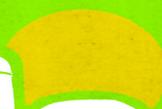


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**Timothy West, Prunella Scales and Tony Hales at the WW1
Memorial Service**

Photograph by Andre Gibson



**The Blessed Virgin Mary & St
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REGISTERS FOR JULY 2014

BRAUNSTON

Baptism:

July 27th - Cora Jane Kitchener

Weddings

July 12th - Warwick Wilkinson & Caroline Baggott

July 18th - Michael Andrews & Helen Blackwell

July 26th - Liam Withall & Glen Ford

Funeral:

July 21st - Lorna Cooper

July 28th - Beryl Begley

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

On the joy of pink toenails

Hi Y'all! I'm just back from ten days in Tennessee with the gorgeous sister. As my teenage nieces put it, "We had a blast!" (For those with a traditionally English perception of the English language let me reassure you that this does not actually infer any kind of explosion. It simply means "We had FUN")



My sister took me to the supermarket in her Lamborghini. It has negligible boot space even compared to my old Nissan Micra but considerably greater pulling power. At the shopping mall she took her frumpy vicar sibling firmly in hand and equipped her with some high heeled sandals and a strange item of flesh-coloured-fat-squishing elastane with all the glamour and flexibility of a wetsuit. She also treated us to a pedicure from which I can report the most extraordinary prolonged glow of enjoyment. Not only do I have the cleanest smoothest feet ever but I have luminous, shapely, bright pink toe nails. I keep looking at them and chuckling like a miser rubbing his hands over a pile of gold. It is a little alarming just how much pleasure I am deriving from my own toenails. I enjoyed the fast cars and jet-skis and Dollywood and the Bluegrass concert in Nashville and briefly living a life of great indulgence but I must confess that nothing has quite topped the joy of smooth feet and pink toenails.

It might appear to the biblically tuned-in amongst you that I am teetering dangerously on the brink of idolatry. At least two of the Ten Commandments, whilst admittedly not specifically referring to hard gel nail coating, are quite clear about the undesirability of worshipping any sort of idols. Fear not, gentle reader. God is still top of my list and I'm not about to be led into spiritual decline by my own toes. But they are great FUN and I think that sometimes, in the daily grind of life and service, we forget about that; about finding the little things that lift us and make us and other people smile, enjoying the moment and taking the time to be silly. God made us for abundant life and if part of that includes a secret smile when I remember the perfect toes inside my black vicar-boots then I guess that is ok.

This summer, whether you have exotic plans or no money to do anything grand, find some fun. It's August and the sun is shining. Or it's not. Who cares? I've got pink toes.

Best wishes, Sarah.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2014

July's floodlighting

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

8th July - * Jeff & Tracy's 17th Wedding Anniversary

8th July - Violet Russell 95 Years old. Happy birthday Mum,
love from all your family

9th July - Pauline and Roy's 65th Wedding Anniversary

14th July - Gertie Brinkman. We all miss you so much.

Love Lesley, Amelia, Matthew & girls. xx

16th July - Shirley Aldridge - Remembering one year on.

Missed and loved. Henry, Sally, Tracy and families.



August's floodlighting so far ...

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

2nd August - In celebration of Plum and Matthew's wedding

3rd August - Happy Birthday John, in our thoughts everyday

16th August - George Brinkman. Remembered with love on your
Birthday & always. Lesley xx

17th August - Remembering the Mums, with love Jen & Chris

19th August - * Happy Birthday Dennis

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

27th August - Remembering Alison / Mum on what would have been her
40th birthday, love Paul, Harry & William

29th August - Val & Eric's Golden Wedding

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

**Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests
received before the BVN Deadline - 20th July 2014**

GOOD LUCK

Wishing Oliver lots of luck at his new school .

Amazing little boy

Lots of love xxx

Braunston Show
To show what villagers can do

Saturday 6th September

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Braunston Show this year.

Find out more by looking through the Show Schedule available at

www.braunston.org.uk/bvgashow and also delivered to your door this month.



Have you seen the open classes? In our house we are planning a friendly friends and family challenge!



I must remember the children's classes for the school holidays.

Any questions?
Contact Kate Mawer either via the website or by telephone 890340 with any questions.

News from Jetty Field.

Dennis has continued to support the work of the volunteers, thanks to the financial support of our Parish Council. We have now taken delivery of the new galvanised steel "kissing gate" and hope to put it in place before the end of July. Once constructed, it will mean wheel chair users, push chairs and prams will find it easier to access the field area. The planting of small wild flower plants is almost completed and we hope that you will notice the difference next year! We have managed to grow hundreds of plants from seed thanks to the help of local people. We hope that you have noticed the wonderful display of wild flowers this year and the poppies at the top and bottom of the field. The poppies have been specially grown to commemorate the start of the First World War and funded by Daventry District Council.

The allotments look tremendous! A combination of sun, warm weather and rain has been particularly helpful.

RECORD BROKEN!

On a wet Saturday morning a few weeks ago at the beginning of July a few volunteers waited anxiously to see if any other brave folk from Braunston would turn up! We were not disappointed. In the end we had **TWENTY THREE CHILDREN AND ADULTS** come along and achieved a great deal. Hedges were tidied, borders and beds weeded and wild flowers planted. The children stuck with their tasks and were very helpful. A very **BIG THANK YOU** to all concerned. Special thanks to Carol for the coffee and biscuits and to Zara for the delicious Victoria Sponge.

Our next Saturday Work Morning will be in late summer or early autumn and we will be concentrating on the area commonly known as "the wild area". Details nearer the time. Can we beat the record of 23 helpers? Over to you!

Matt Henderson and Simon Stapley's London to Paris charity bike ride.

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who sponsored us on our recent bike ride. Between us we have raised nearly £3400 for our two charities, The British Heart Foundation and The Myton Hospice. In particular we want to say a huge thank you to Alice Wren for all the work she did in selling our quiz sheets. These alone raised over £300.

The ride itself was most enjoyable, although hard work. Northern France is hillier than we had expected. The low points were the weather and the punctures, but the high point was the last few miles in Paris when we were escorted by a siren screeching, light flashing support car, being applauded by Parisians as the police waved us through red lights. It was just like the Tour de France.

If you missed out on sponsoring or would like to find out more about the charities please visit

www.justgiving.com/simonstapley Myton Hospice

www.justgiving.com/matthenderson82 British Heart Foundation

Matt and Simon

Jenni's Jottings

Happy August everybody. School is out and many of you will be going on holiday.

I was walking up through Jetty Fields the other morning and thought how lucky we are to have such a beautiful space. It meets all our senses:- Sight - needs no explanation everywhere you look there are flowers, grasses and some lovely seed heads. Sound - again no explanation needed, the birds sing their little hearts out and I wonder if some of them are happy that the babies are gone or that they have 'empty nest syndrome!' Touch - The waving grasses and the beautiful bark on the trees. Taste - Have to use some imagination here but you can almost taste the gorgeous smells. Scent - the most fantastic of scents has been the almost overpowering smell of the avenue of small leafed Lime trees which are nearly finished flowering.

I heard a report on the radio about the problem of feeding ducks and swans. I asked our wildlife expert Frosty for his opinion and you can read it on Page 38. Please 'don't shoot the messengers' but it is something to ponder. I am still trying to find a supply of suitable food so watch this space.

We have had some more Pop Ups this last month. The delicious Pop Up Bakery which I am sure many of you will have sampled - is it true that homemade cakes, breads, etc have no calories? I hope so as I seem to have sampled most things and am always willing to be a taster!

The other Pop Up is the Supper Club which we are attending in September. There is an excellent revue of the last dinner party on the Braunston Website. What with the local village honey, I think there is a conspiracy to make me FAT!!!!

I am really looking forward to the Arts & Crafts weekend to be held in the Church in the middle of August. Apparently there are over 15 exhibitors all from our village. What a talented lot you are. If, like me you haven't a 'crafty' bone in your body do come along and have a look what they are up to.

Enjoy August, stay safe in this lovely sunny weather and if you are going away, just think how great it will be to come back to Braunston

Cheers

Jenni

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- 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

- 5.45pm - Acting, Performance & Singing (all ages)

Dance, Gym & Ballet

Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



- 5.00pm - Gymnastics (all ages)
- 5.30pm - Street Dance & Modern (8yrs+)
- 6.30pm - Grade 3 Ballet (13yrs+)
- 7.15pm - Grade 4 Ballet (14yrs+)

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The current recipients of our parcels are members of the WARTHOG GROUP of the QUEEN'S ROYAL HUSSARS. They have already received 11 parcels during their deployment. I recently received a letter from an officer in the squadron thanking us for the support our parcels show to his regiment and how much they are appreciated. Parcels were last sent to members of the Queen's Royal Hussars during their deployment in 2012.

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BRAUNSTON TODDLER GROUP-SUMMER HOLIDAYS

These sessions will commence from 9:30 till 1 every Tuesday. All at £3 a family including lunch.

Forthcoming events for your diary.

Tuesday 5th August-Sure start

Tuesday 12th August from 10:30- PCSO Kevin Thompson will be coming along in his police car to give a road safety talk and the children will get a chance to look and take a seat in the car.

Tuesday 19th August- Tent play/Normal session

Tuesday 26th August-Sure start

Tuesday 2nd September-Mini disco to say good bye and thank you to all the children who will be starting primary school. This will include a buffet, fun competitions including best dressed, and best dancer. All entrants will receive a small prize. This will also be my last session so come along and help me celebrate. I look forward to seeing you there.

May I take this opportunity to say Thank you for you support over the last year. Without you this local village group would not be able to continue.

Mandy Byrne. Braunston Toddler Group Manger.

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2014 Gallie Prize Competition

In late June children from year 6 at Braunston School visited Jetty Fields



pocket park. The purpose of the visit was to prepare for the annual competition for the Gallie Prize named after Duncan Gallie, head at the school for many years after the Second World War. The children are working on projects about our pocket park. Chris Burton, Andrew Alsop and Alan Mawer showed them the different environments the park

provides. Here they are finding out about allotments and vegetable growing. Chris talked to them about the trees and wildlife in the spinney.

The children carried out a number of other activities including practising tree identification.

By the time you read this the projects will have been judged. As well as wildlife related prizes for the winning entries, the Gallie Cup donated by Jean Hussein in memory of her father, Duncan Gallie who was keen that his interest in nature be passed on to Braunston children, will have been presented in school assembly.



All the adult helpers were impressed with the enthusiasm of the children and the interesting questions they asked.

The Royal British Legion Braunston & District Branch

The Legion was very sad to learn of the death of Lorna Cooper the wife of our long time Padre, Clive Cooper. Our condolences go out to Clive and his family.

The legion's visit to the RAF museum at Cosford was most enjoyable. Over seventy five planes, mainly from WW2 onwards, were on display. The German Dornier 17 bomber, recently retrieved from the sea bed of the Goodwin Sands, was on view and is currently undergoing a long period of stabilisation prior to restoration, a process which will take upto ten years. This is the only known survivor of this wartime plane.

Armed Forces Day was celebrated this year at Kilsby Church on 28th June and was well attended by legion members but public support was unfortunately poor.

Earlier in the day a very large crowd of people attended Braunston war memorial in tribute to the Thirty-one fallen men from Braunston who gave their lives during WW1. The event was arranged by Braunston Marina and the Legion was pleased to participate. Timothy West read out the names and details of all thirty one men which have been recorded in a special booklet prepared by Tim Coghlan and Jennifer Coy.

A church Service is to be held at 6.00pm on Sunday 3rd August at Welton Church to mark the centenary of the commencement of WW1. Would Legion members please parade at the Church at 5.45 pm. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

The monthly luncheon in August will be held at the George Hotel, Kilsby, on Friday 15th August and will celebrate the end of WW2.

Booking not needed and all are welcome to attend.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at 8.00 pm, Tuesday 12th August, at the White Horse Welton.

Tony Saunderson, Tel. No. 01788 890797

PARISH COUNCIL

Around 80 people attended the Housing Consultation meeting on 16th July. The Parish Council as well as other organisations represented would like to thank everyone for their comments. All these have been collated and will be used to help form the Braunston Neighbourhood Plan

PETE MORGAN

As a way of making the Parish Council more accessible and to make it more accountable and responsive to the Parish, the councillors recently agreed to write a brief personal profile for the BVN introducing themselves and outlining some of the issues facing the Council. Having been elected Chair of the Council in May, the task of writing the first profile fell to me. My colleague councillors will provide a profile for each edition of the BVN; we hope you find them informative and helpful. Any comments either to Steve Rolt, the Parish Clerk - clerk@braunstonpc.org - or to the individual councillor please, in my case pemorgan26@btinternet.com . I moved to Braunston with my family in 1981; I have



worked as a social worker in Warwickshire, Coventry and Birmingham for over 35 years, taking voluntary redundancy in 2010. I am now a visiting tutor on the Social Work course at Warwick University, chair Safeguarding Adults Boards in Worcestershire and Hertfordshire and work with the Department of Health on safeguarding adults issues. I was a member of the Braunston Pantomime Group and am a member of the Braunston Players. This is my second term on the Council, having initially been approached by Janet McCarthy back in the last century!

Our daughters have all attended the village school and I was a member and Chair of the Parent/Teacher Association; my wife ran a new-and-nearly children's clothes and equipment shop in the village for many years before qualifying as a teacher.

The Parish Council is not political in a party political sense; we aim to meet village needs to the best of our abilities and with very limited resources. This includes responding to consultations organised by both the District and County Councils.

Affordable housing within the village for village people is an obvious issue that we are trying to address; of equal importance, though possibly not such a high profile, are the issues of car parking and dogs fouling the pavements, Jettyfields and the towpath.

We have taken some steps to try to manage, not the dogs, but their owners, who need to take responsibility for their pets and we will continue to see if there are other things we could do.

Car parking is going to continue to be a problem in the village, as Braunston was not designed for the car: many properties do not have off-road parking available. Often though, the solution lies with the car owner showing some consideration and not parking where they cause a blind spot or congestion or across a step up to the pavement, such as those outside Bargain Booze. We are in discussions with the County Council and the Police particularly about the brow of the hill on Welton Road - one option is the provision of a short stretch of yellow lines to provide a 'safe haven' to enable drivers to pull into to avoid on-coming traffic. Outside the school is another problem area, and we would hope that parents will recognise the danger to themselves, their children and other road users if they park inconsiderately immediately outside the school but also on Greenway, Church Road and Barby Lane. So far there have only been 'near-misses', but I fear that eventually there will be a serious accident sooner or later.

Pete Morgan

200 CLUB WINNERS 2014

Date	Number	Winner	Prize
19.06.14	204	E. Archer	£50
26.06.14	101	J. McCarthy	£10
26.06.14	138	J. Crabtree	£5
03.07.14	017	C. Burton	£10
03.07.14	026	L. Kibblewhite	£5
10.07.14	131	J. Cox	£10
10.07.14	015	P. Wenham	£5

The Dick Herne Braunston History Society.

Although we do not usually meet in July or August we could not miss the chance to visit Tess Yard, Braunston and be given a guided tour. Ten members and guests met at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday 1st July at the yard and were then given over two hours of information and explanation by Peter Boyce. Peter is completely re-building N.B. Lucy; she was first built in Braunston over sixty years ago! Peter was very generous with his time; even offering us tea and coffee whilst answering our questions! We learnt about the tools used and were shown pictures of the narrow boat and given background on her previous owners and the work undertaken. We were also given the opportunity to see the other wooden boats he is in the process of bringing back to life! The History Society is very grateful to Peter for giving up so much of his time for us. He is coming back to the society on TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30 P.M. in the village hall. The subject of his talk is " The restoration of wooden narrow boats" This will be supported by pictures and other visual information. A TALK NOT TO BE MISSED!

Our first meeting in September is on Tuesday 16th September and George Dickinson will tell us about - " Canal memories of the last Braunston Bobby". George has a huge fund of stories to tell! Come and take a trip down memory lane!

As always everybody is welcome to come along. Members free, non members £2.

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS AUGUST 2014

		<p>For more details of these services and events please see the Church Website www.allsaintsbraunston.org.uk or ring the vicar</p>
Friday	1 st	18.00 Car Treasure Hunt
Saturday	2 nd	17.30 Youth Church (B)
Sunday	3rd	9.15 Holy Communion (A): 11.00 Holy Communion & Junior Church (B): 18.30 Evensong (B)
Monday	4 th	19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	5 th	9.00 Morning Prayer(B)
Wednesday	6 th	12.30 Peace at Lunch Time :
Thursday	7 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Saturday	9 th	17.30 Youth Church
Sunday	10th	08.00 Holy Communion (B):09.15 Morning Prayer (A): 11.00 Family Service (B)
Monday	11 th	19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	12 th	9.00 Morning Prayer(B): Youth Church Trip
Wednesday	13 th	12.30 Peace at Lunch Time
Thursday	14 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Saturday	16 th	Arts & Crafts Weekend
Sunday	17th	8.00 Holy Communion(B) :09.15 Holy Communion (A) 11.00 Parish Communion (B): 14.00 Arts & Crafts Weekend
Monday	18 th	19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	19 th	9.00 Morning Prayer (B)
Wednesday	20 th	12.30 Peace at Lunch Time
Thursday	21 st	19.30 Bell Ringers
Saturday	23 rd	17.30 Youth Church(B)
Sunday	24th	08.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Breakfast Service (A): 11.00 Holy Communion (B): 14.00 Baptism – Jensen Oliver: 15.15 Baptism - Thornton
Monday	25 th	19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	26 th	9.00 Morning Prayer (B)
Wednesday	27 th	12.30 Peace at Lunch Time
Thursday	28 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Saturday	30 th	Youth Church
Sunday	31st	
		(B) = Braunston (A) = Ashby

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AUGUST 2014

Sunday	3 rd	13.45 Royal British Legion service at Welton Church to mark the Centenary of WWI
Monday	4 th	14.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	5 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: W.I.
Wednesday	6 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	7 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Monday	11 th	14.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	12 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 20.00 Royal British Legion Meeting at White Horse Welton
Wednesday	13 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	14 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	15 th	Royal British legion lunch at George Hotel Kilsby
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Saturday	30 th	Cinema Club

Sponsored Ride & Stride

The Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust is holding its annual Sponsored Bike Ride/Walk on Saturday 13th September 2014.



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 some that have to close earlier.

Sponsorship forms and a list of churches to visit may be requested via the NHCT website:-

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TUE 5TH AUG, MON 11TH AUG, FRI 15TH – 18TH AUG, THU 21ST AUG

FOOD BANK

There is a box situated at the back of the Church for the collection of food for those people who are in need. The box is emptied regularly and taken to the Daventry Food Bank for distribution. Thank you to all who are already contributing and to others who may do so in the future.

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BRAUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY

Work has commenced on painting lock 3, the very hot weather and lack of volunteers due to holidays etc., meant that it wasn't a very long day but the visual improvement is immediate and continues to get favourable comment from passing boaters.

The garden at the Stop house also commands many favourable comments. The sudden sad death of John Brightman who many of you will know set up and ran the Gongoozler Restaurant boat along with his partner Jenny has come as a shock to us all. It was however nice to utilise the Stop House garden for his wake.

The seeds supplied by Daventry DC have provided a marvellous show for us and we were recently visited by the council's press dept to take a picture. This will be circulated around the region and hopefully will appear in the local press.

We are a little ashamed of the condition of the junction Island, our main problem is in the early part of the year we risk destroying the daffodils that produce a beautiful display and before they have died back the ducks commence nesting. Last year we went on Mid July and even after careful checking discovered 3 occupied nest seconds before they would have been destroyed. No lasting damage was done but we do not want to risk it again. Early August should see it returned to its cared for condition.

There is a rumour that channel 4 are planning a canal programme which will be a follow on from a previous series. The rumour also infers that BCS may be involved in the project. We hope to have more news for the Sept edition of the BVN

"A Bad Penny" is turned into a healthy contribution to All Saints' Braunston Restoration Fund!

The Day Star Theatre Company comedy, presented "A Bad Penny" as an opening event at the Historic Boat Show; it was an outstanding success. Nearly one hundred people thoroughly enjoyed an amusing and fast changing plot. The cast, made up of only two actors, kept the audience enthralled by the way they changed characters by the minute! The restoration appeal is now better off by £880 thanks to the generosity of Mr. Tim. Coghlan , Managing Director of Braunston Marina.



Hope & Homes for Children

Hope and Homes for Children

Funds Raised since last shown in BVN

Money raised from Penny Pots	£	69.49
Bringing the total raised since 1 March 2014	£	412.47

Thank you all so much
Brenda Hobbs on behalf of
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THANK YOU STEVE IRWIN

Thank you for making the unit an explorers and network unit. Thank you for organising events including laser quest, ice skating and other activities including shooting, murder mystery night and cardboard activities. You have created many memories on the camps you have organised. You helped us to achieve badges and shown us how fun scouting can be. Also a big thank you to Sasha, Stuart, Emma and Steve Rolt for supporting the unit and helping with events. The explorers meet every Monday evening from 7.45 to 9.30

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FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
August 2014		
1st	Car Treasure Hunt	All Saints Church
16th & 17th	Arts & Crafts Weekend	Friends of All Saints
September 2014		
6th	Braunston Show	BVGA
13th	Proms Night	All Saints Church
20th	World's Biggest Coffee Morning	Macmillan Cancer Support
27th	Fund Raising Day	Air Ambulance
October 2014		
6th	Harvest Supper	All Saints Church
11th	Heritage Day	Dick Herne Braunston History Society
18th	Quiz Night	All Saints Church
November 2014		
1st	Barn Dance	Friends of All Saints
1st	Autumn Craft Fair	Twinnings
15th	Autumn Fair (to be confirmed)	All Saints Church
15th	Autumn Quiz	Twinnings
26th to 29th	November Show	Braunston Players
January 2015		
24th	Burns Supper	
February		
21st	Table Top Sale (TBC)	Twinnings
March		
7th	Spring Quiz	Twinnings
April		
May		
June		
6th	Summer Fete	All Saints Church

Please let me know as soon as possible if any organisation, society etc are planning any events in the future so that hopefully there will be no clashes.



Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day

This wonderful Fund Raiser will be held on The Green on

Saturday 27th September. 9am to 1pm

We are hoping to beat last years figure of £2400

**This year there will be Hot Dogs from
Wolfhampcote Farm
Tea, Coffee and Squash as well as the usual
attractions of cakes, tombola, books, Win a
Teddy, Raffle etc.**

**Donations of things for any of the stalls will be
gratefully received.**

**Please contact Kim or George Donald on 01788
891264**

**or see Kim at the village shop
We look forward to seeing you there**



Abigail Campbell

District Councillor

Harvest home I write this with the distant hum of the harvest coming in through the window. Food production used to be a much bigger part of the fabric of village life than it is today. But the times they are a changin', again! We have Braunston Bakes, Southfield Honey, a Supper Club, a potential new cider-making enterprise and much more besides. The queues outside Braunston Bakes this past weekend were a sight to behold, and a clear sign of an appetite for locally produced, good quality food. Good luck to everyone involved!

Housing needs Many thanks to the 80 or so people who came to our housing consultation day last week. Your responses will help Northants Rural Housing Association shape their proposal to develop a small extension to Maple Close (with a mix of affordable and market housing), and assist the Parish Council to develop our neighbourhood plan.

Did you know that on average house prices in rural areas are 11 times the average salary? This means potential homebuyers would need to see their wages rise by 150% to afford a home. This 'affordability gap' is pricing people out of the villages they were born and brought up in – I know many families in Braunston are in this position. If families move away, the viability of the services

we rely on as a community are inevitably affected – school, shop, pubs. Affordable housing for local people is a key ingredient in a thriving rural community.

Elections Thanks to everyone who voted for me in the by-election on 3 July, and who supported my campaign. It was a close one – just 30 votes in it. Congratulations to Malcolm Longley, our new County Councillor. I've met with Malcolm to discuss some of the key issues in the village, including the road surface of Spinney Hill. He has promised to be more active than his predecessor and I look forward to working with him to ensure Braunston is well represented at the County Council as well as the District Council.

These were the final results:

Abigail Campbell (Lab) 989 39.2%
Malcolm Longley (Con) 1019 40.4%
Eric Macanndrais (UKIP) 506 20%

Speed Awareness Day A reminder that this takes place on the Village Green 11am – 2pm, **6 September**.

And finally, thank you to Amanda and all her team at The Cake Slice. Thank you so much for all the hard work you put into the café – the great cakes, the lovely coffee, and general good cheer. We'll be sorry to see you go!

Best wishes, Abigail

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

BRAUNSTON CALENDAR 2015



WOULD LIKE YOUR PHOTOS!

All Saints' Church is inviting Braunston residents and visitors of all ages to contribute their Braunston photos to the All Saints' Braunston 2015 Calendar.

The selected photos will be featured together with your name and caption. As there will only be 12 photos featured, all other appropriate photos will be published on the Braunston website www.braunston.org.uk.

What are we looking for?

- The **unusual** - a different perspective, something special
- **Braunston** through-and-through!
- Something you and other people would like to have on display for a month!

Please email your photos by mid-September to calendar@braunston.org.uk or pop them in the letterbox at 12 Church Road with a note of your name, caption, contact email/phone, and where to return them to.

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Watch out for details of more
activities for young people over the coming weeks & months

Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute



Next Meeting: Tuesday August 5th
in the Village Hall.

The speaker, **Margaret Hawkins**
will talk about **Gardens of the
National Trust - Capability Brown
to Gertrude Jekyll.**

This meeting will be open to anyone
including MEN!!

Visitors will be charged £2. Tea or
Coffee and biscuits provided.

Contact Barbara - 01788 890452

Friendly Club

There is only ONE meeting during
August.

Monday 18th August: We are
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Braunston Walkers - Welton 9 miles Saturday 19/7/14

After sampling the wonderful produce from the pop up bakery in the High Street we met up at the village hall. This turned out to be a bit of a Hokey, Cokey walk. You know, you put your waterproofs on, your waterproofs off etc. Walking along putting on rain proof trousers is not easy. Fifteen of us walked up Ashby Road with a forecast predicting very hot weather and thunderstorms but it was only slightly drizzly as we set off. The bridleway leads uphill and away from the village with super views back over the church and the Warwickshire plain. This old track was a proper road between Braunston and Ashby St Ledgers on 1840s maps of the area. It also shows that Daventry was about the same size as Welton in those days. We reached the Barby Road and crossed over to take the track to the lovely old village of Ashby St Ledgers. We passed the beautiful old thatched cottages designed by Edwin Luytens who also designed both Ashby's war memorial and the cenotaph in London. It was just as we reached this area that the heavens opened, a real downpour, and by the time we reached the old church we were all extremely soggy. To avoid reaching the pub before opening time we paused in the church which is extremely interesting and includes a triple decker pulpit, amazing frescoes, and a 13th century font covered with an oak lead lined cover to stop thieves stealing the holy water. It apparently used to allow complete immersion for baptisms and they couldn't have got any wetter than we were. Gently steaming as we dried out we passed the war memorial and crossed several, by now muddy, fields to reach Welton and the White Horse where we were soon ensconced over pints of Purity bitter and Vale of Welton local cider. The food and service was excellent and great value and of course highly recommended. After lunch we walked out of Welton on a field path that took us through herds of restless cows, calves and bulls to reach the canal. Mercifully it remained dry and very hot as we walked along the towpath and over the tunnel where they would have lead the horses that towed the canal boats. We finally arrived back at Braunston in the dry and home having a refreshing cuppa before the next lot of heavy rain arrived. Some say we were lucky but I like to think it was great planning. This is a great walk straight from home.

Come and join us on our next walks, meet at 10 o'clock at the village hall, as follows:

23rd August Chipping Warden (c.11 miles), 19th -21st September Weekend Peak District

18th October Cropredy (c.10 miles), 15th November Woodland Walk (c.10 miles)

20th December Christmas Walk (c.7 miles)



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ALL SAINTS' HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The first stage payment from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for our development project has been received.

All the contracts for the roof investigation have been placed. HLF have approved our architect's specification for this work and we are now liaising with English Heritage on the date for the work to be carried out (their expert has to witness the inspection). We anticipate this investigation being completed by the end of August. Our peregrine falcons should be clear of the nest before any work is done!

In the meantime, 4 surveys have been carried out. The asbestos survey gave our building the all clear. The ecologist's survey showed that, whilst we have occasional visits by bats, we thankfully do not have any permanent roost to cause us problems. We are awaiting the written report of the underground drainage survey but verbally we understand that some of the drains on the north side of the building are blocked and will require flushing out. Our safety advisor has surveyed the building and roof access to provide input to the specification for the repair works.

We are currently prequalifying contractors to tender for the complete restoration work.

The work on activities to extend the use and knowledge of the church building amongst the wider community is also underway. The Dick Herne History Society is helping with research into the church's history and architecture. This data will be used for to produce new guide sheets for the building, display boards and tours. If there is anyone who would like to assist in putting these new guide sheets etc together then please contact one of our churchwardens. Your help would be much appreciated.

Another initiative is to review our church website, www.allsaintsbraunston.org.uk. We are currently benchmarking it against other existing church websites and your views and comments on how it might better serve the village community would be very welcome. Please email your thoughts and suggestions to webste@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk.

FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES

Bee in a Braunston Bonnet

Local environmental writer PETER FROST has been dozing in his deckchair on a summer afternoon.

It was warm, just right for a snooze in my tiny garden. The scent from the flowers was heady. Sounds of summer were buzzing in my ears. Just a foot or so from my head I could see the flowers of the beautiful wild woodland flower the purple foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*) a welcome weed on my patch. Its dunce's hat flower with deep pink mouth and its delicate markings looked as exotic as any rain forest orchid.

Forcing its great body into the flower was a huge and hairy bee, almost the size of a hazelnut. It seemed impossible that such a huge insect could be carried by the frantic flapping of its tiny, fragile and transparent wings. I was reminded of Joyce Grenfell's wonderful little poem.

The bumblebee is oddly wrought,
Aerodynamically it ought to find it quite impossible to rise,
But bumblebees don't know the rule, 'Cos bumblebees don't go to school,
They flies



My noisy but welcome visitor was the largest of all our native British bees, the buff-tailed bumblebee sometimes called the large earth bumblebee (*Bombus terrestris*). My visitor was a queen and those who study such things tell us she may well have hauled her inch and a quarter (3cm) long, almost spherical, body as much as eight miles (13 Km.) from her nest in search of food.

She will weigh nearly one gram and can carry almost her entire body weight in pollen back to her nest, usually in an old mouse burrow. Over the summer she will have built up a colony of 150 smaller worker bees in the nest. These bumblebees can sting but are much less aggressive than honeybees or wasps. The characteristic buzz is generated not by their wings but by the powerful muscles inside their bodies.

Both bumblebees and wild flowers are both seriously threatened, but both are real symbols of the English countryside in those hazy, lazy days of summer and need our help and protection. Of our two dozen British bumblebee species two have become extinct in the UK since 1940.

Far fewer wild flowers meadows, (Britain has lost 97% since the 1930's) are the main reason, so efforts like the Canal Society's wild flower patches in the Stop House garden are all to the good and certainly attract bees. Why not follow Chris Burton's fine example and plant a packet or two of wildflower seeds in a natural corner of your own garden.

A further threat to our bees are the neonicotinoids. These are agri-chemicals, banned in Europe. The good news is that plans to use them to treat the acres of oil seed rape that turn our green and pleasant land bright mustard yellow have been put on hold after a massive public campaign by bee-keepers and others.



**Braunston CE School
Open Days**

DATE: 18th September 2014 – 9.30 am

AND ON 1st October 2014 – 1.30 pm

**Parents of new children are
invited to look round the school at the
above times.**

JOHN BRIGHTMAN

I would like to thank everyone involved in making July 11th a little easier for me. Thanks especially to Avril and all the 'Gongoozler a Team' - John would have been proud of you. The garden looked wonderful and I shall now see 'my memorial garden' in a different light.

Thank you also for the kind donations to the RSPB and of course I thank all my friends and family for their support.

Lots of love to everyone and many thanks

Jenny

THANK YOU

Thank you to Andre Gibson for the wonderful picture on the front of the July BVN of the Church spire with the full moon behind it.

More pictures please!

Barbara

LATEST NEWS ABOUT THE ISSUE OF DOGS FOULING OUR FOOTPATHS, GRASS AREAS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN GENERAL.

Two members of our Parish Council have met with the an officer of Daventry District Council to discuss what else can be done to confront the ever present issue of dog owners who allow their pets to foul our village. The officer, who has special responsibility for this and similar anti- social issues, assured us that there are strategies that can be put in place to do something about this flagrant flouting of the law! There are two dog wardens who will come out to Braunston to observe and issue £70 fixed penalty notices, if necessary. He informed the councillors that four people have received such penalties in recent months and one person appeared in the Magistrates' Court and was fined in excess of £400. Warning letters can also be sent out giving notice of future prosecution.

Mr. Knight told us that there is the necessary legislation to train and empower local Parish Councillors to issue these fixed penalty notices. Some councils have already taken on these powers but Braunston Parish Council have not yet discussed this as a way forward.

It is obvious that most dog owners are very responsible and do clear up after their pets. It would be wonderful if we could persuade those few who ignore the law and all the polite requests to do the same! Does it take someone to be issued a fixed penalty or be taken to court before these dog owners take notice?

Tonnes of recycling effort

Households in Braunston are among parishes across Daventry District that have helped to recycle 1,204 tonnes of uneaten food and food waste in the last financial year.

Weekly food recycling collections were introduced two years ago when residents district-wide received brown bins and kitchen caddies to help them recycle more.

Instead of being sent to landfill, the food waste collected from households is taken to a special processing plant in Kettering where it is used to generate electricity and to produce a safe compost material which can be used on farmland and gardens.

To make recycling food as easy as possible residents can line their caddies with newspaper, biodegradable bags and supermarket-type plastic bags. Remember any of the following can be put into the brown food recycling bin (even your mouldy and out of date food):

- " Uneaten food and plate scrapings
- " Raw and cooked meat, fish and bones
- " Dairy products including egg and shells, cheese and yoghurt
- " Tea bags and coffee grounds
- " Rice, pasta and beans
- " Breads, cakes and pastries
- " Raw or cooked vegetables and fruit and peelings

For more details on food recycling, visit www.daventrydc.gov.uk/recycling Properties with a Tuesday waste and recycling collection are currently taking part in a countywide study which aims to further encourage use of the kerbside food waste collection service. A number of these households have been provided with a supply of 150 caddy liners as part of the initiative, funded by national government organisation WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme). Participating households with queries about the study can call DDC on 01327 871100 or email recycling@daventrydc.gov.uk

Composting benefits

Don't forget that if you are using a composting bin at home, you can also include food scraps, such as fruit and vegetable peelings, coffee grounds and tea bags alongside your garden waste.

Composting is good for the environment and produces nutrient rich compost year after year which can keep your garden blooming. To find out more about home composting, visit www.recyclefornorthamptonshire.co.uk

FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES

Love a Duck

Local environmental writer PETER FROST discovers how to be really unpopular in Braunston.

Thank you Jenni Burton. The minute I saw the emailed question from BVN Editor Jenni I knew I had been singled out for the poisoned chalice. It looked so innocent too. Could I give a little advice on feeding bread to the canal ducks, geese and swans? Simple questions, Yes or No? White or brown bread? Stale or Fresh? Pellets or fluffy bits? Crusts?

Now we all know that a canal towpath walk, a narrow boat cruise, or just a stroll round the marina are all brightened by a bag of stale bread to feed the ducks, geese and swans and their fluffy and loveable ducklings, goslings and cygnets. Young children particularly love feeding the quacking or honking flocks.

I've always known how much Braunston folk love their waterfowl and since the advent of Braunston Bakes they have developed a devotion to bread, artisan, plain, soughdough and exotic second to none.

So the advice I have to give is likely to get me run out of town. Any feeding of bread to swans, geese and ducks is a really bad idea. My old mate Grahame Madge, top bird expert for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) tells me that you actually run the risk of killing them with kindness

Too much bread can cause a major health problem known as Angel Wing - deformed wing growth which stops birds from flying. This could eventually mean they starve to death. Significantly, the condition is totally unknown in areas where humans do not feed waterfowl.

No one wants to stop people from feeding ducks, geese and swans but if you must you should consider buying properly balanced food which is available from pet shops, vets or online. Waterfowl will also be really happy to eat pieces of cut-up green vegetables from the kitchen.

Feeding, even with the right food will still upset the natural order of things and populations can rocket with all kinds of unfortunate consequences for the very animals that we think we are being kind too.

Huge smelly polluting populations of swans, geese and ducks at popular waterway holiday locations like Bewdley or the Norfolk Broads can show how bad it can get. Here the proximity to local chip shops introduces a further risk. Chips are even worse than bread.

In winter at Welney on the Ouse Washes the Wetland and Wildfowl Trust (WWT) feed thousands of Whooper and Bewick swans that have come to the Cambridgeshire Norfolk borders from Russia's icy wastes. The floodlit feeding here is one of the most spectacular wildlife sights ever. The WWT feed the Russian visitors on grain and raw potato waste.

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