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Village

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The Braunston W.I. strutting 'their stuff' at a carnival in the 1970's

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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.

- 6th August Full Council Meeting (shortened agenda, essential business only)
- 3rd September Full Council Meeting

All agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston Website www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc

Gongoozlers' Rest

Fundraising Weekend 4th and 5th August

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VICAR'S LETTER



I write this article in the aftermath of the England football team's amazing journey in the World Cup. I have been impressed by how well those young players have worked together as a team in order to achieve all that they have.

The definition of teamwork, found in the Oxford Dictionary, is 'the combined action of a group, especially when effective and efficient.'

Team work has also featured in the news with the successful rescue of the young football team and their coach from a cave in Thailand. The divers' bravery and efficient and effective working together brought them all out to safety.

Gareth Southgate, England manager, talked about the hurdles that his young team had to face during the tournament and the tough reflection he will have to do with them following their defeat in the semi-finals. The team that rescued those boys from the cave achieved a great success but it was highly dangerous and the death of one diver made that clear.

Teamwork has to be intentional and needs to be worked at. The companionship, collaboration and connection this brings will see you through the joys and sorrows.

Each person in the England team and those divers could not have achieved the results they did without working together. No one person was more important than the other, they all made a difference.

I wonder whether you have thought about this in relation to our village? What part do you play in the life of our village? We all have something to offer and it maybe you can do that by joining a group, or by volunteering to help with occasional events. But it may be that your contribution is in being a good neighbour and looking out for those around you who need to know they are cared for. You may not win any great prizes or be part of a rescue mission, but you will be playing your part in making Braunston a great place to live.

Rev Nat

FLOODLIGHTING 2018



June floodlighting

30th June - Lit for the wedding of Sophie and Oli

July floodlighting

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

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

9th July – Remembering Irene with much love

17th July – Julie & Mark Trillo's Silver Wedding

August floodlighting so far ...

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

7th August - Pat Edwards. Remembering you with silent tears. Love always.
Dave, Mark, Dawn & Family

16th August - * Remembering with love and affection the Mums, Jen & Chris

19th August - * Hilary and Charles wedding anniversary

23rd August - Remembering with love, Philip on his birthday

26th August - In memory of Alan Cope on his 2nd Anniversary. Sadly missed.
Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt

27th August – For Alison on her Birthday. Love Paul, Harry & Will

28th August - Birthday memories of John Bartley, love from all your family

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

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received
before the BVN Deadline – **18th July 2018**

Floodlighting

If you wish to have All Saints' floodlit for a special occasion it is very helpful if you could use one of the request forms from the table at the back of the church. The current fee is £7 per entry, although you can give more, and we ask that you try to keep the length of the dedication for inclusion in the BVN to not more than 12 words. The completed form with the donation can then be left at the Rectory or at the village Post Office.

Please ensure that your request is submitted in good time before the BVN closing date of the 18th of the month.

JENNI'S JOTTINGS

Well, what a month that was! I think I mentioned the accident to my hand last month, I am still struggling on with it but it is improving. Towards the end of the month poor Chris collapsed at the Historic Boat Show and off we went again to Walsgrave Hospital. Between us with tests and physio we are never away from the place and I am sure the Car Park meters have seen an upsurge in profits. Happily we are both on the road to recovery and back doing whatever it is that we do best. Chris has some Craft Shows coming up and is busy preparing all his crafts to display. Funnily enough one of the Doctors suggested he should get a stick to help him walk! (For those of you who don't know Chris is a stick maker !)

I am back in our marvellous café where we have our usual mixture of locals and visitors and it is like a home from home with all the chattering going on. If any groups or societies are wanting funds for projects please fill in the form requesting a grant.

The Puddings and Performances was the best ever and many congratulations must go to the Braunston Players, Braunston Singers and everyone else involved.

How are you enjoying the heat? If I was on a beach somewhere or by a pool I would love it, but trying to carry on with my busy life is leaving me like a puddle!!! I don't think I have ever longed for rain as much as I and my plants are doing at the moment.

You may have noticed in last months' magazine that I have resigned as editor of the BVN. My last issue will be the double one at Christmas. After being editor for the last 7 years I need a break and am looking forward to someone else taking over. Of course I will help them get started and be at the end of the phone for queries. I really hope someone is willing to take it on, it isn't an onerous task and it is great to be involved.

By the time this magazine will be delivered the children will have broken up from school. I hope they all have a fantastic holiday and for those moving up to big school, enjoy!

See you next month
Jenni



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5.00pm - 5.45pm

Pre Primary Ballet (7-8 yrs)
5.45pm - 6.30pm

Primary Ballet (8 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 exp req)
8.15pm - 8.15pm

Acting, Performance & Singing (all ages)
5.45pm - 6.45pm

Friday

Gymnastics (all ages)
5.00pm - 5.30pm

Street Dance & Modern (8 yrs+)
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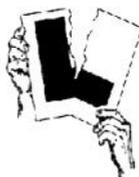
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BRAUNSTON WALKERS

Carsington 16/6/18

It was an hour and a half drive up to our start point, Middleton Top, a car park by a steam pump house on the Cromford and High Peak disused railway. Five of us started out along the trail and very shortly entered an old tunnel. When I had researched this walk a couple of months ago there was a warning sign saying Beware of Icicles! No snow now but a damp, light intermittent drizzle. We followed the old track, for half a mile or so before branching off left on a path signposted "Carsington and Tissington" This area is full of industry, mines, the railway and many large limestone quarries some still in operation. We followed a small road and then took a field path, up a near vertical slope, with wet, slippery grass, down into the lovely old stone village of Carsington nestling in the valley. We paused at the bottom and Ronald, standing in for Nigel, handed out sweets. Leaving the village, we followed a wide track and then a narrow path through a rough area of moor scarred with old mine shafts. As we walked further uphill we paused to take in the view over nearby Carsington Water a huge reservoir that fills the valley below. This stunning corner of Derbyshire is outside the Peak District National Park but, in my opinion, it is just as attractive as the more touristy parts of the park, but nowhere near as crowded.

We walked over the top of the hill and then crossed a road before arriving high above the quaint old village of Brassington where we were lunching. It was Open Garden day and luckily for us the church was serving coffee and since we were too early for the pub we paused, and Alan bought us all a cup. The pub, The Old Gate Inn stood just across the road from the church and we were soon ensconced in the cosy bar with pints of New World bitter some delicious food and some of the best chips I have ever tasted. Perfect. All too soon we had to leave and walk steeply uphill through the churchyard and on an even steeper field path through a scarred landscape with more capped mine shafts and then a long slope thankfully downhill with the imposing Rainster Rocks, a popular climbing area, in front of us. Our track led us along a valley and then uphill to reach a road back to the High Peak Trail. The rail track along with the Tissington Trail cuts right across the Peak District. It must have been a truly scenic railway journey for the passengers. We passed the imposing Harboro Rocks with the intriguing cave. We could not believe how steeply the track rose and further up the track was a sign explaining that this was the Hopton Incline a 1 in 14 hill that was one of the steepest in the country and it felt it as we trudged uphill. Arriving back at the cars after another walk back through the tunnel we decided a cup of tea would be just the ticket. Inside the visitor centre was a working model of the old Steam pump room and the incline. A great place, super scenery, fantastic Olde world pub, great food and beer! What's not to like?

VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

WEEKLY

		CONTACT		
Monday	Pilates	6.45pm	Sam	07593 913686
	Pilates	8.00pm	Sam	07593 913686
Tuesday	Pop Mobility	2.00pm	Lorraine	01788 890846
Wednesday	Braunston Art Group	2.00pm	Alan	01788 890164
	Yoga	7.00pm	Sheila	01788 891831
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	1.45pm	Alan	01788 890011
	Bingo Club	8.00pm	Harry	01788 890396

FORTNIGHTLY

Monday	Friendly Club	2.00pm	Jenny	01788 890186
Friday	Youth Club	7.00pm	Leah	01788 891833

MONTHLY

Tuesday	History Society	7.00pm	Annie	01788 891179
	Women's Institute	7.30pm	Barbara	01788 890452
Thursday	Gardens Association	7.30pm	Kate	01788 890340
Saturday	Cinema Club	7.30pm	Arthur	01788 890508

Pre-School Monday-Friday - braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

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Braunston Residents

Gallie Room	£11.00 per hour
Main Hall	£11.00 per hour
Both Halls	£20.00 per hour
Meeting Room	£ 6.00 per hour

Non-Residents

£22.00 per hour
£22.00 per hour
£40.00 per hour
£12.00 per hour

For all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply, see our website braunstonvillagehall.org.uk, email villagehall@braunston.org.uk or phone 07890072487. Details of special events can also be found on the website.

If your child attends Braunston Pre-School or Braunston C. of E. Primary School you are entitled to Braunston resident's rates when hiring the hall even if you do not live in the village – **AND you can receive an extra 10% off hall hire charges during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.**

Pete & Nat's Housewarming Festival

Nat & Pete would like to invite you to join them on

Saturday 11th August at The Rectory for a housewarming festival

2-4pm for afternoon tea - cream tea and drinks provided (If you have garden chairs please bring them with you)

7-11pm for the evening - food provided and live music from Nat's band - please bring a bottle or two! (If you have garden chairs please bring them with you)

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JETTY FIELD

Another great workday!



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who turned up to help at our June work morning. We planted some new bedding plants, trimmed hedges, filled in holes left by the old fencing and weeded the pocket park.

Also if you fancy living the good life and growing your own vegetables we have two allotments that have now become available. If anyone would like to take these on please contact Jenny Tibbles on jenny.tibbles@gmail.com.

Finally, our next Jetty Field meeting will be held in the library room in the village hall at 7.30 on Wednesday, 5th September.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2018

Day		Time	Event
Wed	1	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Fri	3	18:00	Car Treasure Hunt
Sun	5	09:30	Holy Communion at Ashby
		11:15	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
		18:00	Evensong - Br
Tue	7	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	8	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sun	12	08:00	Morning Prayer - Br
		09:30	Holy Communion at Welton
		11:15	All Age Service - Br
Tue	14	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	15	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sun	19	11:15	Holy Communion & Junior Church - Br
		09:30	Holy Communion at Ashby
Tue	21	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	22	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sun	26	08:00	Morning Prayer - Br
		09:30	Holy Communion at Welton
		11:00	Family Communion Br
		18:00	No Labels Worship
Tue	28	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	29	12:30	Peace at lunchtime

Ashby Church

Services at Ashby Church are the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

On July 29th, which is a 5th Sunday of the month there will be a breakfast service in the village hall at 9.30. (This may be out of date when the magazines are delivered)

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS AUGUST 2018

Wednesday	1st	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	2nd	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: : Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	3rd	Car Treasure Hunt
Saturday	4th	Peter Andrew Litter Pick & BBQ
Sat / Sun	4th & 5th	Gongoozler Fund Raising Weekend
Monday	6th	Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	7th	Beavers : W.I.
Wednesday	8th	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	9th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	11th	Vicar's House Warming Party
Sunday	12th	Ashby Dog Show & Fete
Monday	13th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	14th	Beavers:
Wednesday	15th	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	16th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	20th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	21st	Beavers:
Wednesday	22nd	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	23rd	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	25th	Cinema Club
Monday	27th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	28th	Beavers
Wednesday	29th	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	30th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:

OUR VILLAGE HALL



Our sincere thanks to Braunston Players for their contribution of over £300.00 towards Village Hall funds following their very successful Puddings and Performances.

August is a quiet month for the Hall so take advantage of the 10% extra discount if you book during the school holidays – See Village Hall Activities and Events for contact details.

We hope you enjoy the holiday season.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

No input this month
Tony Saunderson
Tel. Phone No. 01788 890797

HEALTH WALKS

Anyone interested in the Health Walks this month may find the information on the Village Website:
<https://www.braunston.org.uk/Daventry-Health-Walk-Scheme>
or contact Rosemary Kendall 01788 890543

INFORMATION FOR SCOUTS

BEAVERS	Tuesday	Tony Shipley	07432132769
CUBS	Thursday	David Coleman	07796336985
SCOUTS		Steve Irwin	07545833030
EXPLORERS / YOUNG LEADERS		Stuart Muddiman	07875066292
GROUP SCOUT LEADER		Steve Rolt	07956682733

BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER 18th 2018: Society meeting in Library. If any of your ancestors who were 'mad, bad or dangerous', we would love to hear about them.

OCTOBER 16th 2018: Derek R Harris, "A Cruise on the Cut". Derek is a keen canal enthusiast, first hiring a boat at age 16 to having his own boat built 30 years later. This is a slide presentation looking at architecture, engineering, canal builders and some added songs. Should be informative and entertaining.

NOVEMBER 13th 2018: Michael Brown, Historic Gardener will talk on:- "The Glory of the Garden" in the Victorian and Edwardian era and the gardeners who did the real work.

DECEMBER 2018: Christmas Lunch to be arranged

JANUARY 15th 2019: Society Meeting in the library. Topics to be arranged nearer the time.

FEBRUARY 19th 2019: Derek Blunt "Spires and Shires of Northamptonshire"
Derek can trace his family back to the 1500's all living and working around Northampton and since retiring has written and illustrated several books about Northamptonshire

MARCH 19th 2019: A selection of canal-based DVD's will be shown.

APRIL 16th 2019: AGM

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Good Luck!

Punography

I tried to catch some Fog. I mist.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Than it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type O.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

PMS jokes aren't funny. Period.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it!

What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Broken pencils are pointless.

GROWING OLD WITH YOGA

It's only a picture of looming disaster. The loss of vision and sound...

The neck recedes into boney abyss
And the abdomen falls in folds to the ground
They say that it's gravity doing its bit,
But I wish it would do it elsewhere,
I still want to think that I'm able to flirt
And run through sand dunes...bare!
But through yoga I've learnt to balance it out.
And look for the good at each stage,
And I can still stretch, and I can still breathe,
So I 'spect that will do for my age.

Ha ha

Sheila Beckett

BRAUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY

The Society's first project since the AGM was completed in June. The water point adjacent to Midland Chandlers was given a makeover. With the help of 17 of our volunteers over 5 task parties a large quantity of brush was burned, and the bin compound repaired and painted. Over 30m of new paths were constructed. A new information sign installed, water points painted, and leaks stopped.

Some landscaping was undertaken and the 'out of control' grass was tamed. The support of the Canal and River Trust team, who provided the materials and equipment (and Midland Chandlers for storing them), was fundamental to the success of the project. After 220 volunteer hours of enthusiastic effort the site is now a facility the village can be proud of. We will be returning to the site at a later date to continue the landscaping and to ensure it remains in good condition. For now, though, while the good weather lasts, we will be turning our attention to the flight which is in need of some overdue TLC.





The Society is always keen to welcome new volunteers so if you would like to come along and have some fun you can email me at braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com or phone/text me on 07817 435911.

Clive Joynton

Ron Clegg

Audrey and family would like to thank all family and friends who sent cards and kind thoughts for the sudden loss of Ron on 30/05/18

BRAUNSTON CALENDAR



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Julie Leadbetter



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Wednesday 22nd August 2018
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BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

**Sat Aug 25th 7.30pm in the
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**Ashby St. Ledgers are having a
" Fun Dog Show and Village Fete "
Sunday 12th August 2018
2pm to 5pm**

Free Entrance and Parking

**Join us for an activity filled afternoon, including a Fun
Dog Show,
Cake Stall, Bric-a-Brac, Fun Games,
Refreshments, Food and plenty more.**

**There will be a Coffee Morning
In aid of the Macmillan Charity
On 29th September in All Saints' Church**

(More details next month)

Catholic Parish of Daventry

Priests: Fr. James M. Cassidy, C.R.I.C.

Fr. Allan R. Jones, C.R.I.C.

32 London Rd., Daventry, NN11 4BZ Tel: 01327 300248

Sunday Masses:

Daventry, 5 p.m. Sat, 10.30, Sun.

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
AUG		
3rd	Car Treasure Hunt	All Saints' Church
12th	Fun Dog Show & Fete	Ashby St. Ledger
18th	BVGA Visit Leicester	BVGA
18th	Braunston Bakes	Braunston Bakes
SEPT		
1st	Braunston Show	BVGA
8th	Ride & Stride	All Saints' Church
15th	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints' Church
	Air Ambulance Fund Raising	
22nd	Day	
28th	Coffee Morning	Macmillan Charity
OCT		
6th	Quiz	All Saints' Church
13/14th	Scarecrow Competition	All Saints' Church
13/14th	Arts & Crafts Fair	All Saints' Church
NOV		
22nd -24th	Braunston Players	
DEC		
1st	Christmas Fair	All Saints' Church
8th	Braunston Bakes	Braunston Bakes
14th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints' Church

Please do let me know if you are planning an event in Braunston so that I can add it to this list. This may help others decide on suitable dates when planning their events should they want to avoid a clash

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CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

Braunston Women's Institute

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th August in the village hall at 7.30. Plenty of fun and games this month, so come along for a relaxed, social evening

Barbara on 01788 890452

The Braunston Friendly Club

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST.

MEETINGS BEGIN AGAIN
ON MONDAY
10TH SEPTEMBER

Jenny 890186

RAINFALL— 2016/2017/2018

All in mms

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jan	53	72	55	62
Feb	31	37	47	24
Mar	25	79	54	104
Apr	14	43	12	70
May	45	33	71	72
Jun	25	68	32	1
Jul	48	8	54	
Aug	44	60	53	
Sep	33	43	72	
Oct	48	16	11	
Nov	61	74	29	
Dec	72	21	92	
<u>Total</u>				
mm	499	554	592	
ins	20	22	23	

Information provided by Rob Buckley

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Braunston Fishing Club
BINGO
Every Thursday
throughout the year
8.00pm in the Village Hall

Non members
welcome

As you know, items for the BVN can be emailed to me or left at the Post Office for me to collect. The following letter was one such item. Although anonymous, I think many of us would agree with the persons' sentiments. Jenni the Ed.

Dear people of Braunston,

I have lived in our wonderful village for many years. I am a dog owner and also a dog lover, however, I am being made miserable by the three following things.

The first is how many dogs are free to run up to people, sometimes barking and sometimes not. It can be quite frightening to a pensioner or to a small child. I know that 9 times out of 10 the dog is harmless, and the owner is frequently heard to say, "He is harmless, or just wants to play". I occasionally walk a relative's dog who is fairly timid and both myself and the dog get nervous when another dog comes running up.

My second point is Dog Barking. There suddenly seems to be a lot of dogs barking in the village, not just as someone walks past but continually making a noise. I think neighbours are too scared to mention local dogs barking in case of confrontation or 'falling out'. I think if my dog was continually barking when I was out I would like to know as it must be very distressing for dogs and neighbours.

My final point is the good old chestnut Dog Poo! It seems so much worse at the moment. I know most people pick up and some kind souls pick up from other dogs. There are lots of children, bikes and pushchairs about now that the schools are closed and not only is the mess unpleasant, but it can be toxic and harmful to youngsters.

Please, please, please dear dog owners of Braunston help me out. If you are afraid to confront anyone then you could always contact the dog warden.

I am sorry to be having a moan, but I want our beautiful, friendly village to stay that way.

I do not know the author of this note, but I do agree with all he / she says. During this hot weather I have all my windows and doors open and during the writing of this magazine I have been driven insane with the constant dog barking nearby. I do pick up poo and always carry lots of bags for other 'deposits' but it is unpleasant. Lastly, I can't imagine Bramble running up to anyone (unless they were holding a pork pie!) I think if we are all more aware of what our pets are doing everyone will be happier. Jenni the Ed.

FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES

In 1960, there were around eight million water voles in England and they were very common along the Braunston canal. Now there are probably only about a third of a million in total including just a tiny few living along the canal in our village. Everyone knew him as Ratty, the anti-hero of the delightful book *The Wind in the Willows*. Ratty was not actually a rat at all. He was the lovable water vole.

Water voles are not well designed for aquatic life. No webbed feet; fur that isn't waterproof and an inability to swim far under water. They live in burrows excavated in the banks of canals and other slow-moving waterways. A few live in reed beds and weave ball shaped nests above ground. Voles feed close to home, mowing closely cropped lawns.

They have rounder noses than rats, deep brown fur, chubby faces and short fuzzy ears. Unlike actual real rats and their tails, paws and ears are covered with fur. In the wild water voles only live five months. They mate from spring to late autumn. They will grow to nearly 9 inches (210 mm.) including a two and a half inch tail. Fully grown they may weight 12 oz but most are much smaller. Adults have their own territories marked with droppings. Normal diet is grass, fruits, bulbs, twigs, buds, and roots. Today the normally vegetarian water voles are under such stress that they have started attacking frogs chomping the legs and discarding the rest

Unsympathetic farming and bad watercourse management were and are major factors in Ratty's decline. Also important was predation by mink. Mink were introduced for the fur trade but escapes from fur farms upset the natural food chain balance on Britain's waterways. Mink are now a really common pest and water voles find it harder and harder to survive. Otters, stoats, weasels, brown rats, domestic and feral cats, pike, herons and barn owls all enjoy making a meal of a water vole too. Poor Ratty it seems has lots of enemies. It's up to us to prove he has some friends too.

Peter Frost

Dave Peters 1942 - 2011
Loved Grandad and loving husband
and fishing enthusiast.



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Remembering Peter Andrews

It was heartening to see the Braunston community turn out in great force for Peter Andrews's funeral in February. Peter lived in his flat at Brindley Court. At all times of the year he could be found caring for the surroundings with his one man war on litter. He regularly litter picked from Braunston tunnel to puddle bank, and from Butchers Bridge to the High Street.

Peter Andrews Day Litter Pick and BBQ

Saturday August 4th 2018 10:00 am

Friends and supporters, together with neighbours from Brindley Court and Brindley Quays, will be joining together to remember Peter by litter picking his 'beat' on Saturday 4th August starting at 10:00 am. All are welcome to join in. Meet at the flats car park.

DDC is loaning litter picking tools, bags and gloves, and collecting the bags later.

And afterwards the BBQ...

At 1:00pm a BBQ will be provided for those who participated and those who remember Peter. It will be on the water side lawn of Brindley Quays. There will be burgers, sausages and some booze provided. If you can bring a plate of food to share, (salads, bread, cheese, crisps, coleslaw etc.) and your favourite tippie, that would be so much the better.

To guide us on the numbers for catering please text 07986 606 114 or email gordonlane17@btinternet.com

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PARISH NEWS - The Bus Service

The timetable for the D2 is unchanged. 6 days a week, no buses on Sundays.

To Daventry and Northampton: 0725, 0817, 0948, 1053, 1153, 1253, 1353, 1458, 1603, 1703, 1808.

To Rugby: 0756, 0932, 1032, 1132, 1232, 1332, 1432, 1532, 1637, 1737, 1837.

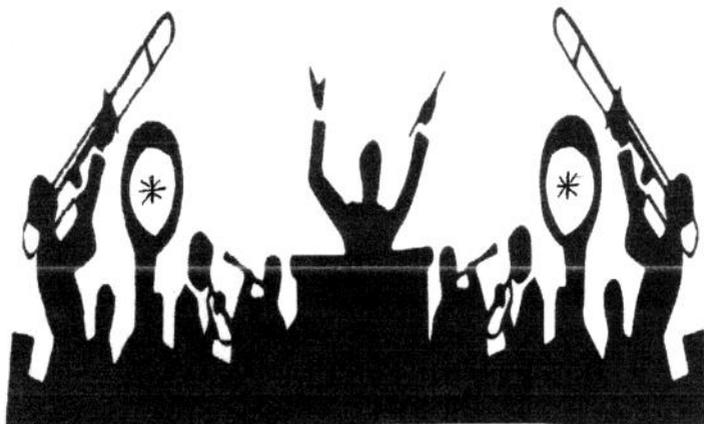
There are changes to the route:

- Between Braunston and Kilsby buses run via Welton Road and the A361. There are no changes to the stops in the village.
- Buses run via Ashlawn Estate NOT Paddox and Southfields.
- After Rugby Station buses run via Elliotts Field to serve the shops there.

County Connect has been withdrawn because it made a loss. At present the D2 continues to serve Braunston because the takings are sufficient to meet costs. Northamptonshire will not provide a subsidy if use falls below this. Please use the service as much as possible. The company receives a payment every time a Concessionary Pass is used.

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LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

7.30 PM START

CITY OF COVENTRY BRASS BAND

WITH MUSICAL DIRECTOR STEPHEN COOPER.

MUSIC INCLUDES PROMS FAVOURITES

**Ticket price includes interval refreshment of wine
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**Ticket Prices: Adult £10, Concessions £8.
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Contact: Colin (890988)



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