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1923 Canalboat Strike Memorial unveiled - See page 19
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Marriage— 18th July—Aaron Dunkley and Rebekah Holloway

25th July—Kim Mitchel and Neil Bannister

Baptisms— 5th July — Olly Atkins

5th July— Grace Atkins

21st July —Shannon Thompson



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Forthcoming meetings

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

3 rd Aug	Full Council Meeting
6 th Aug	Jetty Fields Sub Committee
7 th Sept	Full Council Meeting

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website

Floodlighting 2015

July's floodlighting

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

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

11th July - Love and Blessings to Rebekah and Aaron on the occasion of their marriage. From Grandad and Granny Kibblewhite

11th July - Love and good wishes to Rebekah and Aaron on your Wedding Day. From Mum & Dad, Leah & Ben

14th July - Love and Congratulations to Tim & Hazel Kibblewhite for their Silver Wedding. From all the family.



August's floodlighting so far ...

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

12th August - * Another Herlihy milestone

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

27th August - Remembering Alison with love on her birthday, Paul, Harry and Will

23rd August – Remembering Philip on his 31st birthday. “Climb every mountain”. Miss you. Love Margaret.

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

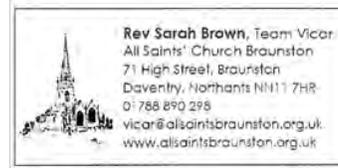
Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – **20th July 2015**

OPEN GARDENS

The BVGA and Macmillan Cancer Support thank all those who helped to make the Open Gardens event so successful. This includes those who opened their gardens, donated plants for the plant stall, helped on the day or visited the gardens. As a result, we were able to donate £1200 to Macmillan Cancer Support and £180 to The Friends of All Saints.

On taking a little while to repent

I have recently returned from a visit to a remarkable place in the far north- east of England, very nearly Scotland but not quite. It is a place of a delicate palette of watercolour greys and



pastels where sky and sea meet and merge, where birds abound; a place of rock and sandbank, seal and herring; a place where creation feels in balance and where centuries of prayer and holy living have thinned the boundaries between earth and heaven. It's a place of fierce beauty where the tides race in across flat ground and engulf the causeway between mainland and Island. Here a ruined priory puts life and history into context and God outlives all human endeavour. It's a place that feeds the imagination and the soul and it bears testament to the courage, resilience and faith of those who settled there. It is the Island of Lindisfarne, known since the eighth century, as Holy Island after successive Viking raids splattered the earth with the blood of its monks in devastating slaughter.

From about 635 AD Lindisfarne was a spiritual centre of early British Christianity- a place of evangelism and prayer and healing and teaching. It was home to some of the British Church's most renowned saints, men such as Aiden, Cuthbert, Chad and Bede. And then, in 793 AD, the Vikings swept in and butchered the monks and islanders, throwing all Britain into terror of the Norsemen.

The modern (12th century!) parish church stands next to the ruined priory and it has a tangible feeling of holiness. I was particularly struck by a letter displayed on the chancel wall. It was sent to St Mary's Church in 1993 from a council of churches in Norway. It is a letter of repentance and apology for the Viking Raids that killed off the religious community at Lindisfarne and changed the nature of Christianity in Britain forever. The letter made the hairs on the back of my neck prickle with its power and I could almost hear heaven rejoicing.

You might wonder why the Christian descendants of the Vikings would need to bother to repent of something that happened 1200 years ago. I think that in the spiritual realm of God that letter represents something extremely important and really matters. What was broken by violence and bloodshed and evil cruelty is now reconciled and restored in the name of Christ. It is never too late for that. Who knows what its fruit might be?

Every blessing
Sarah

NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.

“I do not think I have seen the garden and field looking so good!” This was a comment by a village resident. Recent warm (and wet!) weather has meant that the young trees and other plants have developed well.

The main field will be completely “topped” at the very end of July or the beginning of August. This will probably be the final cut of the year, apart from the footpaths, the area immediately below the garden and the garden itself. We will not be able to bale the hay this year.

It is hoped to install a picnic bench with wheel chair and push chair access in the field area ready for spring 2016. If this is a success another may be added later in the year. We are very grateful for the financial support of “the Friends” and our Parish Council but the extra money received from grants and fund raising means that we can do even more. Please do consider becoming a “Friend” of the park. Your annual £10 fee helps us greatly to achieve even more!

Our next work morning is **SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 9.00 TO 12.00.**

DAVENTRY HEALTH WALKS

There are no walks in August

THANK YOU

I would like to express my thanks to my many friends in the village for your cards, thoughts and words on the loss of my son Andrew. They brought me great comfort.

Janet Cox

JENNI'S JOTTINGS

I must start my 'jottings' with an apology. I apologise if your July BVN was late or didn't appear at all. There was a miscommunication with the printers about when their holiday was. Hopefully all sorted out now. A quick plea from me—If you are submitting anything for the magazine Please let me have it on or before cut off at noon on the 20th of each month.

I went to the Puddings and Performances last month and I think both the puds and performances were better than ever. One of the 'acts' was Snowy reciting some of his poems. I asked him if I could have a copy for the magazine and I really wish I could reproduce here the beautiful copy (see page 37) he gave me. The page was beautifully written in many colours decorated with butterflies. A real work of art.

August is usually a fairly quiet month with many of you enjoying (hopefully) holidays. Thinking about Sarah's letter on page 5, I know Lindisfarne / Holy Island well as I was born and spent much of my childhood near there. It is very atmospheric and if you have never been it is worth a visit. Much of it was lost on us poor girl guides camping in the freezing weather!

I have been doing my usual volunteering in the Stop House and also in the Community Café. The cafe is such fun and surprisingly I don't eat everything in sight! I sometimes I have to take some cakes home with me—it would be rude not too and Chris bravely manages to eat all I bring him. What a hero.

There has been a lot in the press about feeding bread to swans and ducks as it fills them up but doesn't provide much nourishment. I don't know if any of you know that Avril on the Gongoozlers Rest Café Boat and myself are selling Swan and Duck food for our birds on the canal. . We sell the food for 50p and to date we have sold over 270 bags and ALL the proceeds goes to the marvellous MacMillan Nurses Charity. So far we have had the food sponsored by various people in the village , if you would like to help either by paying for a sack of food (£11) or by buying little bags to feed the ducks please get in touch with either Avril or myself .

I would like to thank Ron Hunt for all the work he has done with the 200 club. I think next month is his Swan Song and unless anyone is willing to take it over that will be the end of it. Quite sad as I am sure I am going to win one day!!!

Finally, I hope you all have a happy August and let me know if you have anything exciting to report. Cheers, Jenni



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- 8.15pm - Adult Ballet (no exp req)

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Braunston Canal Society

Over the past 3 months the canal society has been actively maintaining its adopted stretch of canal. To date all 6 locks have now been painted, a first for the group, the Stop House Garden tidied, offside bank opposite the stop house cut again, bank above lock 6 cut and the Island partially cut, however the presence of nesting ducks prevented a complete cut.

Our membership remains healthy although the input from villagers is less than we would hope at times. Members from Daventry Rugby and Northampton IWA keep us active. IF ANY ONE FROM THE VILLAGE CAN OFFER THEIR SERVICES ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH, EVEN FOR A FEW HOURS YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME. THE CANAL REMAINS THE VILLAGES GREATEST ASSET BUT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAINTAIN IT, THE CANAL AND RIVERS TRUST DON'T HAVE THE STAFF TO DO THE WORK WE UNDERTAKE.

Our next work party is scheduled for the 25th of July, meeting at the Stop House at 0930hrs. We hope to tidy the beds up in the garden and complete the clearance of undergrowth on the Island. Those who wish to do gardening please bring hand tools with them.

In August we will be taking a break apart from impromptu evening meetings to top up the beam ends on the locks .

Nick Strivens

BRAUNSTON ART GROUP

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**A Dinner and an Auction of Promises.
Saturday 12th September 7.30 p.m. in the
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*****FROM THE SUBLIME
TO THE RELIGIOUS!*****

A three course meal followed by an Auction of Promises in aid of the All Saints' Church Braunston Restoration Appeal. You will be welcomed with music from a string quartet, canapés and a glass of wine. There is also a licensed bar.

After the dinner an auction will be held. There are over thirty lots ranging from two fabulous weeks in a house in the South of France for six people to getting ten pairs of shoes cleaned by Sarah, our vicar! From a brand new, digital camera to two, signed and original scripts for "The Archers". A complete catalogue of lots will be available well before the event. There is something for everybody!

Tickets are limited to just sixty people and they are selling fast! If you would like to book a table for six to eight people or come along as individuals, tickets will be on sale at the Post Office, Your Cafe, Charisma or after services at All Saints' Church from early August. If you want to reserve places then ring Andrew Alsop on 01788 890826. Tickets £12 per person- sold on a first come, first served basis.

If you have a lot that you would like to donate (either an item or a promise to do something) please contact Andrew as soon as possible.



Braunston CE School Open Day

Date: 7th October 2015

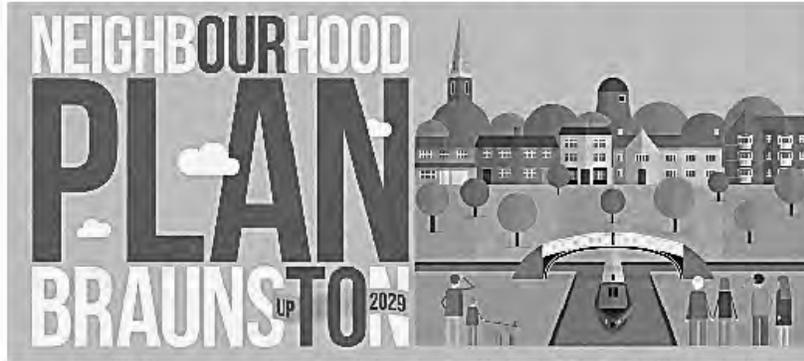
At

9.45 am

Parents of new children are
Invited to look round the school during the
Above time.

Please arrive promptly

Braunston Parish Council



The consultation version of Braunston's Neighbourhood Plan is now out and we really hope that you will take a look.

You can download it here <http://www.braunston.org.uk/org> or pick up a paper copy at the following locations: the Community Café, Braunston Village Stores, All Saints Church, Braunston Marina Shop, Braunston Village Hall and the offices of Daventry District Council.

Any parishioner who would like a paper copy delivered to his or her home should ring 01788 899287 or 01788 890340.

If you know of a visually impaired person who would like help with reading the plan please ring one of the above numbers.

Please use the response form available on-line or the paper version available at the locations listed above to make comments about this the plan.

Response forms must be submitted by Monday 21st September 2015. Paper copies of the form can be left in the collection boxes at Braunston Village Stores, the Community Café or Braunston Marina Shop or sent to Neighbourhood Plan, 65 High Street, Braunston, NN11 7HS.

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25.06.15	199	A. Hough	£5
02.07.15	100	R. Kendall	£10
02.07.15	057	G. Oliver	£5
09.07.15	125	S. Dawson	£10
09.07.15	014	R. Dibben	£5

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL. **KEEPING YOU INFORMED!**

Yet more progress has been made to improve **YOUR** Village Hall!
The lighting in the Library, the corridor outside the library and in the Main Hall has all been changed.

Two new security lights have also been placed outside to make it safer for people using the car park.

The resurfacing of the car park should start in August. This will mean the car park will be closed for a week. Notices will be put up well in advance of any work being undertaken.

The ladies toilets have had the necessary repairs undertaken and the mains water problems have all been rectified.

A full report of our recent A.G.M. will be in the September B.V.N.

THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.

PUBLIC HOUSES!!!! – NOW WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION.....

We need **YOUR HELP!** The history society members are starting to research the history of the public houses in our village! We know that there were at least 14! If you have any information regarding any of them – **however small** - please contact Annie Rogers on 01788 891179 or Andrew Alsop on 01788 890826. If we can bring together enough information we will be writing it up and publish a booklet. Old photographs or written material will be particularly welcome.

We experienced a very enjoyable walking tour of Warwick town centre on Tuesday 30th June. Mr. Tim Clark, a local resident, gave us a wonderful insight into the interesting history of this important, local town. It was followed by a very enjoyable lunch in a local pub! All who went on the tour voted it a great success.

The society is “on holiday” now for July and August. We are back on **Tuesday 15th September at 7.30 p.m. in the Gallie Room of our Village Hall.** We have one of our favourite speakers returning. Malcolm Deacon is presenting a brand new talk entitled “**Mission and Empire**”. This talk deals with two Northamptonshire men (William Carey and William Knibb) and their huge impact on India and the West Indies during the early nineteenth century. It is a highly illustrated presentation and gives a vivid picture of the growth of empire in the Georgian period.

All are welcome to society meetings. You do not have to be a member! Non members are charged £2 to attend a talk.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

It's not how much we have,
but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.
Charles Spurgeon.

1923 Braunston Canalboat Strike and Sonia Rolt memorials unveiled

As this month's front cover picture shows, actors, canal enthusiasts, and frequent visitors to Braunston, Prunella Scales and Timothy West, along with Unite the Union National Officer Julia Long and local Regional Organiser Mick Orpin were at the historic boat gathering last month to unveil two memorials on the canal wharf.

The first plaque celebrated the 1923 Braunston canalboat strike. Local canal families who had their wages cut and their rights to organise in a union attacked, took part in a fourteen week strike. This was one of the very first strikes in the history of the Transport and General Union, now part of Unite. The TGWU had only been formed in 1922.

The second plaque is dedicated to Sonia Rolt, one of the famous 'Idle Women' who came forward to work canal narrowboats during the War. Far from idle, they gained their name from the IW badges they wore, IW stood for Inland Waterways but canalside jokers said it stood for Idle Women. The women turned the insult into a badge of honour.

Sonia Rolt with her first husband George Smith worked out of Braunston Wharf. She continued to visit canal events in our village until her death, aged 95, last year.

The event brought together over eighty historic working canal craft including one that had taken part in the 1923 Strike and one of Sonia Rolts' original boats. The event, and the unveiling, will feature in Prunella Scales and Timothy West's Great Canal Journeys TV series being filmed this summer.

Peter Frost



CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS AUGUST 2015

Day		Time	Event
Sun	2	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	11 am Parish Communion Br
		18:30	Evensong - Br
Mon	3	19:00	Sung Compline
Tue	4	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	5	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sun	9	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Morning Prayer Ash
		11:00	Family Service Br
Mon	10	19:30	Healing Service
Tue	11	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	12	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sun	16	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
Tue	18	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	19	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sun	23	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Breakfast Service Ash
		11:00	Family Communion Br
Tue	25	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	26	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	29	17:30	Youth church
Sun	30	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion Br
		18:00	No Labels Worship

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AUGUST 2015

Monday	3 rd	2.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	4 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 7.30 W.I :
Wednesday	5 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	6 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	10 th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	11 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 20.00 Royal British Legion at White Horse: BVGA visit to Rugby School
Wednesday	12 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	13 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:10am to Noon Friendly Club
Monday	17 th	2 Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	18 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	19 th	Royal British Legion Lunch at Mill House, Braunston: Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	20 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	22 nd	Braunston Bakes on the Green
Monday	24 th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	25 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group:
Wednesday	26 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	27 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	29 th	Cinema Club
Monday	31 st	Explorer Scouts

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Armed Forces Day Service held at Kilsby on 27th June went well although attendance was poor. The service was led by the Branch Padre The Reverend John Stevenson.

Our Welfare Support Officer, Sue Dobson, continues to be busy giving help and assistance to many people in the area. Any Ex –serviceman or their families requiring help or advice can contact her on 01788 822523.

The August monthly luncheon will be held at the Mill House, Braunston, at Midday on the 19th.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on Wednesday 11th August at the White Horse Welton at 8.00pm.

Tony Saunderson - Tel. No. 01788 890797

THE GALLIE WILDLIFE FUND ANNUAL PRIZE.

Twenty six Year six pupils from Braunston C of E. Primary School were taken on a tour of Braunston Pocket Park. They were accompanied by members of the school staff and parents. The group was led by Alan Mawer, Chris Burton and Andrew Alsop. On a bright, sunny day they were shown around the allotments, the garden area, copse and the main field. They used compasses and studied the local geography and history of the area. We even had time for a break for orange and biscuits! On returning for lunch the class were set a challenge. They were asked to complete a report on their morning's visit to the Pocket Park and add any additional photographs and drawings that they thought suitable. There will be a presentation of prizes and the awarding of the Gallie Cup at an assembly once the judging has been completed. A full report will follow in the September B.V.N. and the winners' entries published in the pocket park notice board.



The Gongoozler's Rest Cafe Boat



Summer hours

**We will be extending our opening to 9am-3pm every day
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**The Mobile Sight Centre will visit New
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10am—1pm**



THE MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall

On Friday 28th August

17.10 to 17.50

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
August		
8th	Musical Festival	The Admiral Nelson
September		
5th	Braunston Show	BVGA
12th	Historic Ride & Stride	All Saints Church
12th	Auction of Promises	All Saints Church
13th	Fun Day	Playing Fields Assoc.
19th	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints Church
26th	Braunston Bakes	
26th	Arias for Autumn	Air Ambulance
26th	Fund Raising Day	Air Ambulance
October		
3rd	Braunston Bakes	
	Harvest Supper in Village Hall	All Saints Church
5th		All Saints Church
17th	Autumn Quiz	All Saints Church
	Garden Talk @ Cannons Ashby	BVGA
27th		
November		
14th	Autumn Fayre	All Saints Church
21st	Friends Barn Dance	All Saints Church
25th to 28th	November Show	Braunston Players
December		
10th	AGM	BVGA
	Christmas Fair & Braunston Bakes	
12th		
18th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints Church
2016		
June		
11th	Church Fete	All Saints Church



Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day

**This wonderful Fund Raiser will be held on
The Green on**

**Saturday 26th September.
9am to 1pm**

**There will be a Barbeque with delicious
Hot Dogs
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

Culture and Heritage

It's exciting to see the scaffolding going up around the church, thanks to a vital grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Last week, I organised a Culture and Heritage Question Time event as part of Daventry Arts Festival. The Panel included representatives from the Arts Council, the National Trust and the Canal & River Trust, and Chris Heaton Harris MP. The Chief Executive of the Royal & Derngate spoke passionately about how the regeneration of Northampton was being spearheaded by cultural change: every £1 invested in the Royal & Derngate returns £10 for the local economy. But 40% of the Royal & Derngate's audience comes from Daventry District. I felt the event was a bit of a call-to-arms. I don't think we make enough of our canal heritage, of Borough Hill, of Stanley Unwin's home being Long Buckby, of the watershed of southern England lying under the Heartlands Business Park... Northamptonshire has more historic houses than any other county, but most of them – more, proportionately, than in any other county, are in private ownership.

I'm so pleased that All Saints Church – the Cathedral of the Canals – is getting the investment it needs and deserves. Perhaps it could mark the beginning of a bigger cultural shift locally – celebrating the places, spaces and people that make this part of the world so special.

Community Car

The community car is up and running. The free service is designed for residents without their own transport or with limited mobility. We can take you to visit friends, local shops and services, village events, church or pub! Just ring 01530 518983 to make a booking. We have a small team of volunteer drivers and are on the look-out for more – do get in touch.

Maple Close

The planning application for the proposed extension to Maple Close is about to be submitted and should then be validated by the end of July. East Midlands Housing Association expects a planning decision in early November. If approval is given, work is expected to start on site in spring 2016 and completion spring 2017.

Gardening

The Braunston Village Gardens Association has been very hard at work preparing the ground for a community 'help-yourself' herb garden on the land between the Village Hall and Ashby Road, and also tidying the overgrown triangle outside the front of the Village Hall. I know they would welcome more help if anyone can give it. Please contact Chris Grossart on 01788 890 491.

Den-making

The Parish Council is working with Braunston Scouts and the Friends of Pocket Park on a den-making challenge for children on Monday 3rd August 10-12. All equipment will be provided, and refreshments, too. The activity is free, but please get in touch with me to book a place by Friday 31st July.

Very best wishes for the summer

Abigail

Braunston Calendar 2016

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Holy Communion (*The Lord's Supper/ Eucharist*) is available to you at home!

If you cannot easily get to church through age or infirmity and would like to have Communion in your home, either by yourself or with others, then you might like to know that all you have to do is phone Rev Sarah (01788 890298). All Saints' has a group of licensed lay people who can administer communion and one call is all it will take to get to get it organised for you.

If you would prefer a short service of prayer and readings that is available too. Don't miss out on such a fundamental part of what it is to be Christian just because you cannot get about very well. We'll gladly come to you. The church is not just about the building!!

I hope to hear from you."

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CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

Braunston Women's Institute



Next Meeting:-

Tuesday 4th August at 7.30 in the Village Hall

Our speaker tonight will hopefully make us all feel relaxed and cheerful with her talk on "Holistic Therapies"

If you are feeling a bit under the weather come along and join us

Contact Barbara on 01788 890452

Braunston Friendly Club

Next Meetings:-

Thursday August 13th

10am to noon

A coffee Morning and Raffle
Bring a Friend

Only 1 Meeting in August

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**Every Thursday throughout the year
8.00pm in the Village Hall
Non members welcome**

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Mrs Leyla Clayson
62 High Street
Braunston
Leyla_geric@hotmail.com

RAINFALL— 2014/2015

2014	2015	
Jan		52.7
Feb		31.0
Mar		25.1
Apr		14.1
May	71.1	45.2
Jun	45.7	24.5
July	37.6	
Aug	46.7	
Sep	7.6	
Oct	33.5	
Nov	68.2	
Dec	43.5	

All in mms

Information provided by Rob Buckley

Braunston Walkers - Grandborough (c.9 miles) - Saturday 180715

This is a local walk straight from the village hall using a, little known, path that had eluded us in the past. Eighteen eager walkers (a great turn out) met up on a fine sunny day and walked along the High Street and down Nibbits Lane (so much better walking DOWN the hill!) along the canal resisting the urge to pop in to the Gongoozlers' Rest for a light breakfast (it smelt wonderful) We strolled over the track to Wolfhamcote and past the old church. It is amazing what we talk about as we walk. A selection follows: The 1954 Standard Eight (my first car) had a boot but no access to it except via the back seat, indicators on old Morris Minors with split screens, a wonderful trip to Paris and the Eifel Tower, a fantastic air display at Fairford, Sandra's Balkan adventure and what would the chips and beer be like in The Shoulder of Mutton (you can find out later) Still chatting, in between sucking on Nigel's excellent sweets and Terry's super Foxes Glacier mints we continued to the bridge over the Oxford Canal. At the far end of the Sawbridge track, in the distance, we could see the spire and giant redwood trees that stand guard either side of the church at Grandborough. We walked over the site of the old canal and then took the elusive field path off left that the local ramblers have much improved, with excellent aluminium gates and bright yellow signage, over two fields of cattle and sheep (one cow was still laying in exactly the same spot as a week earlier and was still chewing the grass) After the second field we entered an almost ready to harvest Rape seed field and another with Barley. The farmers had thoughtfully left a single rambler wide path through the fields. We found a small lake fringed with lillies and paused to take in the delightful view before ambling through long grass to emerge in Sawbridge where we followed the road towards Willoughby and then left over fields past sleepy sheep and another large field full of ripening Barley leading neatly into Grandborough. As we were a little early we took a look around the church and a groundsman kindly unlocked the church door so that we could look inside. A very interesting old church. We joined hands around the giant redwood trees, that is a girth of 6 people wide, admittedly it was mostly those with short arms but in any event that is a substantial tree. We finally arrived at the Shoulder of Mutton and enjoyed their Old Trip dark bitter and were soon tucking into great sandwiches and chips to die for. Fantastic, a great atmosphere and highly recommended. Our route back included many more new gates that the ramblers have put in in place of rickety old stiles, along the River Leam through a farmyard and over a wobbly bridge. Once we reached the road we were soon on an excellent, new, permissive path to back Braunston and home for a welcome cuppa. This is a great local walk with good paths, company and scenery. Come and join the fun us on our next walks as follows:

15/8 Arthingworth (includes a tunnel!!) (c.9 miles)

18/9 to 20/9 Knighton Walking weekend

17/10 Abthorpe and Bucknell Woods (c.9 miles)

21/11 Crick and Winwick (c.9 miles)

19/12 Xmas Walk

Arias for Autumn

*Performed by Voci Vivo
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*7pm at All Saint's Church
Braunston*

*On Saturday 26th September
2015*

Tickets £10

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ALL SAINTS' HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND
DELIVERY PROJECT
AUGUST 2015

All the necessary approvals from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) came through in time to allow our contractor to start on site on the 29th June as planned. The initial works covered the site set-up and erection of all the scaffolding necessary to give clear and safe access to the roof and lead valley gutters. The initial restoration work involves removal of dangerous loose stonework and repointing as needed. Then the stonemasons will prepare replacement stonework and start fixing it in position. During August the removal of the worn out old lead valley gutters starts and putting into place of new lead ones. Repair and replacement of the damaged cast iron rain downpipes will also start this month.

We have received the down payment of the HLF grant amounting to £75,700 and the £60,000 donation from the Friends of All Saints. Without these funds the work would not have been possible. Once we receive the first invoices from our contractor we can claim the £5,000 grant from Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust and we anticipate receiving the reclaimed VAT from last year's investigation work shortly. As a result our project funding is well on target.

We plan to have our church open on 2 Sunday afternoons in September to show how the project is progressing. Refreshments will be available and displays of the work being undertaken, overall programme and all the heritage activities being produced. Keep an eye on the next BVN for dates and more details.

Frosty's Nature Notes August.
Attack of the Giant.

A Russian Giant over twelve foot tall has been attacking people on canal towpaths all across England. Known as *Heracleum mantegazzianum* the illegal immigrant is an escapee from large stately home gardens. It has many aliases such as giant hogweed, cartwheel-flower, giant cow parsnip, hogbane or giant cow parsley. Children might call it giant rhubarb or simply a Triffid. The sap of the plant can cause really serious burns and blisters to those who pick or just touch it but it isn't that simple. This plant is phototoxic the sap causes phytophotodermatitis in humans, resulting in blisters, long-lasting scars, and if the eyes are affected blindness, sometimes permanent. The worse cases, which can result in hospitalisation, occur only when exposure to the sap is combined with long periods in bright sunshine. On cloudy days irritation from the sap is usually much milder or even non-existent.

Perhaps because of its size or its rigid huge hollow stems children find the plant fascinating. They use the stems at toy telescopes or peashooters. The former gets sap in the eyes the latter in the mouth and lips.

Giant hogweed can grow as much as eighteen feet high although between six and twelve feet is more normal. Full grown plants are hard to mistake for anything else but smaller immature plants can be misidentified as common hogweed (*Heracleum sphondylium*), garden angelica (*Angelica archangelica*) and many other similar lacy flowered umbrella shaped common towpath plants. Key clues to accurate giant hogweed identification are stout, bright green stems and leaf stalks frequently with dark red or purple spots and sturdy bristles. The hollow stems can vary from an inch to three inches in diameter. Giant hogweed is a biennial usually flowering in its second year from late spring to mid-summer, with numerous white flowers clustered in an umbrella-shaped head that can be up to two foot six in diameter. A single plant can produce 100,000 seeds. It is illegal to plant or transplant the species but it doesn't know that.

Children should be kept away from giant hogweed and warned about its dangers. Adults cutting or uprooting plants should wear protective clothing including eye protection and stout gloves. If sap does get on the skin the affected area should be washed thoroughly with soap and water and the exposed skin protected from the sun for several days. In bad cases seek urgent medical attention.

Peter Frost

All Saints Church, Braunston
LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS
Saturday 19th September, 7:30pm start



City of Coventry Brass

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*Butterflies are such beautiful things
With long antennas and lace-like wings,
All the colours of the rainbow they adore,
And if you look closely you'll see many more
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Admirals Red & White to and froing
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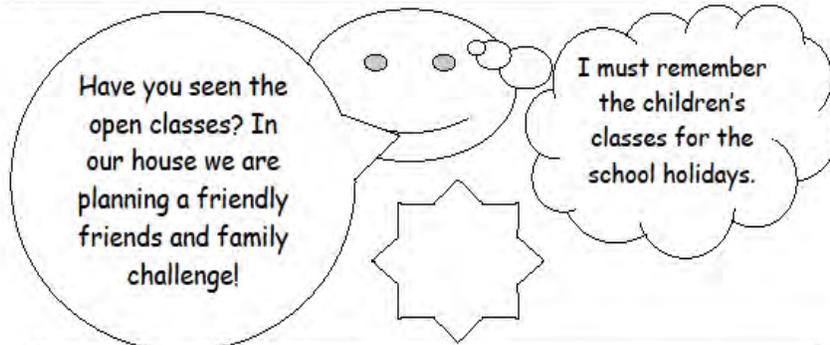
Snowy Lantern



Braunston Show
To show what villagers can do

Saturday 5th September 2015

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.



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