI	Dunchurch & Bilton	Away
Sat 25 May	1st XI	Evenly	Away

Braunston Scouts

Before the summer hols we will be ten pin bowling at Sixfields; up the high ropes and on a water adventure activity day at Willen Lakes; camping at The Quarries, Milton Keynes ('caving', archery, climbing, shooting and an obstacle course); Firelighting and open fire cooking at Welton, competing in Suntrek as well as cooking pancakes, a bit of gardening, artwork, visiting the police and learning how to use a map or help the disabled. If this sounds like something your child would love to do Join Cubs! We meet Thursdays 18:15 to 19:45 at our Den in the Village our members are boys and Girls over 8 years old and less than 10 1/2 most but not all attend Braunston School

E Mail David Coleman david@braunstonscouts.co.uk or text him at:

07484 157588. Cub Scout Leader 2nd Braunston Cub Pack

Friendly Club

At The Friendly Club members enjoy tea, cake and a chat.

We meet in The Gallie Room at the Village Hall.

Non-members are very welcome to join our meetings.

Monday 8th April – 2pm to 4pm – ALL WELCOME

Join us for an Easter craft activity.

Members please remember to bring your subs, Fish and Chip lunch and visit payments.

Monday 15th April – 12.30pm to 2pm

Please note change of time and date for the Fish and Chip lunch.

Also remember to bring your subs and visit payments.

Monday 22nd April – Reminder – no meeting this week.

For more information telephone

Jenny 890186

Linus Group

The project Linus aim (see website 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 give volunteers across the UK the opportunity to contribute to their local community.”

If you would like to make quilts for children please join us. There are kits of fabric ready to sew together, just bring your sewing machine. Or just pop in for a cup of tea and to see what we are up to. We meet every 4th Thursday in the Village Hall

Members have recently handed over 52 quilts and 8 knitted or crocheted blankets.

They go to hospitals, hospices and mother and baby units in Northamptonshire

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BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

April 23rd 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, we meet 3 or 4 times a year over tea and biscuits. New blood and new ideas are always needed so if you feel you would like to participate you will be welcome.

Also, a look at our new programme for 2019-2020

Jetty Field– Braunston’s Pocket Park

New compost area for the allotments

We had a very productive work morning at the beginning of March when we managed to build a new compost area for the

allotments, recycling the wood we took down from around the tree guards. We will continue with this work on our next workday, which will be held on



Saturday 6th April, so please come along and join us if you can. We start at 9am and meet at the top of Jetty Field. Please bring along a spade and gloves if possible and we'll bring the coffee and cake. We are usually finished by 12 noon at the latest or earlier if the weather is not being kind to us.

Metal Detecting

Just to clarify almost all of Jetty Field is defined by

Northamptonshire County Council as being part of the Nationally Important Open Field System (DNN12607) named Braunston Township. Any ridge and furrow survival here is potentially of

national significance. In view of the responsibility held by the Jetty Field Committee it was decided not to allow any metal detecting.

Our next Jetty Field meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd April in the library room in the village hall at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us, we will be discussing the Nature Reserve and work day plans. Further meetings will also be held on Tuesday 7th May, Tuesday 4th June and Tuesday 2nd July.

Braunston Walkers

Ashby St Ledgers (7miles) Saturday 16/2/19

We had eighteen people on today's walk and since I had told the pub it was likely to be ten of us I was a little concerned, but the more the merrier. I did my best to avoid mud, difficult this time of year, so we stuck to road walking straight up Bragborough Hill. Watching drivers up here is a little like walking on an F1 racing circuit but the cars here go both ways! We took the footpath behind Bragborough Hall. The views all round from up here are just magnificent. Pheasants flew off in alarm as we walked all the way to meet the road to Barby. We crossed the busy A361 and took the quiet lane towards Ashby.

At the corner just before we arrived in the village we turned right along a quiet road away from Ashby. On the left we went over a broken stile (a SAS obstacle course?) and crossed two fields back towards the church at Ashby St Ledgers which faces the back of the Manor House with its quirky Summer House. Our path took us into the village past the Edward Lutyens war memorial and thatched houses and on to the Old Coach House where we had lunch. The service, food and beer were very good. All too soon it was back to Braunston on the Jurassic Way which is now designated as part of the Via Beata (Way of Blessing) long distance pilgrimage path which stretches from Lowestoft in the East all the way to St David's Pembrokeshire, about 400 miles, with works of Art all along the route. This is a great walk and very local

If you wish to join us and would like to know what a walk will entail let me know your email address and I will add you to the mailing list. **Ray Scrivens 01788 891384**

27th Apr	Tamworth in Arden
18th May	Wetton in the White Peak District
15th Jun	Hanwell

BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

Sat April 27th 7 30pm in the Village Hall

“A STAR IS BORN”

2018 15cert.

Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga

The 4th remake of this film: Janet Gaynor & Frederick March 1937; James Mason & Judy Garland 1954; Kris Kristofferson & Barbra Streisand 1976.

A seasoned musician discovers and falls in love with a struggling young singer and helps her to find fame, even as age and alcoholism send his own career into a downward spiral.

Homemade refreshments available to buy, please book tickets/food in advance to help with catering.

Feel free to bring a bottle & a glass of your choice.

Film only: £4.50 members / £6.50 non-members

Some tickets available on the door

Tel: 01788 890508 or:

batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com

Braunston Village Gardens Association

The Garden Association Plant sale will be held on

May 11th

From 10: 00am in the Village Hall

2019 BRAUNSTON OPEN GARDENS - Sunday 28th July

Would you like to take part this year?

We enjoy welcoming new gardens to take part in this event.

Organised by Braunston Village Gardens Association to celebrate

gardening and to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support

Visitors enjoy the wide range of gardens; all shapes, sizes and styles that

show off the variety of gardening taking place in Braunston.

To be more involved in any way or to ask for some more information

about the event please contact Kate Mawer

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

BVGA Garden Store

The store is open every Sunday until 26th May from 11 till midday at the Village Hall and sells composts, fertilisers and canes.

Product	Quantity	Price
Compost – multi purpose	40 litres	£3.60
Compost – Peat Free multi purpose	50 litres	£5.00
Compost – Ericaceous	40 litres	£4.00
Compost – John Innes No.2 or No.3	25 litres	£3.80
Growbag	For 3 plants	£2.30
Bamboo Canes	8 ft	60p
Tomorite	1.0 litre	£4.00
Doff Slug Pellets	350g	£2.00
Bark Chips	75 litres	£6.00

Fertilisers	1lb	7lb	14lb	Whole sack	
				20kg	25kg
Fish Blood & Bone	0.60	3.00	5.00		£15
Bonemeal	0.70	4.00	6.00		£18
Growmore	0.90	6.00	9.00		£20
Pelleted Chicken Fertilizer	0.50	3.00	5.00	£11	
Lawn Food	0.50	3.00	5.00		

Braunston Canal Society

For the first task party in February a team of 8 BCS volunteers set about the pre-season maintenance of the lock flight. All six locks were oiled, greased and all fittings checked. Lock signs were cleaned and 'Cill' markers repainted. Due to the BCS work last year no edging, removal of vegetation from gates, cleaning of ladders or removal of vegetation and debris, was required.



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Other News

Annual Village Diary

If you have an event planned that you would like to go into the diary .
Please let the BVN editors know

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue
Apr-06	Twinners	Quiz	Village Hall
May 2-5	Twinners	French Visitors	
May-11	Garden Association	Plant Sale	Village Hall
Jun-08	All Saints Church	Summer Fete	Village Hall and Green
Jul-06	Braunston Players	Puddings and Performance	Village Hall
Jul-19	All Saints Church	Car Treasure Hunt	All Saints Church
Jul-28	BVGA	Open Gardens	Around the village
Sep-07	Garden Association	Braunston Show	Village Hall
Sep-14	All Saints Church	Ride and Stride	All Saints Church
Sep-21	Air Ambulance	Fundraising Day	Village Green
Sep-21	All Saints Church	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints Church
Oct-12	Twinners	Quiz	Village Hall
Nov-23	Twinners	Christmas Fair	Village Hall
Nov 28-30	Braunston Players	November Show	Village Hall
Dec-07	All Saints Church	Christmas Fair	All Saints Church
Dec-21	All Saints Church	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints Church

Royal British Legion

There is a support group every 4th Wednesday of the month, 10am to 12pm at New Street, Daventry

The Royal British Legion hold drop-in sessions for people serving or who have served in the Armed Forces and can offer advice and support to them and their families.

Announcements

Julie Kavanagh would like to let people know of the death of her father Aubrey John Berriman, late of 49 Church Road Braunston.

He was 93 years old, born on 13th January 1926 and died 8th March 2019.

He was the husband of the late Prim Berriman.

Items for the BVN

If you wish to have items included in the BVN please ensure that you provide your name and contact details. You may chose to not have your name in the BVN but we cannot include items where we have no contact details

Rainfall February

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Jan	53	72	55	62	25
Feb	31	37	47	24	36
Mar	25	79	54	104	
Apr	14	43	12	70	
May	45	33	71	72	
Jun	25	68	32	1	
Jul	48	8	54	14	
Aug	44	60	53	42	
Sep	33	43	72	29	
Oct	48	16	11	50	
Nov	61	74	29	39	
Dec	72	21	92	72	
Total mm	499	554	582	579	61
Total inches	19.6	21.8	22.9	22.8	2.4

Braunston News in the Daventry Express

I write in the Neighbourhood News columns in the 'Gusher'

each week about anything of interest from Braunston. If you or your organisation are doing something that might appeal to a wider audience for example raising money for charity or someone winning a prize or an award please let me know.

I send my copy on Sunday evening for publication the following Thursday. Either e mail me by noon on Sunday

e:chris@multiplex.me.uk

Or put it through the door 36, Welton Road

Chris Grossart

Features

Getting to know... Wendi Buchanan

How long have you lived in Braunston?

Since 2007, moving from St. James in Northampton.

What do you like about living in the village?

I love the countryside, especially the view from our house, across fields to Warwickshire.

I love the community, people, and groups. I

love being part of Braunston Bakes and the response to my Jamaican heritage and vegetarian inspired bakes!

I volunteer at Fruitful Abundance, a Community Interest Company in Northampton, bringing increased knowledge and awareness about the food system to make it equitable for all and sustainable for the future.

Claire and Chris at The Wheatsheaf, supported my Jamaican SoulFood experience to fundraise and increase awareness of waste food issues. I bring trays of bread and products to Braunston for the Toddler Group and the Peace Lunch group. I hope these activities will develop, especially if a couple more villagers get involved.

I spend the rest of my time with family commitments, running my part-time businesses and holistic therapy support – something that's in my bones and heritage apparently! I'm an Authorised Distributor for Utility Warehouse enabling me to follow my passions and help people save on bills. Some people may have seen me mowing the play area supporting my husband's ground maintenance business – MAXIMOW. I used to get all kinds of looks driving up the A45! A woman and a black one at that!

What is your favourite book?

Probably the series that is Maya Angelou's autobiography

Who is your favourite Singer/band?

SKA, I grew up with The Specials AKA, now topping the charts again.

Where is your favourite place?

Any place with a beautiful view and with Michael by my side (I am a romantic at heart).



Braunston and District Pig Club

On 21st April 1950 the Rugby Advertiser reported that ‘the first annual supper of the revived Braunston and District Pig Club was held ...One hundred and thirty sat down to a meal of pork, brawn, salads, pickles, cakes and pastries, cheese and biscuits, etc., which had been prepared ...by Mrs. N. Potts and her helpers.’

The Chairman of the club was Mr R E Willcox . After supper entertainment was provided by Mr Calman’s party from Daventry and ‘dancing was enjoyed to the music of Mr. Reg. Hargrave.’ Mr and Mrs Rex Hargrave were amongst the visitors.

Pig Clubs were encouraged by the government during the war when the number of pigs kept on farms fell by 50%. Arable crops which provided more calories per acre were prioritised over animals. The Small Pig Keepers' Council was established to encourage backyard pig keeping to use kitchen waste and increase the number of pigs kept throughout the country. Meat rationing continued until July 1954. After then the number of pig clubs declined.

The 1950 pig club supper in Braunston included alcohol; the Parish Council minutes from 26th January refer to an application ‘for permission to have licenced refreshments in connection with (the) function’. Not all councillors approved.

The motion, which was proposed by Mr D Wilkie and seconded by Miss D Thompson, was carried by 6 votes to 2.

No further reference to a pig club in Braunston can be found. Was the club revived for only one year? Have memories of the pig club been passed down in your family? Do let us know if you have information about Pig Clubs in Braunston. Is there an old pigsty in your garden?

Do you know anything more about the people mentioned? Who were Mrs Potts’ helpers?



BRAUNSTON PAST – SOME EVENTS REMEMBERED by the Rev H E Ruddy

By kind permission of the Northamptonshire County Records Office, where the manuscript now resides (Box X1534), this series reproduces brief extracts from the Rev H E Ruddy's 1953 account of 'Braunston: as it is and as it was within living memory'...

"In May 1907 there were great floods near the river Leam. The canal at the Wharf overflowed and streamed into the brook below. The river was on the road between here and Willoughby, for more than half a mile, and it was 3 feet deep in some places. The steps of the station there could not be reached. One cottage near the canal was flooded and the furniture floated

Mr Fred Rodhouse remembers helping to get dead standing trees from the spinney near the Round House. They were 40 or 50 feet high, and formed the main supports for a huge bonfire on land now occupied by the council houses. He wonders if this was to celebrate peace after the Boer War or the coronation of Edward VII [in 1902]. Mr Cope of the Wharf was in charge of the bonfire committee. They had loads of old canal boats, the sides cut into lengths and reared up against the dead trees.

The coronation of 1953 will have impressed itself on the minds of people more than previous ones because we could see it taking place. There were the usual local celebrations, sports, teas for old people and for children, a fancy dress parade and a dance...Features of the May Day revels this year were the traditional May pole with gay coloured ribbons, dancing, the crowning of the 'May Queen' [Maureen Hitchman] and the carrying of Garlands...With regard to the shows on the Green at feast-time, Fred writes: 'As a boy I was anxious to see roundabouts, the swings, shooting galleries, hoop-la, try your strength, coconut shies etc. Mother did not like us to buy toffee there because the men folk were unclean in their habits as they drew out the sticky ribbons of toffee and cut them into lengths for sale. I remember the Italian organ grinders with their little monkeys, the occasional German brass band, and one or two travelling bears. The bear was put up, I believe, for the night at the stables at the Harrow Inn' [The Old Harrow].

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