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- Page 11 **Braunston Heart** for all residents affected by the virus situation
- Pages 19-22 for the **Braunston CAN** survey
- Page 15 for what happened to these three at a 113\textsuperscript{th} birthday party
BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

No funerals, baptisms or weddings in March

I work 2 days per week usually Wednesday and Thursday.

Maggie Murray, Parish Nurse,
07495 873565,
parishnurse@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk
Vicar’s letter

Dear all,

As I write this the government has started closing meeting places, asking us to self-isolate and services and other activities in the church have been suspended.

If you read my BVN article regularly you will know how much I value community, relationships and loving one another. These are the core of Jesus’ teaching about how we should live.

However, at the moment we are told to keep away from people, to self-isolate and to keep our distance from each other with no physical contact. The temptation is to just think about ourselves. But this is a time more than ever where we need to look out for one another and find different ways to care when we can’t physically meet together.

I have been encouraged by the way that people in the village are working together to help one another in very practical ways, from phoning people, to doing their shopping, taking them to hospital appointments and leaving gifts on the doorstep.

If you need help or just someone to talk to please get in touch.

I’d normally be writing to you about Easter and inviting you to the Hot Cross Bun Feast and Easter services but sadly none of that will be happening this year.

Easter is about celebrating the love of Jesus and the hope of new life in him. It is important to remember that when we are surrounded by fear and isolation. We won’t be able to celebrate that in church services but hopefully we can celebrate by being people of prayer and action who love and serve others.

Somehow, I think that’s what the church was meant to be all along!

God Bless,

Rev Nat

NB The church building will remain open during the day if you need a quiet space to pray and be still.
What is Easter all about?

Christmas is really for the children. Especially for children who like animals, stables, stars and babies wrapped in swaddling clothes. Then there are wise men, kings in fine robes, humble shepherds and a hint of rich perfume.

Easter is not really for the children unless accompanied by a cream filled egg. It has whips, blood, nails, a spear and allegations of body snatching. It involves politics, God and the sins of the world. It is not good for people of a nervous disposition. They would do better to think on rabbits, chickens and the first snowdrop of spring. Or they'd do better to wait for a re-run of Christmas without asking too many questions about what Jesus did when he grew up or whether there's any connection.

By Steve Turner

So, what did Jesus do when he grew up? We know little about his early life, but when he was 30, he was baptised and began his public ministry. He claimed to be the Son of God and proved it by a life of healings, miracles, raising people from the dead and teaching the most profound and inspired wisdom the world has ever seen. He challenged the Roman Empire who said that Caesar was God. But more, he challenged the religious rulers and priests, because their religion stopped people from knowing the true God. They’d forgotten what it was really all about.

CS Lewis said Jesus was either mad, bad or God. What do you think?

For me, Easter proves he is God – he was killed in an horrendous way on a wooden cross, was buried in a tomb and then came to life again on Easter Sunday. No one else in history has done that, no one has been able to prove it didn’t happen, and yet millions will say he has changed their lives for the better.

John 10:10 Jesus said, I have come to bring you life, in all its fulness; happiness, joy, wellbeing are all found in living life the Jesus way – it’s not about when we die but about living life now.

God Bless,

Rev Nat
Church Floodlighting

These are all the requests received before the BVN deadline. The fee is £7 per entry, although you can give more. Please keep the dedication for inclusion to no more than 12 words and leave it with the donation at the Rectory or the Post Office by the 18th of the month.

* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

March

13th - * In memory of Chris Woods, friend & ringer
15th - * In memory of Ada Littlemore, Boatwoman
15th - To celebrate Gez and Colin's 45th wedding anniversary
20th - * For Richard, with love on his birthday
22nd - Remembering our caring and wonderful mother Gladys Elizabeth Wood – Your loving family
26th - * Wedding Anniversary for Judith & Nigel Sykes
27th - * Pat and Alison's Wedding Anniversary
28th - * Our Wedding Anniversary. Jean & Brian Branch
30th - Remembering Pat Edwards on her birthday

April’s floodlighting so far …

1st - * Janet & John’s Wedding Anniversary
3rd - * Happy Birthday Pat
5th - * Love to all the family, from Geoff & Jean
9th - * Happy Birthday Rosemary
14th - Very good wishes for a very happy marriage. ‘Granny’ Laura & all the family
15th - To celebrate Barbara and Richard’s 25th Wedding Anniversary
19th (Primrose Day) - * In loving memory of my wonderful parents, Alan and Nancy Matthews, on this their 76th Wedding Anniversary. Rest in Peace, together again.
26th April - * Julie's Birthday
Parish Council Information and News

Clerk: Steve Rolt
c/o 82 Greenway, Braunston, NN11 7JT
07956 682733 clerk@braunstonpc.org

Parish councillors and areas of responsibility:
Alan Mawer, Archer Avenue and Cross Lane t: 01788 890340
Chris Johnson (Chair), Greenway and closes t: 01788 891597
Graham Newman (Vice Chair), Marina, London Rd, Hill Row, Old Road t: 07710 290265
Pete Morgan, The Green t: 07932 362768
Vacancy, High St from Old Plough to The Green t: 07956 682733
Lizzie Payne, High Street from A45 to Old Plough t: 07904 061548
John Pomfret, Eastfields t: 07817 234727
Peter Hawksworth, Ashby Road t: 07956 682733
Robert Davey, Spinney Hill and closes t: 01788 891591
Sue Harrison, Dark Lane t: 07769 589459
Sandra Stapley, Welton Road, Maple Close t: 01788 890475
Tom Sabin, Church Road, Barby Road t: 01788 891797

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

Mon 6th April Full Council Meeting
(Cancelled due to CoVid-19, urgent matters will be posted on the Parish Web Page)

Mon 4th May Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are at: www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc and on the Parish Council notice board at The Green.
Coronavirus COVID-19

At this difficult time, many people in Braunston are thinking of those who will find the situation worrying and may need some help to cope. The Parish Council would like to thank all those many people who are looking out for anyone whose vulnerability is greater than theirs. This consists of those of you who are looking out for neighbours, members of the Church community, the Parish Nurse, the volunteers who have created the Braunston Heart group, the help being provided to members by the Friendly Club, the suggestions from the Braunston Charity and many thoughtful actions by individuals and groups of which we are not yet aware.

If you need help, please contact Braunston Heart (page 11), Rev Nat White, Maggie Murray (Parish Nurse) or the Parish Council.

Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting is due to be held in May but we will wait to confirm the date due to current circumstances.

The government has announced that local elections will be delayed for a year. This means that the current term of Braunston Parish Council will not now end until May 2021. However, there is a vacancy on the council. The council would welcome a note of interest from anyone in the parish who would like information about being co-opted to fill the vacancy.

Local Electricity Bill

A resolution from Braunston Climate Action Network was submitted to the Parish Council, requesting its support for the Local Electricity Bill, which will be introduced to parliament on the 28th April. If made law, the Bill would empower communities to set up new, local clean energy schemes and sell their electricity directly to local people.

Whilst there is no immediate opportunity to do this in Braunston, it was felt worthwhile to express support for such projects and a letter was sent to Chris Heaton-Harris MP, asking him to support the Bill.

Butlin’s Hill

The Parish Council has allocated £50 to install three new reflective posts next to the road leading up from the A45 junction.
We live in troubling times!

At the time of writing, we intend to keep our hall open and leave it to you, as the hirer, to decide whether you feel you have to cancel your event. Of course, Government advice may change this decision.

Please keep us informed.

Try and stay healthy and we look forward to seeing you again when this is all over.

Hall hire charges

If you want to hire our hall please visit the website. 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 07890 072487.

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.

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Contacts for regular activities in the Village Hall

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

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Pre-School  Monday-Friday - 01788 891891
braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com
I am delighted to invite you to see our mural, celebrating Belonging, encompassing the varied community life in Braunston Village, on 1st April at 11.00am. If you are unable to make this time, please walk along the pathway next to the school to admire it. The children and Lilly have spent many hours in its creation and we all are so proud of the finished result.

We are looking at turning a small area at the front entrance into a site that recognises Braunston’s links to the canal. Thank you to everyone who has donated canal related objects, fenders and flower pots. If you have any railways sleepers, or even a small wooden boat that you are looking to gift, please think of us and contact the school office on 01788 890494.

Jaguar Land Rover are coming into school during the Easter Holidays to volunteer their community services and are going to revamp the pond, create an allotment area, paint the outdoor classroom and many more improvements. This will involve having a skip on site (donated by CWIKSKIP) and manual labour. No lorries or heavy vehicles will be involved. However, there will be a range of cars being showcased by JLR and any car enthusiasts are welcome to visit the school grounds on 7th and 8th of April. Due to groundwork going on, an adult must accompany children. Anyone handy with a paintbrush or able to lift heavy objects is welcome to come and offer their support.

At Braunston, we have worked really hard to improve our library. Friends of Braunston raised a significant amount of money to invest in new shelving, furniture, and even an indoor tree. Staff and parent volunteers work during lunchtime to ensure that it is open to pupils every day and Christian Darkin, an author invited into school, was amazed by how many children visited the library in their own free time. Thank you to everyone who has donated books in excellent condition to the school. Each book has a nameplate in it which acknowledges the family who made the donation and we would welcome further donations, particularly non-fiction books.

Wishing you all a ‘Happy Easter’ from Braunston C.E. School.

Best wishes

Lianna Willis, Headteacher
Clubs and groups

A CALL TO ARMS!!

Braunston Heart

is a voluntary organisation helping to care for all Braunston residents who are affected by the virus situation.

If you would like to volunteer to help with, for example, shopping, running errands or just having a regular chat on the phone

or

If you would like assistance or know of someone who might need help

please email:

Heart@Braunston.org.uk

or ring Jo on:

0800 002 9066

Kindness and Compassion
Braunston Cinema Club

Our April screening was to be ‘Wild Rose’. Let’s hope we can see it at a later date. batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com

Braunston History Society

Our AGM and showing of a BBC DVD from 2011, ‘The Golden Age of Canals’ with footage from the 40s,50s and 60s, is postponed. Watch this space for further information.

The Alternative Book Club

Would you like to be a part of The Alternative Book Club but unable to attend our meetings? Or just love to read.

We are offering to deliver books to your door and collect them once you have finished. Inside each book will be a leaflet giving you the opportunity to complete a review or add comments if you wish.

For more information Email: thealternativebookclub@braunston.org.uk or call: 07517 306560
Braunston WI

We are sorry to announce our

FASHION SHOW - 7th April is regretfully cancelled, due to the Coronavirus

- and sadly in view of the current circumstances we feel it is in everyone's best interests to cancel our WI Open House planned for 16th May.

WI members were so looking forward to welcoming the village to tea -. hopefully we can re-schedule at a later date.

The Committee has also cancelled Monday Craft Group and Coffee Mornings till further notice.

Contact - Valerie 01788 891975

Braunston Paddox Cricket Club

The cricket club have been asked by Northamptonshire Recreational Cricket to host and run a series of All Stars cricket sessions for children. The sessions will be held on Sunday mornings, 11 to 12, on the Playing Field and will run for 8 weeks starting on the 17th May. The target age group is 5 to 8 and is open to both boys and girls. All equipment will be provided.

Northamptonshire Recreational Cricket will be contacting the school with more details, and plan to visit to promote the venture.

The season is nearly upon us and we will soon be preparing the square, providing that we get some dry weather in the next month. We are always looking for new players, whether experienced or not and do not be put off if you are not able to commit to playing every week.

For more details phone 07896 490911. Also, for more information look us up online on Braunston Paddox Playcricket.
Braunston Friendly Club

Members have been made aware that meetings are suspended until further notice. As discussed, do keep in touch with Kate and we will be keeping in touch with each other.

01788 890340

In February we made notebooks with Laura Sturrock. Inspired by Laura’s examples, we all had a go at making two books for ourselves, one sewn and one folded.

“I didn’t think it would be possible”

“All of us made a lovely book”

“I was going to just watch but Laura was so helpful”
Braunston Cubs

CUBS PARTY!

Scouting was founded by Baden Powell in 1907. His Birthday was on 22\textsuperscript{nd} February and so every year its marked as 'Founders Day'.

This year, Daventry District Cubs, which comprises over 16 individual Cub packs both in and surrounding Daventry, decided to have a whole afternoon just playing traditional party games like pass the parcel, plus a few new ones too. It ended with the a scouting favourite - the 'parachute game', a great team building activity. See below the trick to lift and then all get under it (well almost all—see the front page).

![Image of children playing party games]

David Coleman 2nd Braunston Cub Scout Leader,
07484 157588  david@braunstonscouts.co.uk

Community Café

The café is closed until further notice.

Braunston Walkers

Our programme for walks has been suspended.
Ray Scrivens 01788 891384  rayscrivens@btinternet.com
**Community Car**

In the light of recommendations regarding the Coronavirus, the Community Car service will be restricted to Doctors and Hospital appointments and assistance with shopping for elderly self-isolating persons who have no other means of getting their supplies, where we can. Please telephone 07984 412921 for details.

During February the car made 156 journeys covering 999 miles.

Any payment is by voluntary contribution.

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

**Braunston Canal Society**

After a training session on lock maintenance, the nine volunteers at a task party in February split into two teams. One set about clearing the undergrowth around last year’s hedge planting, while the other carried out maintenance on all six locks. This involved greasing and oiling the mechanisms, cleaning signs and checking for faults. The maintenance log sheets were completed. The following week, using workboat 'Avon', we completed the task by scraping vegetation from the lock gates.

The Society is always keen to welcome volunteers. If you would like to come along and have some fun email: braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com or phone/text me on 07817 435911. If you would like to see our previous activities check out our website at www.braunston.org.uk/bcs.
Braunston Village Gardens Association

The Garden Store at the Village Hall opens Sundays 11am to noon. Please let us know if in current circumstances you would prefer to have purchases delivered. 01788 890340 or 890465 or 890164.

This year the Garden store is selling peat-free multi-purpose compost for £3.60. This is a new formulation of organic, peat-free compost.

Unlike peat-based composts its manufacture does not damage peatlands which are an important natural habitat and very important store of carbon. By using peat-free compost you are reducing your carbon footprint.

This compost is good for pots, containers and for soil conditioning.

This 40 litre bag is also good to use as a growbag for tomatoes and peppers, etc. As this bag contains 50% more compost than most growbags you will not need to feed the plants as much.

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Rainfall in Braunston

The Braunston rainfall for February was 103mm or 4ins. This was just over two times greater than the previous February high. This is not a surprise given the national statistics. The Met Office reports that this February has been the wettest on record for the UK. The average national figure for February is 61mm. This year that figure was 203mm or 8.0ins. December 2015 was the wettest month ever at 216mm.

IMPORTANT NOTE

When it was made public that I was planning to pass on rainfall reporting to another villager, I was put in contact with Adrian Pell, who had expressed an interest. As a result, Adrian and I have met, discussed the weather, and he has agreed to record future rainfall data and send it to the BVN.

Adrian has a longstanding interest in weather recording and once he has settled in he will introduce some fresh ideas and possibly provide additional data to monitor climate change in Braunston. I'm confident that rainfall reporting is transferred into good hands.

I’ve enjoyed my involvement with BVN, but it is now farewell.

Regards, Rob Buckley

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Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

Braunston CAN’s objectives are to encourage individuals and businesses towards a zero-carbon society, and to monitor, scrutinize and lobby Braunston Parish Council, Daventry District Council and the new council that will be responsible for our area from 2021. We will also communicate with our MP in order to lobby central government.

To aid us in achieving those objectives, we would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes with this survey. The first section asks about your household and any cars you may have. The second section is where you can indicate what is important to you. Finally, there is space to let us know any other information or ideas you have.

If you would prefer to do this online, go to our webpage and follow the link to Survey Monkey. To get to this, go to www.braunston.org.uk/ and find us under the Village info tab, where we are in the Climate Emergency section. The webpage also has a document you can print if you would like another paper copy.

We are a group of about twelve Braunston residents. If you are interested in finding out more, please email braunstoncan@gmail.com or message 07989 421836. Please let us know if you would like to receive our email updates.
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Please write any additional information or ideas you would like to give:

If you would like us to get in touch please provide your name and contact details:

Many thanks for completing the survey; we will provide feedback based on your valued responses in subsequent editions of the BVN.

Please return your survey to the special ‘post box’ in the Village Shop or put it through the door at 65 High Street. If you are unable to get to one of these places please use the contact details on the front page of this survey and arrange for us to collect it from you or confirm with us a mutually convenient date for us to pick it up from your doorstep.
Remembering Hilda Bradshaw

There will be many people in the village who will be sad to hear the news that Hilda Bradshaw died on 18\textsuperscript{th} February, aged 97. Until 10 years ago, when she and John moved to Brackley to live near their daughter Heather, she had spent her life in Braunston.

Hilda worked tirelessly for her family (working in the butcher’s shop and the bake house and running the poultry farm), and also for the village community, delivery meals on wheels, and as a long-serving member of the WI and the Friendly Club. She took an active part in the organisation and running of both these groups and, as a result, formed many close friendships. But, perhaps she will be remembered and missed most for all those little acts of kindness from which so many people in the village derived great benefit and pleasure, whether it was from a visit and a chat, a parcel of food, a lift in the car, her time. She will be sadly missed by so many.

Thank you

Alan (Chick) Eley wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, good wishes and get well cards and phone calls. These are much appreciated.

Alan is making slow but sure progress but has still a long road to travel back to full health yet.

Thank you all for your support.

Mavis and Alan Eley

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In memory of Honor Mackichan.

Team Mack is running the Coventry Half Marathon on 5th April in memory of our wonderful grandmother and great grandmother, Honor Mackichan.

Alana, Heather, Briony and Arron will be tackling this challenge as a family to raise money for Dementia UK. Honor had dementia for many years and we want to raise money for this great charity to help people with dementia and their families. Granny lived in Braunston for over 40 years and was so involved with our community, being part of the History Society and president of the WI. We feel our half marathon is one way for us to follow in her footsteps and make a positive impact like she did!

Our target is £1000 and we need your help!

If you would like to donate, you can…

· Give cash/cheque donations to Catriona Eckland (Honor’s daughter) at 11 Cross Lane, Braunston, NN11 7HH

· Visit our Just Giving page at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/coventryhalfforhonormackichan

Thank you for supporting Team Mack. Let’s raise £1000! GO TEAM MACK!

Braunston Village News

Occasionally, there are suggestions to print the BVN in colour. Investigations have shown that this would greatly increase costs and we have therefore decided not to go ahead with this proposal.

We know that black and white printing does not do justice to the photos we include. However, you can see the BVN in colour if you read it on the webpage. To reach this go to www.braunston.org.uk/ and find the BVN under the Village Info tab.
Goodbye from Alice

To all my lovely friends in Braunston, thank you so much for everything you have all done for me. Your support, love and friendship has meant the world to me, I am going to live in Wales to be near my family, but I will never forget any of you!!

Lots of love from Alicexxxxxx

Village Diary 2020

The Village Diary was in the March edition, which is available on our webpage at Braunston.org. Please note the following additions:

- Art Exhibition, 27th and 28th June, 10am - 6pm, Guild of Waterways Artists Marquee in the Marina at the Rally of Historic Boats.
- Fun Dog Show, 4th July, 12 noon, organised by All Saints’ Church which is also the venue.

In current circumstances many events are cancelled or postponed. These include:

- MSS Fundraiser Cake Sale, 4th April, postponed.
- Twinners Spring Quiz, 4th April, cancelled.
- WI Fashion Show, 7th April, cancelled
- Alternative Book Club, 23rd April, cancelled
- WI Tea Party, 16th May, postponed

NB This list does not include the regular group meetings which will not occur until further notice.
Well travelled deer.

In a food superstore in Rugby, Ann and I came across a delicious temptation that was also a moral quandary. There in the freezer were packets of medallions of venison. The price was good but the cost in food miles – nearly eleven and a half thousand miles - was going to leave an unpleasant taste in our mouths.

Amazingly, driving home from shopping, just as the light was going, what should we see standing sentinel along the road but a deer – our commonest breed the muntjac.

The number of wild deer in our countryside is higher than for over a thousand years. Two million wild deer inhabit our forests, woodlands, farm fields as well as suburban and other semi-urban areas. We see muntjac along the disused railway lines as well as the occasional roe deer. One female muntjac gives noisy birth in the woods surrounding Braunston Marina most years.

These deer, mostly imported non-native species, have a number of serious negative effects on our environment, with damage to our ancient woodlands having reduced the number of birds they can support. Some say bird numbers are down by more than a half. Farmers and conservationists are ever more concerned at the impact that deer have on crops and wildlife, with many scientists now arguing that an increase in deer culling levels is essential.

The Forestry Commission estimates the annual cost of damage caused by deer to plantations and other commercial woodlands at £4.5 million and at least 8,000 hectares of woodland with site of special scientific interest (SSSI) status are currently threatened by severe deer damage, and this is likely to be only the tip of the iceberg. Deer also cause more than 50,000 road traffic accidents every year and at least 20 are fatal to the people involved. Thousands of deer are killed on the roads.

I love our deer, both out in the country and also on my dinner plate, I just wish it was easier to find British rather than imported venison.

Peter Frost.
Braunston’s highest land

Some people climb Mount Everest to be on top of the world. Some walk the snows of Kilimanjaro to reach Africa’s highest point. If you’ve ever been up Ben Nevis, you have reached the highest point in the UK. Here’s how to reach the highest point in Braunston Parish.

The road between Barby and Welton is known as Daventry Road. For 1 1/4 miles from Cleves Farm to the point beyond Bragborough Lodge Farm, where a public footpath leaves the road, it is the boundary between Braunston and Ashby St Ledgers parishes. This road is high, with good views, and, quite flat with only gentle undulations. After Ashby Grange Farm it has risen to 176.8 metres above sea level, the highest identified point in the parish.

Here is this (un!)remarkable point. In this photo Braunston is on the left and Ashby to the right. Coming from Barby, just after Ashby Grange Farm, there is a slight rise in the road and a wooden electricity pole and large tree on the Ashby side.

Further towards Welton, the parish boundary turns right, where Public Footpath ED9 leaves the road. Braunston can’t be seen at this point, it’s in the dip below, but the hills at Flecknoe are just visible.

If you walk along footpath ED9 you are on the highest public footpath in the parish. It can be reached from Braunston by walking up Ashby Road and going along the track, eventually reaching the road, where it is a short walk to the right to reach the footpath sign.

ED9 continues along the parish boundary running along high land. After one field, a view of Braunston appears, with the church spire lined up behind the houses at the top end of Maple Close. After passing through some well-maintained gates and passing behind the buildings of Bragborough Hall, the path reaches Welton Road at Road Spinney.

It’s far from Everest, but it’s our summit and has some good views.
View from the Cut - as told by a visitor to Braunston

The first venture out on the cut in 2020 for Narrow Boat ‘A Frayed Knot’ is to Braunston and, of course, Your Café. Over a cuppa and a well-recommended cheese scone, it was interesting to catch up on the last few months as well as more recent news.

Once again, as the village has done for years, it makes us boaters - whether working or leisure,- most welcome. Arriving from the north either via the Oxford or Grand Union Canals, how could any boater or walker fail to notice the mass of yellow daffodils on ‘Bridge Island’ at the junction.

The boaters’ service area opposite continues to be well-maintained following the work to transfer a muddy swamp into a useable amenity a couple of years’ back. This, together with so much work along the towpath undertaken by the volunteers in the village, is very much appreciated by us, the users of the canal whether on foot or a boat.

Even when away from the cut and Braunston, I’m fortunate to receive a copy of the BVN to keep up to date with some of the happenings and forthcoming events.
Festival of Britain

It’s exactly 70 years since Braunston began preparing for the Festival of Britain. The Parish Council met on the 24th April 1950 in the Memorial Hall. The minutes record that Miss D A Thompson presided in the absence of Mr B M A Smith. Other members present were Mr F Knibbs, Mr G Green, Mr G E Green, Mr M Gibbs, Mr D Wilkie, Mr A Watson and Miss F A Bolton.

Amongst the items discussed was a letter the council had received regarding the Festival of Britain. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be the organising committee to mark the Festival and in the May meeting it was decided that this would consist of improvements to the village consisting of ‘erecting seats in various parts of the parish and the placing of litter baskets in the village.’ Discussion of this continued in a meeting later in the year.

In January 1951 Miss Bolton asked ‘whether, as part of the village’s … celebrations, arrangements could be made to beautify the village by planting spring bulbs in the triangle of land fronting the school’ (now the Village Hall). She undertook to arrange for the school children to be provided with bulbs to plant there.

At the same time it was resolved that ‘the County Surveyor be asked if the village roadman could pay particular attention to the sweeping of paper litter from the street, so as to improve the general appearance of the village during the Festival year.’

By March progress on ‘wayside seats’ has been made. With money provided by Daventry Rural District Council, two seats were to be provided in Back Lane (now Church Road) and Ashby Road.

Two months later the Braunston Boys Club had offered to pay for two additional seats. In the same meeting Miss Bolton suggested ‘that a children’s tea party be held on the Green … at which a school girl “Festival Queen” … be elected, the expense to be met by a house to house collection.’ Arrangements were to be left to a sub-committee consisting of ‘Nurse’ Bolton, Mr G E Green and Mr D Wilkie.

July’s meeting saw the Parish Council using a catalogue to choose the 8 ft “Spencer” wayside seat. There are no further references to the Festival in the Braunston minutes.

The Festival of Britain was a national exhibition and fair held in the summer of 1951 at many locations, not just the famous South Bank site.
Directory of local businesses

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