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Presentation of Nurser Plaque Saturday June 29th 2013



Graham Nurser, Great Grandson of William Nurser, Grandson of Charles Nurser, Timothy West and Prunella Scales.

(See article on page 18)

Picture provided by Tim Coghlan - Braunston Marina MD.



The Blessed Virgin Mary & St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers

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REGISTERS FOR June/July 2013

BRAUNSTON

Weddings -

29/6/13 Wayne Galloway and Claire Russell

Baptisms -

7/7/13 - Archie Harrison

21/7/13 - Charlotte & Isobelle Dunkley

Funerals -

19/7/13 - Thomas FRANK Ofield (Ashby)

29/7/13 - Shirley Aldridge

31/7/13 - Mary Wenham

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

In which the hotness of hell is brought into disrepute

People say some funny things to me sometimes. At the end of a funeral in Daventry last month when it was too close to call as to whether I or the undertaker would be the first to pass out in the glaring sun under our respective layers of black wool, somebody said to me "Its hot as hell isn't it Reverend?" I consider myself to be reasonably well-informed, theologically speaking, but I found myself stuck for a response. Even after a certain amount of research I must confess that I still have absolutely no idea of the actual (or even approximate) temperature of hell. It seems that there are things that even Google cannot even guess at. I hope I never get to find out the hard way for myself.

Anyway, it is pretty universally acknowledged that hell is jolly hot. Every medieval peasant knew it and every tub-thumping hellfire and damnation evangelist down the ages has hung their hat on it. Only Dante disagreed, suggesting that it was cold but he has been thermally trounced by centuries of public opinion. In the general scheme of things the current heat wave may be sticky, oppressive and uncomfortable - hell-ISH to a point- but after 3000 years of hype it would be slightly disappointing to discover that hell is only about as hot as Spain and that its chief torments include slight sunburn, perspiration and unpleasant foot odours. So no. Its hot here. But probably not as hot as hell.

I'm not trying to trivialize hell with this frivolity. Society has done that for us. Hell is a bit of a joke to us. It is no longer the case that the mainstream churches use the threat of it to keep people in line, (although I can certainly see that it might be tempting to do so) Society's excesses might be restrained by a fear of judgement but I suspect that most of us cannot quite get our heads round medieval images of devils with pitchforks tossing the anguished souls of the damned into burning pits of fire- but I also suspect that most of us recognise that whatever it looks like hell is (putting it mildly) far from pleasant.

However hot it is and whatever it is, hell is as much a matter of choice as heaven. It has nothing to do with the Church and everything to do with a determination to accept or reject the love of God as shown to us in Jesus Christ. It's no joking matter really. Chill out this summer and think about it.

Reverend Sarah



CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2013

Floodlighting 2013

July's Floodlighting

5th July - * For Amy's 50th Birthday from Pat and Sybil

6th July - * John & Sally's Wedding Anniversary

8th July - * Jeff & Tracy's 18th Wedding Anniversary

18th July - * Susan & David's Wedding Anniversary

25th July - * In memory of Lou Watkins on her birthday: a
cherished mum, nanny and friend.

27th July - * Remembering Harry



August's floodlighting so far ...

1st August - Celebrating today the graduation of Darryl Coote Oakley
from Mountview and wishing John could be by my side

2nd August - * Brian & Gloria's Wedding Anniversary

3rd August - Remembering the life of John Coote a very special man,
still greatly missed, taken far too soon

17th August - * In loving memory of two wonderful mums, love always
Jen & Chris Burton

19th August - * Happy Birthday Dennis

27th August - * Celebrating our Wedding Anniversary. Joanne & André

27th August - Remembering Alison on her birthday- Paul, Harry and
William

* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received
before the BVN Deadline - 20th July 2013



**Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day
This wonderful Fund Raiser will be held on The
Green on Saturday 28th September.
Look out for more information next month**

Braunston Parish Council - Neighbourhood Development Plan

For the past year the parish council has been consulting and discussing whether Braunston should complete a neighbourhood development plan. There was widespread support in last winter's neighbourhood survey for Braunston to work towards achieving this status.

During July the parish council submitted an application to the organisation called Locality for a grant to help with moving towards a neighbourhood development plan.

locality.org.uk/ I am pleased to report that our submission has been accepted and we have been allocated £2330. This money will be used to meet the costs of community consultation, the drafting of plans and policies and the distribution of the completed plan prior to the community referendum.

A neighbourhood development plan can establish general planning policies for the community. It can be detailed or general, depending what local people want.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/giving-communities-more-power-in-planning-local-development/supporting-pages/neighbourhood-planning>

If it is later decided that a different outcome such as a village design statement would be better for Braunston, the work will be used to complete this.

The parish council has submitted an application to Daventry District Council to designate a neighbourhood area.

<http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/living/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/consultation/> DDC's consultation on our application is open until 13th August. We have secured assistance from Locality, had discussions with the planning department of DDC and with an organisation called Involving Communities. The sub-committee that has worked on this consists of parish councillors Andrew Alsop, Abigail Campbell, Paul Chamberlain, Richard Hawkins, Alan Mawer and Daxa Panchal and parish clerk, Steve Rolt. This committee is now the neighbourhood planning steering group chaired by Alan Mawer. We are looking forward to working with volunteers from across the parish who will form a number of working groups. We anticipate that it will take about two years to complete the statutory processes before the plan comes into force.

Why a neighbourhood development plan?

" This will lead to more localised decision-making to sustain the working nature of a canal-side village, protect and enhance amenities, business opportunities and local employment;

" To adopt plans for Braunston that will be appropriate for its location and circumstances over the next 15 years.

" We will organise the process of writing the plan in ways that will involve more people, not just councillors and thereby increase the number of parishioners involved in shaping the future of the parish.

News from Jetty Fields.

WORK MORNING, SATURDAY 13TH. JULY.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO WORKED SO HARD IN
THE TREMENDOUS HEAT!**

We had an excellent response from local people! Twenty volunteers ranging from the very young to the not so young(!) spent several hours making the garden area look superb. This was in preparation for the "Open Gardens" on the following day. It really shows what a group of people can achieve by working together for a common aim. Please visit the Pocket park and also look at our notice board at the top of the path so you can see the progress that we are making- together!

Become a Friend of Braunston Pocket Park.

Braunston Pocket Park was started in 2005. It is approximately 6 acres of amenity land. A great deal has been achieved since those early days and there is still much to do! We do receive a budget from the Parish Council and it does give us a tremendous amount of practical support. We urgently need extra funding to complete ambitious projects for the benefit of our village. We want the area to be a legacy for future generations. With your support we are aiming to raise another £1,000 a year. If you would like to find out more please pick up a leaflet from the Post Office counter or ring Pat. Herlihy on 01788 890590.

By becoming a friend you will be doing a great deal to further the work undertaken by volunteers.

DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

If you would like to offer a few hours then ring either Andrew 890826 or Brian 899262. We will be glad to talk to you and involve you in our work. You do not have to have any particular skills - just the energy to do basic tasks to improve the Pocket Park! You will be made very welcome!

THE GALLIE WILDLIFE FUND ANNUAL PRIZE 2013.

Following our morning visit to the Jetty Field area, we have received 27 entries from Year Six at Braunston C. of E. School. The standard was very high and all the pupils have made a great effort to write about their experience. There will be two prizes awarded, as well as a cup for the outright winner. We hope to print the winning entries in the next edition of the B.V.N. They will also be displayed on the Jetty Field notice board. The winners will receive their prizes in a special assembly at the end of term and there will also be another ceremony at the village annual horticultural show.
WELL DONE YEAR SIX!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT BRANCH

Our long serving chairman, Alan Kirton, has announced his forthcoming retirement at the next AGM. We would be glad to receive names of anyone prepared to take on this job.

The August lunch will be held at The Boathouse, Braunston, on 21st at Midday. No booking required, visitors welcomed.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at The Old Plough, Braunston, on Tuseday August 13th at 8.00pm. It is hoped that as many as possible local members will take this opportunity to attend.

Tony Saunderson. - Tel. No. 01788 890797

DAVENTRY HEALTH WALK SCHEME

Help yourselves get fit by joining in our 30/40 min Health Walks around the village.

Walks in August will take place on Thursdays the 15th, 22nd and 29th departing from outside The Cake Slice Tearooms, in the High Street. at 2.15pm (Please note there will not be a walk on the 8th)

All are welcome but please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be over fields.

Leader Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

BRAUNSTON PARCELS

The number of parcels sent out to our troops serving in Afghanistan continues to rise. The total now is 1267. That amazing amount is all due to the generosity of villagers and visitors to Braunston. My sincere thanks goes to every single person who donates to "the box".

Likewise, the number of letters we have received from our recipients continues to rise, 9 "thank you" letters have already been received from members of the Warthog Squadron of the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment.

This two way communication illustrates how important our parcels are to our current recipients.

Thank you for your continued support!

Val Worrall



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- 4.30pm - Prima Ballerinas 2 (3-Syrs)
- 5.00pm - Pre-Syllabus Ballet (5-6yrs)
- 5.45pm - Pre-Primary Ballet (7-8yrs)
- 6.30pm - Primary Ballet (8-9yrs)
- 7.15pm - Grade 1 Ballet (10yrs+)
- 7.45pm - Grade 2 Ballet (12yrs+)
- 8.15pm - Adult Ballet (no exp req)

Acting, Performance & Singing

Tuesday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

- 5.00pm - Juice (3-7yrs)
- 5.45pm - Upload (8yrs+)

Dance, Gym & Ballet

Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



- 5.00pm - Funky Dance & Modern (3-7yrs)
- 5.30pm - Gymnastics (all ages)
- 6.00pm - Street Dance & Modern (8yrs+)
- 7.00pm - Grade 3 Ballet (7yrs+)

We now have our very own dance studios in Southam, only 10/15 mins drive from Daventry, where we teach every genre you could wish for. Please visit our website and look at the Southam classes for more info.

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BRAUNSTON LADIES GROUP

September

Tuesday 10th September

October

A Theatre visit is scheduled so may be a different day

November

Tuesday 12th November

December

Tuesday 10th December

DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

WE ARE ON A SUMMER BREAK AT THE MOMENT BUT DO COME AND JOIN US WHEN WE MEET AGAIN ON TUESDAY 17TH. SEPTEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

New members are always welcome. We are sure that you will enjoy our interesting and varied programme. For more details ring our secretary, Annie, on 891179

200 Club Winners latest results 2013

23.05.13	117	K. Donald	£50
30.05.13	090	M. Dawson	£10
30.05.13	084	P. Edwards	£5
06.06.13	165	K. Mawer	£10
06.06.13	136	I. Griffin	£5
13.06.13	202	C. Price	£10
13.06.13	188	J. Beattie	£5

**PAEDIATRIC NURSE'S BABY WEIGHING &
ADVICE SERVICE
AT BRAUNSTON TODDLER GROUP (Located in
Village Hall):**

Tuesday 20 August from 9.30am



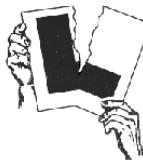
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Hope & Homes for Children



Funds Raised

Money raised from Penny Pots in June	£ 36.11
Making total raised since 1st. March 2013	£ 1,036.81

Which has enable us to send another £1,000 to Hope & Homes

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

The Old Dog & Gun

Braunston's Pop Up Pub



The Old Dog & Gun served its last pint as a pub in April 1971. As a tribute to its original landlady Gertrude Brinkman, who passed away on July 14th, we will be opening our doors over the August Bank Holiday weekend to serve alcohol, pub snacks, pies and ploughman's lunches, as well as a soundtrack of live music and DJs in the garden and barn at the rear playing folk soul, pop, jazz and swing.

Saturday August 24th - midday - 11pm and Sunday August 25th - midday - 7pm

I hope you can come along and sample the atmosphere. My Sunday afternoon DJ set will feature music exclusively from the 60s and early 70s.

Pete Lawrence

32 High St, Braunston, NN11 7HR. Garden entrance opposite 20 Church Road
Part of 'Pop Up Braunston Bank Holiday Weekend' 01788 891265





BVGA

Braunston Village Gardens Association
Welcomes all Braunston residents and their
friends to take part in the

Braunston Show
Saturday 7th September 2013
Braunston Village Hall 2pm

*We look
forward to
seeing you all
at
The Show*

There is still time for the finishing touches to be made to your exhibits

Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Home Produce, Handicrafts and Photographs

Be sure to have a go – we are a friendly show – and most importantly enjoy welcoming new exhibitors.

Schedules have been delivered to all houses in the village.

Spare schedules are available from the Post Office counter or
contact Kate Mawer The Show Secretary 01788 890340.

Why should you be in the village hall at 2pm on Saturday 7th September?

Home made cakes, Cups of tea and coffee A raffle and tombola

But also to enjoy a wonderful afternoon viewing

Bountiful Baking, Creative Crafts, Fragrant Flowers, Vast and Various Vegetables

Curious Children's entries, Picturesque Photographs, Notable Novelties, Frivolous Fruits

Then complete your perfect afternoon by buying Home grown fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers, Home made
cakes and pies , at the 4.30pm auction

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE TO SHOWWHAT VILLAGERS CAN DO

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Mon - Wed 9 to 3pm Thurs - Sun 8 to 3pm

Serving breakfasts, light lunches and delicious home-made cakes.

**Menu from 2pm - Chilled sandwiches, Specials,
Ploughman's, Drinks and our home-made cakes**

**Tuesday 13th August Canal Boat Strike Anniversary
Picnic**

**Our hours are extended to help cater for any drinks
and picnic needs**

Looking forward to seeing you.

**We are moored on the Grand Union Canal next to the
Marina entrance.**

Avril 07940973529

The Admiral Nelson

Music Festival

Saturday 10th August 2013

Music from 12:00 to Midnight

Kings of Lyon - Tribute band

Fraudio

Hats off to Led Zepplin - Tribute band of the year

Got it covered

Shae - Ukulele artist

Ben Clempson - Solo artist

Hollie Aires - Solo artist - Currently supporing James Arther

DJ on the day - Ted Nilsson/OneSaneMan

For further information, contact The Admiral Nelson
01788 891900



Varieties of food & drink served throughout the day

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS AUGUST 2013

		For more details of these services and events please see the Church Website www.all saintsbraunston.org.uk or ring the vicar
Thursday	1 st	19.30 Bell Ringers
Friday	2 nd	9.30 Gert Brinkman funeral: 18.00 Car Treasure Hunt
Sunday	4th	9.15 Holy Communion (A) 11am Parish Communion (B): 14.00 Baptism Baker (A); 18.30 Evensong
Monday	5 th	19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	6 th	9am Morning Prayer (B):
Wednesday	7 th	12.30pm Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch
Thursday	8 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	11th	8.00 Holy Communion (BCP): 9.15 Morning Prayer (A): 11.00 Family Service
Monday	12 th	Church Choir
Tuesday	13 th	9am Morning Prayer
Wednesday	14 th	12.30 Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch:
Thursday	15 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	18th	8.00 BCP Communion (B): 9.15 Holy Communion (A) 11.00 Parish Communion
Monday	19 th	: 19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	20 th	9am Morning Prayer:
Wednesday	21 st	12.30 Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch:
Thursday	22 nd	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	25th	8.00 BCP Communion: 11.00 Family Communion: 11.00 Reverend Liz retirement service and lunch - Staverton
Monday	26 th	19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	27 th	9am Morning Prayer
Wednesday	28 th	12.30 Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch:
Thursday	29 th	
Sunday	1st	9.15 Holy Communion (A): 11.00 Parish Communion (B): 13.30 Baptism Pit: 18.30 Evensong (B) = Braunston (A) = Ashby

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AUGUST 2013

Thursday	1 st	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	5 th	Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	6 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 Women's Institute
Wednesday	7 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing
Thursday	8 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Saturday	10 th	Noon to Midnight The Admiral Nelson Music Festival
Monday	12 th	Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	13 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 20.00 Royal British Legion meeting at The Plough: Miners Strike Picnic
Wednesday	14 th	20.20 Adult Tap Dancing :
Thursday	15 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	17 th	Cinema Club
Monday	19 th	Friendly Club Lunch: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	20 th	From 9.30 Paediatric Nurse in Village Hall: Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	21 st	12 noon Royal British Legion lunch at the Boathouse: Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing ::
Thursday	22 nd	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	24 th	Old Dog & Gun Pop-Up Pub
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Monday	26 th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	27 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	28 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing:
Thursday	29 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:

OLD BRAUNSTON FAMILY REUNITED

The Braunston Historic Boat Rally on the 29th June 2013 was the occasion for a get together of a family who have inhabited Braunston for nearly 200 years.

Although already living in the village, the family rose to prominence when William Nurser bought the Canal Wharf and the adjacent Champion Inn in 1875.

About 40 family members gathered at the Wharf where Timothy West and his wife Prunella Scales unveiled a plaque commemorating the Nurser's part in the canal history. The family assembled at the Champion Inn (now Champion House) which is the home of Sheila Becket, great granddaughter of William Nurser where they partook of a very Victorian and splendid High Tea. Everyone had a splendid time and many of those present vowed to return next year.

Braunston has certainly not seen the last of the Nurser family!

Extract from the speech written and given by Graham Nurser.

"I would like to thank Tim Coghlan for giving us the opportunity to celebrate this event. It has been about a year in the planning and his enthusiasm, encouragement and willingness to share information have been unfailing. He has really helped to make it happen.

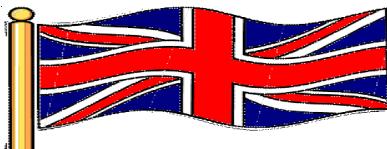
The area where the plaque was placed has had many names, The Wharf, The Dock, The Yard which all confirm William's business acumen when he bought the place and formed William Nurser & Sons. His notepaper describes the business as Boat Builders & Tarpaulers, Brick, Tile and Builders Merchants, included in the deal was the Champion Inn, his first home which remained a Public House. The conjunction of the Coventry, Oxford and Grand Union Canals, the London to Birmingham Road and the LNWR Railway must have been good for all kinds of business.

William was quite a breeder, 8 sons and 2 daughters by his first wife and a son and daughter by his second .Four of William's sons helped with the business which only passed out of the family in 1941 when it was sold to Samuel Barlow (Coal Merchants). Many of the family were regular churchgoers but some were staunch Methodists and heavily involved with The Chapel (now a private house). Some of their graves can still be seen in the churchyard and cemetery. After the sale Frank Nurser continued as Manager to Barlows but died in 1952. Although retired Charles Nurser continued to visit the yard regularly and supervised the building of many of the boats preserved today: Lucy and Kent for example, though ill health prevented his involvement in the last Barlow's built boat Raymond. According to Charles's records Nurser's built 22 Butty boats, 11 Motor Boats, 3 Fishing Punts, 1 Ferry Boat and a Bricklayers Flat.

Frank's sketches and notebooks, as well as the company accounts can now be found at the NWA Archive at Runcorn whilst Maurice Nurser donated Charles' working drawings and templates to the Waterways Museum at Stoke Bruerne. In an attempt to preserve and collect information about the Nursers, the yard and all the craftsmen who worked there, a website has been set up:- www.nurser.co.uk . If you have anecdotes or photographs please visit it.

Finally, a word to all you boaters. We applaud all of you for keeping alive the traditions of the cut and are delighted that there is to be an annual Nurser Award for the best boat at the Historic Boat Rally."

All Saints Church, Braunston
Saturday 21st. September
7:30pm start
LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS



Dunchurch Silver Band
Put a note in your Diary.

Car Treasure Hunt
Friday 2nd. August

Cars leave from All Saints' Church
between 6pm & 6-30pm

Braunston Church Fete on The Green
Next year will be on
Saturday 7th. June 2014
Put it in your Diary now
Many thanks to those who made
This year's event so successful
We made in the region of £3,400 for the running
costs of All Saints Church.

Sponsored Ride & Stride

The Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust is holding its annual Sponsored Bike Ride/Walk on Saturday 14th September 2013. This annual event not only provides funds for the maintenance of the many historic churches in Northamptonshire but 50% of the money that is raised is returned directly to help All Saints' Church here in Braunston. In addition, there is the opportunity to visit and admire some of the wonderful Christian buildings in the County.

People of any age can take part as you can choose your own route, according to how many churches you wish to visit on the day. Most of the churches in the County will be open from 10.00 - 18.00, although there are some that have to close earlier.

Sponsorship forms and a list of churches to visit are available from All Saints' or may be requested via the NHCT website:-

http://www.nhct.org.uk/index.php/bicycle_ride

Further information may also be obtained from the local organiser:-
John Caunt on 890776

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood watch is to encourage all residents to report any suspicious people or activities in the area. Also to look out for vulnerable residents to ensure their safety and wellbeing. We had a police surgery on Saturday, starting at the shop, and covering Cross Lane, Spinney Hill, Ashby Road and Archer Avenue.

Please look in the Braunston Village News to find out where and when the next surgery will be held, so that you, our residents can come and speak to us, your PCSO Kev Thompson, Abigail Campbell and your NHW co-ordinator.

CHILDREN - Be safe this summer holiday when you break up from school, and please remember NEVER go in a strangers car or boat.

Thank you.

Julie Jarrett - NHW Coordinator - 01788 899162 or 07952858418



Pop-up Tapas Bar - 14th July 2013

Anita and Andy Lowe would like to thank everyone who visited their 'pop-up' Tapas Bar held in their garden at 22 High Street on Sunday 14th July, a date which was specifically chosen to coincide with the Braunston Gardens Open Day. Visitors could choose from a menu of home-made 'tapas' (Spanish-style snacks), accompanied by a selection of alcoholic and soft drinks.

"The event was a huge success, helped not least by the glorious sunshine" said Anita. "We had a steady stream of visitors all day, so much so that we ran out of most of the tapas before we closed. A lot of familiar faces popped in, as well as people from outside the village, which was great".

"The feedback on the day was tremendous" said Andy, "everyone who came seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. We wanted to create a little bit of Spain in Braunston and the sunshine certainly helped!"

Anita and Andy are thinking about holding another similar 'pop-up' event, probably around the August Bank Holiday. "We'll likely offer a tapas menu with drinks, plus afternoon teas with a twist!"

The event also helped raise funds for the Braunston Gardens Open Day chosen charity, with a percentage of takings on the day being donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

For further information, Andy and Anita can be contacted on 01788 890769



Thanks where thanks are due!

During the Braunston Historic Show a lady asked the committee of the Braunston Playing Fields Association if they could camp on the playing field. Here follows an extract of her letter following the event.

Thank you for message about camping, unfortunately things didn't go to plan and we were unable to stay for long in the area. However I would like to thank the members of your committee and community for the short spell we did have as the village and canal areas were really attractive, I would also commend the lock keepers we met for their pleasant manner and good humour which helped to make a happy trip. We hope your weekend events went well as the weather improved.

Cheers Liz Molloy

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Braunston Canal Society

The weather finally relented and allowed us to get on with our lock painting schedule. We spent a day at Lock 3 repainting the wood and steel work, apart from some second coating it is all but complete. Newly painted locks always look good, but in this case, set against the Admiral Nelson and their gorgeous hanging baskets, we were rather letting the side down.

Our regular work at the Stop House, and on the rest of our patch continues. Thanks to one of our members, Peter Biggs, we now have a petrol mower that means we can improve the grass areas at the Stop House. Further plans to include a small wild flower meadow there next year are being discussed. We helped the Marina with Stewards for their recent Historic Weekend, we are proud to have helped and to be a regular part of this event, we are already booked for 2014.

Chris Burton - www.braunstoncanalsociety.org.uk



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Celebrate the Braunston Boat Families' strike of 1923

Ninety years ago on the 13 August 1923 the canal here at Braunston made national headlines. The entire traffic on the canal, then one of Britain's most important transport arteries, came to a total halt.

Braunston's community of boat families on the canal were out on strike.

The village will be marking the anniversary with an event in the Stop House Garden at 3pm on 13 August. There will be short guided walks to locations connected with the strike, speakers and music. You are invited to bring a picnic. Gongoozlers will be open for hot drinks and snacks. Entrance is free.

In the 1920's canal employers told the boat families that they would be reducing their already meagre pay-packets once more, this time by another six and a half percent.

Many of these boat families were employed by Fellows Morton & Clayton (FMC), one of the country's largest canal carrying companies. FMC had a major wharf and depot in what is now Braunston Marina.

The striking boats gathered around FMC's Wharf in Braunston. The strike, and the families selfless sacrifice, was to last for fourteen weeks.

It was one of the first disputes to involve the recently created Transport and General Workers Union. The TGWU would grow to become Britain's and indeed the world's biggest trades union. Today it is part of the huge Unite union.

Despite the challenge from the railways, and the arrival of trains in the village in 1895, Braunston had retained its position as a major canal centre.

As the strike took hold in Braunston, between fifty and sixty boats tied up in the approaches to the FMC wharf and along both sides of the Oxford and Grand Junction canals.

This increased the village's population (1,081 in 1921) by 300 putting a great strain on village facilities.

A thousand tons of sugar and tea were trapped in the boats. Strike-breakers attempted to unload the boats. Not surprisingly the striking boatmen saw this as an act of extreme provocation.

A second attempt was made to unload the three boats. On this occasion a detachment of police was drafted in. The strikers protest was colourful and noisy. One man was thrown in the canal. Under strong police protection the boats were finally unloaded.

Come and learn more about this important chapter in the proud history of our village on August 13.

Peter Frost



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21st Sept	Proms Concert (Dunchurch Silver Band)
7th. Oct	Harvest Supper
19th. Oct.	Quiz Night
16th Nov	Autumn Fair At Village Hall
21st. Dec	Christmas Extravaganza (Dunchurch Silver Band)
25th. Jan 14	Burns' Supper
17th. May 14	Quiz Night



ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY The Braunston Macmillan Support Coffee Morning

will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday September 21st from 10.00 until 12.00 noon.

Come and enjoy a delicious home made cake (or two) and your morning coffee / tea in good company.

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All offers of help, cakes, items etc to Janet McCarthy on 890336

Braunston Walkers

Strines Moor 29/7/2013

This walk is probably one of the best we have ever done. It is a romp in the Dark Peak up and along Derwent Edge above the gleaming Ladybower Reservoir, a dambusters practice lake. We had a two hour drive through Chesterfield with it's magnificent warped church steeple then on over the moors to reach the high point above Hathersage with magnificent views along the Hope Valley and that was all before we reached a layby on the A57 at the chillingly named Cutthroat Bridge. Nine of us, stupidly, ignored the van selling teas and bacon sandwiches as we crossed the road to start a trek onto and up Derwent Moor. At about 390 metres above sea level we reached a junction of footpaths with amazing views over the Ladybower reservoir across to Lose Hill then Win Hill and the great ridge that leads up to the face of MamTor and along Rushup Edge. Nestling in the valley below Kinder Scout, at 636 metres the highest point in the Peak District, nestles the farm used in the recent BBC drama, the village. We gazed over Kinder where many a Pennine Way walker will have trudged past Black Hill and Bleaklow. A fantastic vista. Breaking away from our track we turned right and walked, even more steeply to the top of Derwent Edge with it's dramatic rocky outcrops. The first of these is Wheel Stones known by the locals as "Coach and Horses" and as we continued our walk we looked back at this jumble of rocks which takes on a view like a coach and horses hurtling over the moor. Our path continued past White Tor and onto another amazing jumble of huge rocks with one known as the Salt Cellar. At the next outcrop called Dovestone Tor our path became a series of huge paving slabs of rock laid out to avoid the surrounding, deep, peat bogs. We passed three weird rock shapes know as "Cakes of Bread" and reached a crossroads of paths. Our route went to the right but the lure of the white trig point a quarter of a mile ahead was too much for us intrepid types and we had to conquer this high point even though it would delay our pub lunch!! Clambering over the huge rocks we were soon at 538 metres gazing around the magnificent scenery. The weather had been benign with a white cloud covering and at the top the wind made standing straight a bit difficult but it was dry and getting warmer as we retraced our steps and turned left down a track to take us past Grouse butts downhill (yippee!!) about two miles to reach a road at Strines Bridge. The pub was only a quarter of a mile from here but it was steeply uphill! Are you sensing a pattern here? We slumped in our seats at the Strines Moor Inn and were soon ensconced over great food and reviving beer. It's a great old fashioned pub, standing on its own above the sparkling Strines Reservoir. We finally left the comfort of the pub and walked briskly back down hill on the road over the bridge and fast flowing river to then turn right over a stone wall to join the Sheffield Country Walk footpath, to climb, unrelentlessly, above the reservoir and along a muddy stream onto Sugworth Edge with its folly, a tower looking positively medieval but apparently built in 1927 to provide work in the depression. It did have steps up inside the old building but after a cow got stuck on the steps they decided to remove them. The views from here look back over the reservoir to our pub and then up over the moors we had circumnavigated earlier. The sun was now full out as we walked along a tunnel of rhododendrons carpeted with purple blossoms past Sugworth Hall. The track leads uphill to a B road and joins a grassy bridle way over the moors back to Cutthroat Bridge. This really is a magnificent walk. should you ever be up this way.

Our next walk is 20/7 and takes in Ashby St Ledgers. We will meet at 10 at the village hall.



Abigail Campbell

District Councillor

Boat Strike

I hope you will head down to the Stop House Garden on Tuesday 13 August, the 90th anniversary of the first day of the boat workers' strike, if you can. It's a chance to remember how the life of this village is entwined with the canal and the people who work on it. If you'd like a lift down let me know.

Campaigns & communities

The cardiac rehabilitation unit at Danetre Hospital has closed. People recovering from a heart attack now have to go to Kettering. I'm campaigning to restore this vital local service. Over 300 people signed a petition in 2 hours at a street stall in Daventry. Many more have signed since then thanks in no small part to the efforts of Julie Jarrett here in Braunston. If you'd like to add your name to the petition or join the campaign please get in touch. Potentially life-destroying cuts are beginning to affect us all. As the boatworkers proved, when we join together we have a real chance of protecting our communities.

Timebank

It's happening! Gardening, sports coaching, washing up, computer skills are all being shared. Do get in touch to join in. A leaflet and registration form will go out to the whole village soon.

Welton Road Play Area

A project is underway to revamp the Welton Road Play Area. Can you help? If you'd like to get involved please contact me.



New surgeries

I'm taking a new approach to my surgeries, to make sure I'm in touch with as many of you as I can be. I'll deliver cards to a number of streets, letting you know when I'll be doing a walkabout. Just put the card in your window on that day if you'd like me to stop to talk about anything. I'll be starting with Ashby Rd, Spinney Hill, Maple Close and Welton Rd on the morning of Saturday 7 September.

email acampbell@daventrydc.gov.uk or call 01788 891782

WAKE-UP CALL!

Not much chance of falling asleep at the Braunston Marina on 27 June: Geoffrey Phelps was awakening. And a pretty rude awakening too.

This was the Daystar Theatre taking the Historic Boat Show by storm. Or at least the Beer tent. As much of a tradition at the show as Andy Murray losing at Wimbledon.

Except that he didn't. And in its own way, Daystar Theatre also specialises in Tales of the Unexpected.

Here was Geoffrey Phelps losing his mother, his home and his job all on the same day. Which just happened to be his birthday. Here were the care home nurse, his female boss and his aunt all taking over his life. And here too were just two people - the husband and wife team of Duffy (Pete) and Jane Marshall playing all six parts in their latest self-written modern Morality Play. The duo provide an acting masterclass in characterisation, instantly believable as sad-case Geoffrey in one scene and desperate hotel manager in the next; or love-lorn nurse making eyes at Geoffrey then unscrupulous lawyer. The denouement, if predictable, is nonetheless satisfying thanks in large part to the clever and witty script.

If the subject matter sounds bleak, then you haven't seen Daystar Theatre before. Black comedy it may be, but highly entertaining too. And, like all morality plays, good triumphs in the end.

Daystar have deservedly won a strong following at Braunston so it was not surprising that the beer tent was packed for the show. Thanks to the generosity of Tim Coghlan, who sponsored the event, proceeds from the hundred-odd ticket sales went to the Friends of All Saints, whose funds were boosted by a most welcome £1,000.

EDITORIAL

For the first time in months I have managed to get a word in! For those who know me this is very unusually as ,yes I can, and do "talk for Britain".

I hope you have enjoyed this months' magazine. We seem to have some really interesting articles this month .I love the stories from Gertrude, who I know some of you remember and thanks to Pete Lawrence I have some more in the coming months. Recently I have had some informal chats with Braunston residents who have some great local stories The water shortage and the Memorial Hall to name but two and I would love to come and talk to anyone who has lived in the village for a number of years (I will bring cake!). Please get in touch on 01788 891546.

It is great to see the current fashion for 'Pop-Up' events and long may they continue as it is wonderful to see the village coming together in this way. As far as the BVN is concerned we are more than happy to advertise these, but unless they have a charitable contribution included, we will have to charge the normal advertising rates.

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Jenni

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GERTRUDE BRINKMAN - LAST LANDLADY OF THE DOG & GUN

Gertrude Brinkman, the last landlady of my house, the old Dog & Gun pub in the heart of the village, passed away peacefully on Sunday 14th July at the age of 98. The pub closed its doors to customers in April 1971 after many years as a public house. I was lucky enough to meet up with her in February last year, along with her daughter Lesley Masters and granddaughter Amelia Bunn. Lesley and Gertrude did most of the talking, and revealed a fascinating and amusing history of the house.

Gertrude and her husband moved in to the pub in 1948, taking over from Mr Rowley, who was also a policeman. The Dog & Gun was a Phipps pub (Northampton brewery), a few doors down from the supermarket. As well as the main bar, it had a smoke room, a skittle room and on the handpump, 2 mild, one bitter and later on, Watneys Red Barrel, bottled Guinness. A man come Blisworth used to bring pork pies. Otherwise, it was crisps. The main games were cards and that sort of thing and crib and they taught me how to play crib so that if they were short I used to make up the numbers. They used to play dominoes and penny knock and on a Tuesday night we used to have the fishing club come

Gertrude wouldn't have a jukebox. After her husband died in 1959 at the age of 44, she ran the pub single handedly with two young children and was single-minded about the task in hand. She had reps come in to ask if she'd have a fruit machine and a jukebox but they were quickly shown the door. They did have live music occasionally - "a very good pianist who had his own dance band. A blind man called Reg Hargrave, who lived opposite the butcher's in Cross Lane. We use to have a sing song at Christmas and on a Saturday night and then Dad decided to get a record player. It was a Dansette record player and he bought 'Diana' and 'Robin Hood' and 'Love Letters in the Sand' and he played them over and over and over again. We hadn't got any other records, we used to stand it on a beer crate behind the bar on a Saturday night and just have that on."

Her no-nonsense style of management extended beyond showing reps where to get off. For example the notorious fight in the pub between Tony Charles and Bill Rogers. Lesley elaborates "They started fighting over Wendy. Bill Rogers had looked at Wendy and Tony didn't think he should have done! Bill R was a boxer and Tony Charles was always in



court in Daventry. This fight started out and my mother went in and she stepped in between them and she said 'I'm not having any of this bugger in here, if you want to fight get outside. And outside they went and you stopped it in a flash. She never stood for any nonsense or swearing in the pub.' But things weren't easy for Gert through the 60s "I had two fatherless children I was trying to bring up and I couldn't afford to have any trouble for them and I wanted my children to be the same as other people's. It was difficult, very difficult. I only had my widow's pension coming in, but I never over-charged anyone a halfpenny"

At the back of pub were several buildings - a clubroom (which was previously the village fire station and is now used by myself for live concerts), stabling for two horses, a manger, a wash-house with a copper and mangle, a pig sty, chickens roosting in the coach house, a pigeon loft, a blue summer house up by Church Road at the end of the garden and even a shop selling fresh produce. "Years before when my uncle and aunt were there it was a shop (Mr and Mrs Waite) where they had fresh fruit, apples, plums, eggs, green veg and fish and that sort of thing"

More of Gertrudes' memories next month.

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Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	891935	Thursday Evenings 7.30pm-9pm
Braunston Canal Society	Chris Burton	891546	
Braunston Cinema Club	Sandy Mac Donald	891488	
Braunston Ladies Group	Julia Beattie Margaret	890488 890780	Meets Monthly
Braunston Players	Chris Grossart	890491	Annual Show plus informal get together
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Braunston Walkers	Phillip Ray	891437 891384	Walks of 7-10 miles around the area
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Fishing Club	G Donald	891264	Bingo every Thursday evening 8pm village Hall
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Pre-School	Braunstonpreschool @googlemail.com	01788 891891	Mon – Fri am during term time in village

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