

BRAUNSTON



NEWS

Village

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It's official – Braunston named as 2016 best large village in Northamptonshire. The judges were impressed with everything you have done to make the village great. The competition team on The Green with the cup and certificates. See inside for details.



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REGISTERS FOR JULY

Baptisms – July 3rd
July 16th

Funeral - July 15th

ASHBY

James Guest
Daisy McFadzeon

Bruce Turton
May he rest in peace and rise in glory

BRAUNSTON

Baptisms - July 3rd
July 31st

Weddings - July 9th
July 28th
July 30th

Sydney Tempest
Blake Oliver

Sarah Davis and Daniel Coleman
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Hannah Evans and Matthew Dunn



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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

1st August Urgent Business Only

5th September Full Council Meeting

**All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website
www.braunston.org.uk/bpc**

FLOODLIGHTING 2016

July's floodlighting

6th July - * John & Sally's Wedding Anniversary
8th July - * Jeff & Tracy's Wedding Anniversary



August's floodlighting so far ...

2nd August - * Brian & Gloria's Wedding Anniversary
12th August Happy Birthday Alison
16th August - * To celebrate Paula's half-century
17th August- Remembering the Gerry's with love. Jen & Chris
23rd August Remembering Philip on his 32nd birthday. Happy memories love Margaret

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – 20th July 2016

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BRAUNSTON COMMUNITY CAR

We have a new mobile phone number

07984 412921

If you have mobility issues or don't have your own car and you want to book the community car to visit friends, attend events, go shopping or to Hospital, Doctors and Dentist's appointments, then call us on our new mobile number.

We have also been given a new car, a Red Mercedes A class, Which should be much easier to get into and out of.

SARAH'S LETTER



On bottoms and other things of beauty

A wise friend recently showed me the Greek word for “beauty”. The word is “kalos” and gives us a number of common or garden English words such as “Callipygian”* of which Jennifer Lopez is renowned as a great exemplar. Buttocks aside though, “Kalos” is also the word for “good”. So in Greek the good is beautiful and the beautiful is good.

And when you think about it there is much that is true in that. Chris Burton has recently been kind enough to have made a truly beautiful pole for a large hanging by Jenny Thurston, depicting the Kingdom of God as a mustard seed which grows into a huge tree that gives shelter to all the birds of the air. Fran Haynes’ banner of the Resurrection that hangs on the cross in the side chapel is another example of something that is both beautiful and good. The thank you card from Reception class at Braunston School to All Saints’ for hosting their mock wedding and little Finn’s hand-written prayers are yet others.

If you go round the Church on a normal day, there are numerous objects that have little use in everyday life, but play a big role in pointing to beauty and goodness- and in church terms therefore, to Christ. Intentionally or not, good and beautiful things can remind us of something and someone beyond ourselves. The talents of artists, florists, craftsmen, writers and musicians point us at the creativity and diversity of the one from whom those gifts ultimately come. Over the bank holiday weekend All Saints is proud to go beyond its everyday beauty to host a huge display of local arts and crafts. It promises to be “Kalos” indeed, although regretfully, I cannot promise you J-Lo. By way of compensation on the Sunday morning at 11am you are all invited to a big Songs of Praise service among the exhibits to remember the source of beauty and goodness and to thank him for the gifts of human creativity and talent- and if you must, for all callipygians too. Come and join in- it’s your exhibition, your church, and your God.

*Callipygian is the word used to describe a woman with a beautifully proportioned bottom. You may know your own examples.
Blessings. Sarah

NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD

Will it ever stop raining?

It seems this unique rainy summer continues! Sunshine and rain in the perfect combination for excess grass and weed growth! Thank goodness for our wonderful volunteers.

16 volunteers bravely tackled the elements to clear, trim and weed the Pocket Park and Jetty Fields on Saturday 25th June. A tremendous amount of work was achieved in 3 hours and all of us left with a real sense of satisfaction for a job well done. The difference was incredible. A special



mention goes to Emmie Patchesa who at 9 years old spent all morning with us solidly raking and clearing. It is fantastic that a younger volunteer wants to be involved in making a difference to our village.

Due to the rapid growth we will be holding another work-day on Saturday 13th August. Your help would be greatly appreciated. You don't have to be green fingered! We'll provide the coffee and cake you bring your gardening gloves!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There has been a spate of signs being removed in the village including Parish notices, No Parking notices etc. Please do not remove these signs, they are there for a reason.

If you need to report a crime, or suspicious behaviour please ring 101. The Braunston Bugle is not the place to put things like this.

Julie Jarrett
NWC

JENNI'S JOTTINGS

Phew what a scorcher! As I write this on what is being called the “hottest day of the year” I am sitting at my desk wearing as little as could be called decent with my feet in a bowl of cold water! I wonder if it is purely a British thing to be continually talking / complaining about the weather, too hot, too cold, too dry, too wet etc. However, if we didn't have this weather our countryside wouldn't look as beautiful as it is now. I don't now if any of you have sat under the Lime trees in Jetty Field during the last couple of weeks but the smell is so beautiful from such insignificant flowers. The same can be said from a neighbours privet hedge covered in tiny white flowers and drunken bees! It just shows nature doesn't have to be blowsy to be beautiful there is room for every one and everything.

It doesn't seem long ago that we were all fed up with talk of the referendum and now that it is over there seems to be even more nastiness about. The decision is made and we all whether in families, villages, towns, parliaments and countries must all pull together to make Great Britain great again.

I expect all you gardeners are jealously guarding your prize specimens for next months show. Good luck to everybody. We are looking forward to the Arts & Crafts Festival at the end of August. If it is anything like the last one it will be spectacular. Please come and join us over the Bank Holiday weekend. Chris will be exhibiting his woodwork and I shall be doing the very important job of looking busy whilst doing nothing!

Whatever you are doing enjoy and if you are going away enjoy and stay safe.

Jenni



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Préca Ballettes 2 (3-4 yrs)
4:50pm - 5:10pm

Pro Sybilus Ballet (5-6 yrs)
5:20pm - 5:45pm

Pro Primary Ballet (7-8 yrs)
5:45pm - 6:30pm

Primary Ballet (9 yrs+)
6:30pm - 7:15pm

Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+)
7:15pm - 7:45pm

Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+)
7:45pm - 8:15pm

Adult Ballet (no max age)
8:15pm - 8:55pm

Tuesday

Acting, Performance & Singing (all ages)
5:45pm - 6:45pm

Friday

Gymnastics (all ages)
5:00pm - 5:30pm

Sweet Dance & Modern (8 yrs+)
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Grade 3 Ballet (10 yrs+)
6:30pm - 7:15pm

Grade 4 Ballet (10 yrs+)
7:15pm - 8:15pm



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Jetty Fields Committee Gallie Prize Competition

On 21st June year 6 children from Braunston School took part in activities to discover more about Jetty Fields. Their follow-up work was judged for the awarding of the annual Gallie Prize.

This year the standard of the children's entries was higher than ever. In judging the entries we were looking for information about the different environments in the pocket park and the landscape it is set in as well as for interesting ways of communicating the information.



Allotment holder Carol Barnes quizzes the children about vegetable growing



Joe Adams made a model of an allotment in a lid. It was awarded highly commended because of his attention to detail. As well as the vegetable plots he included a shed with a rain butt and a compost heap with a spade demonstrating excellent model-making skills. Libby Walton's poster entry was also highly commended. The judges liked the details in her drawing of an allotment; old CDs as bird-scarers and

netting to protect crops.

The runner up was Poppy Craig with her display which included good photos and drawings linked to descriptive text and a thoughtful poem which even referred to the south-facing aspect. Well-done on your excellent presentation. The winner of the first prize and Gallie Competition cup-holder is Elena Tennant. Her 3D model linked with information cards was superb. She showed excellent skill in transforming the map into a larger scale for the model which was covered in great photos.

We would like to thank all the children for their entries which included a labelled pair of shoes and an allotment which was revealed as you opened a box. Well done everybody. I greatly enjoyed your enthusiasm in looking at the landscape and running around identifying trees.

Thanks are also due to Chris Burton for taking the children around, to Carol Barnes for showing the allotments, to Gloria Oliver for interrupting her planting to talk to the children and to the staff of Braunston School who accompanied the group.

Alan Mawer

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION

Who runs the competition? It is run by Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) which is a countywide, independent charitable organisation working with rural communities to improve their quality of life.

Who pays for the competition? It is sponsored by Hollowell's Funeral Plans.

How did the Parish Council organise Braunston's entry? This was a joint effort between village volunteers and parish councillors. At the Air Ambulance Fundraising event last September we asked people if they would like to help. During the winter Christine Stevenson and Sue Harrison planned our entry and contacted volunteers to research and compose the information for each of the sections on the entry form. Andre Gibson, Graham Newman, Abigail Campbell, Jo Longworth and Alan Mawer contributed to this. Alan Kirk drew a pictorial map to go with our entry.

How were the judgements made? The judges are independent and carry out a rigorous process to look at all entrants. They award points for the facilities, activities, businesses and actions to improve environmental sustainability organised in each village. They also tour the villages to make further judgements. In Braunston they met with Christine Stevenson, Sue Harrison, Laura Cooper, Sandra Ashford and Alan Mawer. Peter Biggs took them on a tour of Jetty Fields (in the rain!). IT specialists, including from the University of Northampton, judged our website.

What did Braunston win? In the Large Villages section of the competition we were delighted with the announcement that we were first and had been awarded the cup and a prize of £250. Our population is a little over 1500 which is the threshold for the large village section. We were up against villages with many more people in them. We also achieved the runner-up certificate in the Newcomers' Section. The Parish Council will consult with all the village volunteers to discuss where we will keep the cup, where the certificates will be displayed and what the prize money will be spent on.

Why did Braunston win? The judges commented on the number of businesses that function in the village and the range of community-run facilities and activities. They were impressed with the age ranges catered for from the pre-school to the Friendly Club. The village website is well designed and kept up to date. The Parish Council notice board is also up to date. There are sports teams which compete with teams from other villages. Braunston has a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group; the judges took away the Submission Version of the Neighbourhood Plan. They looked at the Pocket Park, Jubilee Garden and Community Herb Garden and visited the Community Café.

Will Braunston enter again in 2017? Please let us know if you would like to help

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Who on earth dreams these up? Why, a lexophile of course

- How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it!
- Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist!
- When chemists die, They barium
- Broken pencils are pointless!

More next month, sorry!

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ARTS & CRAFTS BRAUNSTON FESTIVAL

At All Saints' Church Braunston Programme - FREE ENTRY

Saturday 27th August 10.30am—5pm

10:30 am	Festival Opens
11:00 am	Wordcraft : Readings - Favourite Poems
12 noon	Braunston Singers' Performance
2 pm	Wordcraft : Local Media Presentations
4 pm	Organ Recital
5pm	Close

Sunday 28th August 2pm—5pm

2pm	Open
2.30pm	Wordcraft : New Languages—Emotext
5pm	Close

Monday 29th August 10.30 am —5pm

10:30 am	Open
11:00 am	Wordcraft : Local Published Work
12 noon	Rugby USA—TheBuskers
2 pm	Wordcraft : Get Writing & Winning—500 Words Results
5pm	Close

JUST TURN UP FOR THE WORDCRAFT EVENTS
Refreshments will be available all day

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION
Gardening together in Braunston
AUGUST EVENTS

GET READY DURING AUGUST FOR BRAUNSTON SHOW
SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

All information is available on the website

www.braunston.org.uk/bvgashow.

Please look at your schedule, delivered during July. Schedules are also available at Select Convenience Stores, the Community Café and Gongoozler's Rest.

There are many ideas to choose from. It is fun to get a group of friends or family to enter the same class and have your own "friendly" competition. We have improved the children's age categories this year too. There are plenty of ideas that can be prepared ahead of the day during the summer holidays.

All entries to be handed in by 7pm on **WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST**.

BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS VISIT
SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

OPEN TO EVERYONE. Travel by coach to this interesting garden with **4 glasshouses, sensory gardens and a great deal more.**

The coach will leave Braunston Village Hall at 10am to arrive for 11am. We expect to leave the gardens at 3pm to return by 4.00pm. But we can leave later if preferred.

The cost will be £6 for entry or £4 for senior citizens and children. Plus £17 for transport in a 33 seater Claydon Fox coach.

Total cost £23 or £21 for senior citizens.

(If we have 22 or more people going the transport costs will reduce and you will receive a refund between £2 and £6, depending upon numbers).

Please see our webpage for more details about all BVGA activities.

<http://www.braunston.org.uk/bvga>

CONTACT KATE MAWER 890340 for more information about any event.

I would like to apologise for the clash of date with the Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day. We moved the visit from June to September to avoid the Church Fete and we thought we had checked for other clashes of dates on the website etc. We will aim to do better next year.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Rural Housing Week

Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association held an event in Braunston on 14th July to mark both Rural Housing Week and the start of work on the extension of Maple Close described in the July edition of the BVN. Pam Booker, Tenant Representative on the NRHA Board and Abigail Campbell



who initiated the latest development spoke about the importance of maintaining housing opportunities in rural areas.

Anyone with links to Braunston who may qualify for should contact the Affordable Housing Officer on 01327 302535.

Anglian Water Private Pumping Stations Campaign Team

There may be good news coming for some of you if you have a private pumping station on your property.

Currently, homeowners have to spend hundreds of pounds every year for electricity running costs, maintenance and repairs to look after these private pumping stations. They may even have been flooded if it's broken down in the past.

From October 2016, many of these private pumping stations will transfer over to Anglian Water and become our responsibility. We will take over all of the maintenance and the running costs too, saving customers hassle, worry and money.

We'd like to ask for your support in letting local residents know about this, and asking them to get in touch with us if they think they have a private pumping station.

To help customers identify and report the pumping stations easily, we have launched a specialist website: www.spotapumpingstation.co.uk.

If you have any questions about this campaign, please reply to privatepumpingstations@anglianwater.co.uk. Thank you in advance for your support.

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS AUGUST 2016

Day	Time	Event (B = Braunston A + Ashby)
Tue	2 09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	3 12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Fri	5 18:00	Car Treasure Hunt
	19:00	Sung Compline
Sat	6 17:30	Youth church
Sun	7 09:15	Holy Communion - A
	11:00	Parish Communion - B
	18:30	Evensong - B
Tue	9 09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	10 12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	13 00:00	Wedding Wood/Jackman
	17:30	Youth church
Sun	14 08:00	Matins - B
	09:15	Morning prayer - A
	11:00	Family Service - B
Tue	16 09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	17 12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	20 00:00	Wedding O'Brien/Gibbs
	17:30	Youth church
Sun	21 08:00	Holy Communion - B
	09:15	Holy Communion - A
	11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church - B
	13:00	Baptism Brandon
Tue	23 09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	24 12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	27 00:00	Arts and crafts weekend
	14:00	Wedding McGettigan/Beale -A
Sun	28 00:00	Arts and crafts weekend
	08:00	Holy Communion - B
	09:15	Breakfast Service - A
	11:00	Arts and Crafts Songs of Praise
Mon	29 00:00	Arts and crafts weekend
Tue	30 09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	31 12:30	Peace at lunchtime

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS AUGUST 2016

Monday	1st	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	2nd	Beavers: 19.30 Womens' Institute
Wednesday	3rd	19.00 Yoga:
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	4th	Fishing Club Bingo: Jetty Field Meeting
Friday	5th	Car Treasure Hunt
Saturday	6th	Music Festival at Admiral Nelson
Monday	8th	Scouts
		Royal British Legion Meeting at the White
Tuesday	9th	Horse Kilsby: Beavers:
Wednesday	10th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	11th	Fishing Club Bingo
Saturday	13th	Jetty Field Work Party
Monday	15th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	16th	Beavers:
		Royal British Legion lunch at the Sporting
Wednesday	17th	Club, Barby at midday.19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	18th	Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	22nd	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	23rd	Beavers:
Wednesday	24th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing
Thursday	25th	Club Bingo
Friday	26th	Mobile Library
Saturday	27th	Cinema Club
Saturday	27th	Arts & Crafts Festival
Sunday	27th	Arts & Crafts Festival
Monday	29th	Arts & Crafts Festival
Tuesday	30th	Beavers:
Wednesday	31st	19.00 Yoga

THE DICK HERNE HISTORY SOCIETY

On Tuesday June 21st 48 of us, members and visitors, turned up to hear Mike Tebbitt, a retired history teacher from Daventry, give us a very interesting and insightful talk on “Deserted and abandoned villages”.

There are many reasons why villages became deserted or abandoned, and the oft quoted “Black Death” hardly figures at all. There are 82 deserted villages in Northamptonshire and only one, Elkington near Cold Ashby, can be blamed on the plague.

The main cause seems to be SHEEP! In the 14000’s land owners (the Spencers, Knightleys, the Church etc) realised they could make more money by raising sheep for wool and cloth instead of agriculture and so they turned the land from agriculture to sheep farming. With no work people left their houses and villages, many became vagrants. The houses then fell into disrepair leaving only the churches. Whilst the stone and bricks from the house could be reused people drew the line at destroying churches. So if on your walk you come across an isolated church in the middle of a field then more than likely you have found an abandoned village.

Wolfhampcote was originally over 4000 acres and included Flecknoe and Sawbridge and became deserted around 1490-1520. Apparently the area is unique in having two deserted villages next to each other but in different counties; Braunstonberry in Northants and Wolfhampcote in Warwickshire divided by the river Leam.

Some other reasons for deserted villages are war, building reservoirs eg Rutland Water and land owners building parks in front of their grand houses. Some such as Chatsworth did build new homes for the villagers and tenants but most did not.

We all enjoyed Mike’s talk; he must have been an inspiring

history teacher as he is so enthusiastic about his subject. I for one will walk across the path to Wolfhampcote with fresh eyes.

Saturday July 2nd

On a sunny but cold morning 16 of us had a guided tour of Rugby School. It was the end of term and the Leaver's Ball had been held the night before so we were warned that the school wasn't as pristine as usual. The statue of Thomas Hughes (author of Tom Brown's Schooldays) was resplendent with a traffic cone on his head.

Our guide was very knowledgeable and enthusiastic with lots of stories and school history. Because the pupils had gone home we were able to visit the Church and the Memorial Chapel. The Chapel was erected in 1920 with public subscriptions and commemorates the 600 Rugby Scholars who died in WW1 and since then many more who have perished in other wars.

We also were able to climb up a spiral staircase to one of the original classrooms where Thomas Arnold taught Classics when headmaster at Rugby (1821-1841).

All in all a very interesting morning, though I did learn more about Rugby Football than I ever thought possible.

Afterwards 10 of us went to the Dun Cow, Dunchurch to warm up and enjoy a meal and a drink.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday Sept 20th**, a Society evening in the library. The Archives will be open and if anyone has a burning topic to discuss or suggestions for future meetings then please do come along to the village hall.

HEALTH WALKS

All are welcome but please wear suitable footwear as some walks will be across fields.

Walks will start from outside the Community Cafe at 2pm

Fridays, 5th and 19th August

Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

BRAUNSTON WALKERS

The Famous 5 do the Stiperstones (c.9 miles)

Sadly, for this, probably the best walk of the year, we only had five people and no lashings of ginger beer but pints of Three Tuns ale brewed in nearby Bishops Castle. After the drive we arrived shortly after a heavy rain shower with the high points of this magnificent hilly area shrouded in cloud, at the village hall car park in Snailbeach which nestles in the beautiful Shropshire Hills. We started off up a steep lane and soon reached the old



Lead mine workings complete with a rusty old wheel and humps and bumps of spoil that we crossed over before continuing further up a tree lined lane, where ventilation chimneys peaked up through the trees till we, thankfully, reached a level point and a sharp right hand bend. Fantastic views “what are those Blue remembered hills, What spires, what farms are those?” as in the “Shropshire Lad” poetry of A. E. Houseman. This quartzite ridge formed 480 million years ago, is a really spectacular area and as we paused the clouds were lifting with wonderful views emerging. We left the lane and passed by Lordshill Farm laying in a small valley and then on tracks through the Crowsnest Dingle (what a great name) and climbed up over heathland wading through Whinberry plants to Blackmoore Gate and with the pretty Crowsnest Farm valley off to our right we finally reached the ridge with the first of the Stiperstones called Shepherd’s Rock and about a quarter of a mile further on the imposing fort like rock formation called The Devil’s Chair which was to be our next destination along a rocky and tricky path. Down in the valley we could see the village of Stiperstones where our lunch was waiting. A fabulous Red Kite flew over the valley, the sun picking out its colour as it wheeled by. The views from here and indeed all along this walk were just sublime and over on our left we could make out the Long Mynd and could see the long climbing footpath that the group had tackled several years ago. We carried on along the ridge to another jumble of magnificent rocks called the Manstone Rock which is the highest point at 536metres above sea level the second highest point in Shropshire only surpassed by Brown Clee hill at 540 metres which we could see over to our left beyond the Mynd. It was now very warm but not as humid as on the recce two weeks ago. We followed the rock strewn path passing the Cranberry Rock, another fantastic formation and another great name before the descent leaving behind the rocks to a more gentle landscape and turning right along a straight path with the vaguely frightening name of Black Ditch and onto what looked like an old cattle droving track before taking field path left which goes through a delightful wood and enters a steeply sloping field towards our lunch stop in the village of Stiperstones. We slid down the field, hard on

the knees. It must be a great tobogganing area for the local children. We arrived on the road at the entrance to the village and our eagerly anticipated lunch stop at The Stiperstones Inn. They had expected 10 to 15 people but were happy to look after just 5 of us and we were soon settled in over pints of Three Tuns ale and great value toasted sandwiches plus a few chips. Wonderful and of course highly recommended if you are ever over that way. After a suitable break we pulled on our boots and set off up a narrow lane and then up a very steep rocky track in a wood called Myton Dingle and along a path around Oak Hill to the road below Crows Nest Farm and the linear village of Snailbeach where we followed the road, with magnificent views over the Shropshire Hills, back to the village hall and the cars. A party was in full swing and we set off for the drive home. A great day, classic walk and scenery to die for this really is the most wonderful landscape and is well worth the drive. Our next walks are as follows:
Aug 20th Lower Boddington (cc.9 miles), Sept 16th to 18th Dunster Weekend, Oct 15th Salcey Forest (c.10 miles), Nov 19th Brinklow (c.9 miles), Dec 17th Xmas Walk (c.6 miles)

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PARISH COUNCILLOR PROFILE

GEMMA ADAMS

Where is the time going? It seems like only two minutes ago that we were having our parish council elections and now we are already heading into the peak of summer!

During the summer particularly, Braunston always has something exciting happening either in the village itself or down on the canal. Alongside the benefits of lots of visitors in the area, it is also inevitable that there is more strain than usual on our village's resources: the bins fill up more quickly and the doggy disposal bins begin to overflow and sometimes the regular cycle of emptying just isn't enough. Of course, you can mention it to your local councillor, who is able to report it on your behalf, but did you also know that you can report problems like overflowing bins, fly tipping or broken play equipment using Daventry District Council's interactive website? If you navigate to www.daventrydc.gov.uk/online you can find a list of common issues that can be reported. Simply click on the most relevant problem, fill in the details, click "submit" and hey presto; someone from Daventry District Council will be on to rectifying the matter. Of course, if you're not a computer whizz, you can still give the district council a call on **01327 871100** and they will be more than happy to help you.

Dave the Dog loves summer in the village: he can often be found bounding around jetty fields or taking a stroll down by the canal – and it's great to see so many other friendly dogs in the village, who are always willing to play chase and run around the long grass. What's not so great is dog poo left on the ground! There really is absolutely no excuse for it and next month will see the return of the 'Paint Means Poo' campaign whereby rogue dog mess will be spray painted in neon hues to highlight the extent of the problem, and to shame owners into picking up their best friends mess. Let's work together and always pick up after our dogs to make sure that Braunston doesn't look like a rainbow has crash landed in the village this coming September



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FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
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August

5th	Car Treasure Hunt	All Saints' Church
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6th	Music Festival	The Admiral Nelson
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27th to 29th	Arts & Crafts Festival	All Saints' Church
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September

3rd	Braunston Show	BVGA
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17th	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints' Church
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24th	Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day	
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24th	Visit to Birmingham Botanical Gardens	BVGA
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October

November

23rd-26th	November Show	Braunston Players
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FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES

The Adder.

The adder (*Vipera berus*) is probably the most commonly seen of Britain's three snake species. There have been a few recent sightings locally. It has a dark zigzag running down the length of the spine and an inverted 'V' shape on the neck. Males are generally white or pale grey with a black zigzag. Females are a pale brown colour, with a darker brown zigzag. Some adders are entirely black. Adults grow to a total length (including tail) of 60 to 90 cm (24 to 35 in).

It is Britain's only venomous snake. Adders are not aggressive animals and will only use their venom as a last means of defence, usually if caught or trodden on. No one has died from adder bite in Britain for over 20 years. If you are bitten get prompt medical treatment. Inquisitive dogs are more likely to be bitten. Adders are protected by law against being killed, injured, disturbed or captured.

Adders are relatively common in areas of rough, open countryside and woodland edges. They emerge in early spring from their hibernation dens. By mid-April the males have shed their dull winter skin and are ready to mate. There is a lot of frenzied activity on warm days, with males looking for females and occasionally wrestling with other males. The dance of the adders was thought to be a mating display but in fact it is a larger male attempting to drive off a smaller one.

Following mating, females give birth in late August or early September. Adders do not lay eggs. They give birth to between five and 20 Young snakes, perfect tiny replicas of their parents. In autumn, snakes follow scent trails left by other adders to find their way back to the hibernation site, which is often used by many snakes over several years.

Adders eat small rodents, such as mice and voles. They will also eat lizards, frogs and newts, and even eggs and young ground nesting birds. When hunting, adders strike swiftly at the prey, injecting a lethal dose of venom. They then wait until the prey dies before starting the often lengthy swallowing process. Their jaws and ribs are designed that they are able to swallow items much larger than the width of their head and bodies. They eat infrequently.

BRAUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY

Active members urgently needed.

Braunston Canal Society, like numerous other volunteer groups, is struggling to attract active members to help maintain our adopted stretch of canal. After a very successful 2015, to date 2016 has been somewhat disappointing.

Despite this, the members who have turned out have achieved the following

3 locks painted (weather permitting)

Offside bank cleared prior to Boat Show

Lock sides edged, a job that the Canal and Rivers Trust usually undertakes.

Steps and ramps cleared

New steps installed at Lock 6.

In the coming months, weather permitting, we hope to undertake:

Further lock painting

Bank clearance once the nesting season ends.

Steps to be renewed at Lock 3 leading up the side of the bridge.

We are determined to keep the group going but need new volunteers to join our hardcore of about 8 regular workers. We are not a restoration group but CRT are very keen to have volunteers working alongside their staff on projects such as step building and with enough volunteers, towpath repairs in the autumn.

If anyone wishes to join us for what is often just 3 or 4 hrs a month please contact Nick Strivens on 01788 890764 or via nick.strivens@btinternet.com Please note Graham Newman has resigned as secretary but continues as a member/treasurer.

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CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

Braunston Women's Institute



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Contact Barbara on 01788 890452

Braunston Friendly Club

Next Meetings:-

No meetings in August

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2015	2016
Jan 52.7	71.8
Feb 31.0	37.2
March 25.1	79.0
April 14.1	42.8
May 45.2	32.5
June 24.5	
July 47.8	
Aug 43.5	
Sept 33.2	
Oct 47.9	
Nov 61.3	
Dec 72.2	
Total 2015 498.5mm or 19.6 ins!!	

Information provided by Rob Buckley

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BRAUNSTON PEACE AT LUNCHTIME (PAL)

Peace at Lunchtime is our weekly get together at the church on a Wednesday starting at 12:30, lasting about an hour. For some it is a chance to sit down with friends and have time for an hour or so, within what could be a busy schedule to breathe and relax a little. For other it becomes a reason to leave their homes, and interact with other members of the church community. Mostly it is a time to share our worries and joys of the week, within a supportive group of people.

We start with a short chat, story, reading, given either by Rev. Sarah or one of the other members of the group, which often leads in to various discussions and sharing of experiences. Some of these sessions will leave you thinking, and soul searching but at other times, lively debates take place. We end with prayers for those we love and care about, thanks for the blessings we have, and a short piece of music. We then share a meal and continuing the fellowship for a little while longer

The weekly group varies in size from about 12 members to over 20. New members are always welcome.

BRAUNSTON ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

A new area of the Festival this year hopes to celebrate the way we use words and 'things' to communicate with each other, sometimes in a very crafty way. I would be most grateful to receive examples of the way we talk these days - texts, twitters, facebook and photos for the discussion on Sunday afternoon. Please send to 'ballyvourney3501@gmail.com' or to 5 Mill Close. We have a display of published work on Monday and a time for local authors to chat. Let me know if you are interested. And there is still just time to take in any last minute 500 words. Hey up - there's a new word. Bon chance.

Pat Herlihy

CHANCEL LIABILITY A CLARIFICATION

Following some inaccurate statements on the Braunston Bugle rather implying that the bad, wicked church is waiting to pounce on and fleece the poor householders of the village, the PCC (Church Council) and I would like to clarify the situation.

Technically the law of chancel liability does still exist in law whereby certain households could potentially be held financially responsible for repairs to church buildings. And yes- if you look hard enough on the internet you will find one or two horror stories of local churches regrettably claiming this right to the detriment of a few local homeowners. Please note that this church has NEVER (as far as we can tell from records) called in that liability. And it NEVER will.

I say NEVER with confidence because almost 4 years ago all parish churches were invited to retain or waive the right to claim chancel liability should the need arise. The churches here in Braunston and Ashby St Ledgers both decided that, in order to protect the communities we are supposed to serve (and yes, the church's reputation too!) we would waive our rights. We accordingly did not register to retain the right which means that since 2013 Chancel Liability has effectively no longer existed in these parishes. If your insurer is still trying to get you to insure against chancel liability in Braunston or Ashby you need to put them right and stop paying the premium. If anyone is trying to say that chancel liability affects property prices, ignore them- the reality is that this ancient law has applied for centuries to virtually every village in England and village properties continue to sell at a premium.

In these villages, and in many others up and down the land, Chancel Liability has been made a non-issue. We think that was the right thing to do. If you have any questions do give me a ring!

Sarah

THE BRAUNSTON ROSE QUEEN

The May Queen has been a Braunston tradition for over 100 years. It was originally celebrated on May Day however during the 1970's the name was changed to Rose Queen and is now celebrated at Braunston Schools' Summer Fete. This year the pupils and staff elected Year 6 Pupil **Liberty Walton** as their Rose Queen.

Libby says :-

"Through my 7 years here I have learned so much, enjoyed the happy environment, appreciated all of the staff's dedication and admired everyone's friendship. To all my friends in all the classes, but especially those in Year 6, thank you for fabulous times and fantastic memories we have made together.



My journey here is coming to an end and it will be very sad to say goodbye and leave such an amazing school. I will take the skills and knowledge I have learned as my journey continues to Southam College.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Rose Queen, it has been a true honour and pleasure, and I hope in some way you will all remember me."

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BRAUNSTON HISTORIC NARROWBOAT RALLY

Despite poor weather, a total of 67 historic narrowboats and some 7,000 visitors attended the recent 14th Braunston Historic Narrowboat Rally, making it once again the largest rally of these narrowboats anywhere on the canals. As David Daines, owner of the 1935 Yarwoods *Cyprus* said, 'Braunston remains the premier event, the Rally has come a long way since the first one in 2003, when 29 boats attended.

The Rally was opened by Les Etheridge, Chairman of the Inland Waterways Association. With a little help from the *Friends of Raymond*, he helmed the *Nutfield* – 80 years old this July - towing its famous butty *Raymond*, from the Grand Union Canal into the marina. The *Raymond* was steered by Richard Parry, CEO of the Canal & River Trust. As Les passed under the Marina's famous 1834 Horseley Ironworks Bridge in the pouring rain, he declared the 2016 Braunston Historic Narrowboat Rally 'Open!'

After the parade, an 80th birthday party was held on the *Nutfield* by the *Friends of Raymond*, for which a special cake in the form of the *Nutfield*, had been made by former working boatwoman Alice Lapworth.

In the now well established canal artists' marquee there was a special exhibition of the life and works of the legendary Braunston canal boat painter Ron Hough, who died last year.

A commemorative plaque to Ron was unveiled by Les Etheridge in the presence of Ron's wife Yvonne and daughter Angela.

On the Sunday, there was also the presence of the new Canal Laureate Luke Kennard.

Having been tipped off for the winner of the Nurser Award for the best historic narrowboat at the Rally - as voted for by the boaters - Luke also visited that boat, the *Hadley*, owned by Peter Dumelow. Peter still actively trades on the canal as a coal and fuel boat. The Award comprises of a painted Buckby can, to be held for one year, and £250 of Midland Chandlers vouchers generously sponsored by them.

To manage the event at its present size, a number of changes have been made, including having now eleven volunteer

harbour-masters to manage the moorings and parades. One of them, John Boswell, was a working boatman in his boyhood in the 1950s. The stewards have much reduced the good-humoured chaos traditionally associated with past parades.

The Canal & River Trust supported the Rally in many ways.

Tim Coghlan of Braunston Marina said, 'For me what was most pleasing was the number of boats that came which had never been before. Also the comments, that, it is events like the Braunston Historic Narrowboat Rally, which inspires them to restore and maintain their boats which are such an important living and moving part of our canal heritage. "Each year I hear the same gratifying story, which makes organizing the Rally so worthwhile'. All profits, which exceeded £6,000, were donated as usual, to canal causes. The main recipient was the *Friends of Raymond* which received £2,000 for their important restoration maintenance.

The Braunston Historic Narrowboat Rally is sponsored by Braunston Marina and Towpath Talk, and is supported by the Canal & River Trust. Braunston Marina will be hosting the event again next year on the same last weekend in June.



The Star Class *Scorpio* making a tight turn in Braunston Marina and doing it nicely

(Article and photo by Tim Coghlan)

For reasons of space availability, we have had to edit this article

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