

# BRAUNSTON NEWS

# Village

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Braunston entered the Best Village Competition and was the winner in the Best Medium Sized Village category. More on this on page 23.



David Laing, Lord Lieutenant of the county, presents parish councillor Peter Biggs with the cup and certificate.

## All Saints' Church Information



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### JULY BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

No funerals or weddings

Baptisms: 21<sup>st</sup> July – Jake James Kelly & Iyla Mai Crampton

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

All Saints' has a group of licensed lay people who can administer communion and one call is all it will take 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!!

We hope to hear from you.

Ring Rev Nat on 01788 890298 or email [revnatwhite@gmail.com](mailto:revnatwhite@gmail.com)

## Vicar's letter

Are you the bread of life to others? The word companion comes from the 2 Latin words, *Cum* = with, *panis* = bread = bread with us! The one who is our companion is the one who shares his or her bread with us. In Jesus we find our spiritual companion – spiritual *cum panis*, the one who provides us with the bread of life.

Jesus tells us in John's gospel that he is the bread of life. Jesus offers us a wonderful gift – when we believe in him, we will never be hungry or thirsty again – he has given us all we need to live life in all its fullness. We have this great gift and he wants us to share it with others. To become the bread of life for others.

Think about all the people, relationships, and experiences that have fed, nourished, and sustained your life. Think about a time when someone else fed and nourished your life and I mean more than that they fixed you a meal.

I'm talking about the kind of people that spend their time and their presence with us. They love us. They teach us. They care for us. They encourage us. And our lives are fed and nourished by them.

We so often hear Jesus say, "I am the bread of life," and we assume he is the only loaf in the basket. But what if that is not what he is saying? What if he is not claiming to be the exclusive loaf of bread in this world? What if he is teaching us what bread of life looks like so we can find it in this world, so we can become that bread, so we can be that bread for another?

Yeast is the active ingredient in the making of bread. You only need a small amount for it to do its magic in helping the bread to grow. Have you ever been given a starter batch of sourdough? It holds the potential to become bread, to feed and nourish.

What if Jesus is the starter batch in us? What if rather than making an exclusive claim about himself Jesus is giving us the recipe to become as he is, to become the bread of life for the world?

We can choose to do good with our words and actions or not. We can choose to be the bread of life to others.

God Bless,

Rev Nat

## Church Floodlighting

July's floodlighting:

6<sup>th</sup> - \* John & Sally's Wedding Anniversary

8<sup>th</sup> - \* Jeff & Tracy's Wedding Anniversary

29<sup>th</sup> – For Eliza and Micah on your Wedding Day. Love Nanny and Gan xx



August's floodlighting so far ...

2<sup>nd</sup> - \* Brian & Gloria's Wedding Anniversary

19<sup>th</sup> - \* Hilary and Charles wedding anniversary

23<sup>rd</sup> - Philip Hutchinson - Remembering with love, Philip on his birthday, Margaret

26<sup>th</sup> – In memory of a wonderful Husband, Dad and Grandad Alan Cope xxx

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

These are all the requests received before the BVN deadline.

To have All Saints' floodlit please use one of the forms on the table at the back of the church. The fee is £7 per entry, although you can give more. Please keep the dedication for inclusion in the BVN to no more than 12 words and leave the completed form with the donation at the Rectory or the Post Office by the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month.



## Church Diary - August

Day		Time	Event
Sun	4	11:15	Holy Communion & Junior Church
Tue	6	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
Wed	7	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Sat	10	19:30	Friends of Braunston Hog Roast
Sun	11	11:15	Café Church at Village Hall
Tue	13	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
Wed	14	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Sun	18	08:00	BCP Holy Communion
		11:15	Holy Communion & Junior Church
Tue	20	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
Wed	21	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Sun	25	11:15	Family Communion
Tue	27	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
Wed	28	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church

## Parish Nursing Drop-In Clinic

With Braunston's Parish Nurse Maggie Murray. Just pop in, no appointment required

Thursdays 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September

11am – 2pm

All Saints' Church, Braunston



### PARISH NURSING QUESTIONNAIRE

Please don't forget to return your questionnaires to the village shop.

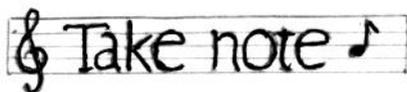
Contact us if you need another one or would like us to collect it from you.



Parish Nursing  
Ministries UK

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BRAUNSTON**

Registered Charity No. 1173187



# **LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS**

**SATURDAY 21ST 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  
or soft drink and nibbles**

**Ticket Prices: Adult £10, Concessions £8.  
(Accompanied Child Entry (Please pay on the night) £1)**

**Advance Tickets at All Saints Church  
or Braunston Post Office.**

**Contact: Colin (890988)**

## Parish Council Information and News

### Clerk's contact details

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### Parish councillors:

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Tom Sabin	t:	01788 891797

### Forthcoming Meetings

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

5<sup>th</sup> August Full Council Meeting (short agenda and meeting)

2<sup>nd</sup> September Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are on the Braunston website:

[www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc](http://www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc)

and on the Parish Council notice board at The Green.

## **Braunston to Daventry Cycle Route**

Work should start on the route by the first half of 2020. It will extend from the current Daventry cycle network at Middlemore to the canal towpath near the tunnel entrance.

Subject to further negotiation with the Canal and River Trust, work will be done to improve the towpath to take the route through to Dark Lane at the Nelson.

The route, which will be suitable for cyclists and walkers, will provide a more direct connection between the village and Daventry avoiding the A45. It will link to a range of destinations by linking into the town's cycle network. The Parish Council hopes that it will promote more healthy transport options and work towards the council's objectives on sustainability.

## **District Councillor's Report**

Jason Pritchard reported on the Cycle Route. Daventry District Council will use £730 000 of the money contributed by housing developers under the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Jason has continued to ask DDC about allocations made from the Capital Grant Fund. This provides for relatively small local projects in the District. He is concerned about the scoring system, the inclusivity of projects and some recent decisions.

The new Unitary Authority will operate as a shadow authority for a year from 2020 alongside DDC and NCC. Jason's term as District Councillor for Braunston and Welton Ward will be extended during this period.

## **County Councillor's Report**

Malcolm Longley reported that Northamptonshire County Council finished the financial year with a small underspend of £4.5 million on a budget of £440 million. Planning for the financial year 2020/2021 has some issues mainly based around children's care which currently shows an overspend which NCC will now need to pay attention to.

## **Playing Fields**

Tom Sabin reported that about 20 caravan owners paid to use the field over the Boat Show weekend. This and income from other bookings such as children's parties at the pavilion, help to fund the Playing Field.

There has been a significant rise in usage since the installation of the wheel park and the new play equipment.

The pavilion is small for current needs. The committee would welcome more volunteers with relevant experience to help with planning and design an update as well as putting together bids for grants. The Braunston Playing Field Association can be contacted through the village website or via the Parish Council.

## **Rights of Way and the Parish Path Warden scheme**

The Parish Path Warden scheme is a great opportunity for anyone who likes walking. We would like a volunteer who can walk the public footpaths and bridleways of Braunston Parish once a year and report any issues to the Parish and County Councils. Full guidance will be provided. If there is more than one volunteer perhaps you could work together or share the responsibilities. Please contact the Parish Council.

In February the Parish Council submitted a claim to change the Definitive Map to include a bridleway from Old Road to link with the Braunston to Staverton bridleway. Our evidence included statements from a number of parishioners.

All such claims are prioritised according to the amount of evidence used in support. The County Council have advised us that our claim will get a higher priority if we submit more user evidence.

Please let the Parish Council know if you have walked or ridden horses on this route, in particular over a 20 year period.

Northamptonshire County Council have issued a draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan and have invited comments. The Plan and the Parish Council's response are on the village website. Individuals are also encouraged to respond. The deadline is 9th September. If you have any comments either send directly to:

EnquiriesPROW@kierwsp.co.uk

or contact the Parish Council before the end of August.

## Village Hall Information

### News

By the time you read this work will have begun to replace the heating system in the main hall and the library.

Mark Partridge of Bright Green Renewables has designed the system which will be much more environmentally friendly and we thank him for his help and assistance.



### Hall hire charges

If you want to hire our hall please visit the web site. Your bookings mean that we can keep improving the hall for your enjoyment

For all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply, see our website [braunstonvillagehall.org.uk](http://braunstonvillagehall.org.uk), email [villagehall@braunston.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@braunston.org.uk) or phone 07890072487. Details of special events can also be found on the website: [www.braunstonvillage.org.uk](http://www.braunstonvillage.org.uk).

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

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	<b>Braunston Residents</b>	<b>Non Residents</b>
Gallie Room	£11 per hour	£22 per hour
Main Hall	£11 per hour	£22 per hour
Both Halls	£20 per hour	£40 per hour
Meeting Room	£6 per hour	£12 per hour

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## Contacts for regular activities in the Village Hall

Some Clubs take a break during school holidays. Please check with the contacts.

### Weekly

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
	Fishing Club Bingo	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	Valerie	01788 891975
Thursday	Linus Group	10.00am	Laura	01788 890102
Thursday	Gardens Association	7.30pm	Kate	01788 890340
Saturday	Cinema Club	7.30pm	Arthur	01788 890508

### Pre-School Monday-Friday:

[braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com](mailto:braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com)

#### Items for the Braunston Village News

If you wish to have items included in the BVN please ensure that you provide your name and contact details. You may choose not to have your name in the BVN but we cannot include items where we have no contact details.

The deadline is midday on the 18<sup>th</sup> prior to publication. Please send to [bvn@braunstonpc.org](mailto:bvn@braunstonpc.org) or take paper copies to the Post Office.

## Braunston C of E School



Looking back over the past year I am so proud of all we have achieved together and feel privileged to have worked alongside so many hardworking and talented members of the school community. Many parents and grandparents have themselves been pupils

here and they, together with former staff, have created the firm foundations upon which we currently stand. As the academic year draws to a close the future of our school is in excellent hands. Mrs Willis, the staff, parents, the church team, governors and the local community will all continue to work hard for our children. The children will continue to shine so brightly that the school can go forward with confidence.

As we move into the summer holiday I would like to share the following blessing which we give our whole school community.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

The rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.                      Gwenda Barker

Year 6 recently visited Jetty Field to find out about allotments and the landscape. Following this the children entered the Gallie Competition. .

The winning entry was an acrostic poem by Bradley Flynn that covered all aspects of Jetty Field. In second place was Lauren Hughes' poem, accompanied by illustrations of the trees they identified.

There were three third placed entries. Pippa Thomson submitted a painting that was evocative of the entrance to Jetty Field and the open landscape beyond. Lara Grant made a cake that she iced to represent the meadow and field. Charlie Rawbone's entry was an interpretation board with windows that could be lifted to reveal details of species found in a landscape like Jetty Field.



The winners

## Clubs and groups

### Friendly Club

We meet in The Gallie Room at the Village Hall. Members enjoy tea, cake, chat and a variety of activities that are organised through the year. Please come along and join us to find out more about what we do.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August** 10am to 4.30pm Visit to The Valley, Evesham.

If you are booked on this visit please meet at the old bus shelter on The Green at 10am.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August** NO MEETING

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September** 2pm to 4pm Tea and Chat

Trolley raffle and a fund raising raffle with great prizes this week.

For more information telephone:

Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340

### Braunston Cinema Club

Sat Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm in the Village Hall

#### STAN AND OLLIE

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Steve Coogan as Stan and John C Reilly as Ollie.

Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, and their heart-warming story as they embark on what becomes their swan song - a gruelling theatre tour of post-war Britain. The pair's love of performing, as well as for each other endures and they re-connect with legions of adoring fans, old and new.

Homemade refreshments are available to buy, please book tickets/food in advance to help with catering. Bring a bottle & a glass

Film only: £4.50 members/£6.50 non-members

Some tickets may be available on the door

Tel: 01788 890508 or: [batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com](mailto:batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com)

## **Braunston Neighbourhood Watch**

Julie Jarrett leads Neighbourhood Watch in Braunston and can be contacted through the Parish Council or on 07952 858418 or 01788 890121.

Julie has a lot of Neighbourhood Watch materials that she can make available to advise residents on protecting themselves and their property.

Braunston is in a low crime area but instances do occur and on occasions people can feel threatened or at risk. Julie is a volunteer coordinator for Braunston and links with the Daventry Rural Policing Team. Tara Cooksammy and Craig Egdell are the Police Community Support Officers assigned to our area.

Craig has said that it is important that if anyone sees or is aware of a crime occurring they should ring 999. Similarly, if anyone feels threatened or at immediate risk from the behaviour of another person they should ring the emergency number. Craig said that he is aware that some people are more vulnerable, for example the very elderly, and that they should not hesitate if they feel at risk to ring 999.

We can now use the Northamptonshire Police website to report suspicious activity or a crime that has already occurred. Go to:

[www.northants.police.uk/](http://www.northants.police.uk/)

and follow the link to Report Suspicious Activity or to Report a Crime. This system is in addition to phoning 101 to report a crime.

Reporting incidents and suspicious activity by phone or on-line enables the police service to have a full record of such activity in an area. It can help them prioritise and allocate resources accordingly. It can lead to an offender being brought to justice.

Following a number of sheep being illegally slaughtered and a recent theft of a large number of sheep, the police believe those committing the crimes may be putting markers on the fences and gates of sites they plan to target. Could all farmers and landowners of livestock check their entry points to their fields regularly. If you identify any type of marker please report this to the police as soon as possible. If you have any information about any suspicious activity please call 101, quoting Operation Stock.

## **Braunston Village Gardens Association**

Gardening together in Braunston.

Every resident has free membership of the BVGA.

Dates for your diary

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September - BRAUNSTON SHOW** – a lovely community event.

August is the best time to get yourself ready for the Braunston Show.

We hope that you are taking photographs, finishing off your handicraft and trying recipes out on family and friends.

Looking after the children could not be easier, just check out the Braunston Show Schedule, available on your doormat or online on the Braunston Village Website. The schedule has many ideas for things that can be made ahead of time, perfect for school summer holidays.

Gardeners, enjoy a stroll around the garden with the schedule in your hand and you will be surprised by all the things that you can enter.

There are just four things to remember:

- We are a friendly and welcoming village show. We will be there to help on the day and you can phone us beforehand with any questions.
- Entry forms need to be in by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.
- Bring your exhibits to the village hall between 8am and 10.30am on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- Bring your family and friends to the village hall from 2pm

Contact Kate Mawer 01788 890340 [mawerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mawerk@hotmail.co.uk) for more information about The Braunston Show or the BVGA.

## **History Society**

There is no meeting in August. The programme resumes in September.

## Braunston Paddox Cricket Club

The highlight of the season so far is when we comfortably beat West Haddon and Guilsborough by 6 wickets to win the Knockout Plate final at the end of June. Kieren Bennett was presented with the shield, the first silverware the club had won for eight years.

The 1st XI have consolidated their position in Division 3 of the South Northants league with victories over Crown and Evenly and defeats to Gawcott and Chipping Warden. Ryan Spriggs, back from university, has strengthened the team as has Ethan Hart who was previously unavailable.



The Seconds have dropped to third, just outside the promotion zone, in division four after three very close defeats. Terry Isom has continued his fine run of form, top scoring in the last two matches.

The Midweek team remain unbeaten in the Rugby league and it is pleasing to see some of the younger players taking the opportunity to perform well. Teenagers Dom Goddard and Rohan Patel have played their part with both bat and ball in the last few matches. The league will almost certainly be decided when we play Willoughby who are also unbeaten.

August fixtures:

Sat Aug 3 <sup>th</sup>	1st XI	Woodford Halse	Away
	2nd XI	Thornborough	Home
Wed Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek	Willoughby	Away
Sat Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	1st XI	Crown (Milton Keynes)	Home
	2nd XI	Preston Bissett	Away
Sat Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	1st XI	Gawcott & Hillesden	Home
	2nd XI	Silverstone	Away
Wed Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	Midweek	Network Rail	Home
Wed Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek	Ashby St Ledgers	Away
Sat Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	Friendly	Dunchurch and Bilton	Away

## **Braunston Women's Institute**

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Come along and join us for a Beetle Drive! There will be ample time for a chat over tea, and to discuss ideas for our next year's programme.

Challenge: The tallest weed from my garden. (We can arrange transport for your entry if needed!)

We love to welcome visitors - contact Valerie on 01788 891975 for more details.



## **Community Café**

What an interesting few months we have had in the café. We were pleased to host a Strawberry Tea for the Friendly Club. Wendy Wilson provided her delicious famous scones and 20 ladies and gentlemen sat down for a good natter. They enjoyed copious cups of tea and scones with jam and clotted cream. A good time was had by all, including us.

Later we welcomed 30 children from the Reception Class at Braunston School. They came in groups accompanied by their teacher and helped by Margaret Hick. We talked to them about what community and volunteers meant. They folded serviettes and then came to order a drink and biscuits.

We showed them round the various equipment, the star of which seemed to be our excellent coffee machine. We showed them the coffee beans and then they saw and heard how the beans were ground and the coffee made.

We were so impressed with the children who seemed very interested with lots of hands up to answer the questions. We hope both events could become an annual thing. This is one of the many uses of our Braunston Community Café.

Chris and David Maltby 01788 890576 and Jenni Burton 01788 890546  
Open Wednesday to Friday 10am - 4pm, Saturday 10am - 12.30pm.

## **Braunston Brownies**

We are starting a new Brownie unit. If you are interested please email us at: [secondbraunstonbrownies@hotmail.com](mailto:secondbraunstonbrownies@hotmail.com)

Starting on 19<sup>th</sup> September, we will be running during term time on Thursday nights from 5.30 - 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Please see this website:

[www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/)

## **Community Car**

In June the car covered 776 miles and £380.40 was received in donations. Thank you to all who make the service possible. It is available to all residents to make a short journey in or out of the village.

Any payment is by voluntary contribution

The team would like to thank Nigel of Braunston Garage for his continuing support.

**BRAUNSTON COMMUNITY CAR IS FOR YOU**

Call 07984 412921 (24 hours notice please)

## **Braunston Canal Society**



In June we repaired lock 4 and painted the metal on lock 5. We tidied the water point adjacent to Midland Chandlers. We are still chasing the issues of an underground leak at the water point and the regular overflows from the sanitary station.

The Canal and River Trust offered us an area in their tent at the Historic Boat Show which raised the profile of the society. We put together a display of photographs of our work. A new banner and business cards were purchased all sporting our new logo.

We welcome volunteers. If you would like to come along and have some fun email me at [braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com) or phone/text me on 07817 435911. If you would like to see our previous activities check out our website at [www.braunston.org.uk/bcs](http://www.braunston.org.uk/bcs)

## **Jetty Field– Braunston’s Pocket Park**

Last month as part of the Gallie Wildlife Fund Annual Prize for children we got to take Year 6 children from Braunston School around the Jetty Field. The children were all very engaged in listening to what we have been up to and our future plans. They also helped to create more of our dead hedge along the border with the spinney and the nature reserve area. Thank you to everyone, especially Alan Mawer, for making this happen every year. It is wonderful to be able to inspire the younger generation to what’s around them.

Our next workdays will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Please come along and join us if you’re free. We start at 9am and meet at the top of Jetty Field. Please bring a spade and gloves if possible and we’ll bring the coffee and cake. We are usually finished by 12 noon at the latest or earlier if the weather is not being kind to us.

Our next Jetty Field meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September in the library room in the village hall at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us when we will be discussing the Nature Reserve and work day plans.

## **Braunston Walkers**

Our walks for the rest of this year are:

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Shuckborough

Sep 21<sup>st</sup> Whilton

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Llangollen weekend

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Stockton

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Xmas Walk

If you fancy joining us give me your email address and I can add you to our mailing list.

Ray Scrivens 01788 891384 ([Rayscrivens@btinternet.com](mailto:Rayscrivens@btinternet.com))

## **Fishing Club**

Braunston Fishing Club meets every Thursday at 8pm throughout the year for **Bingo** in the Village Hall. Non-members are welcome.

Harry 01788 890396

## Braunston Cubs go on an adventure day!

Chief Scout Bear Grylls regularly reminds us that Scouting is all about "having adventures". One of the 7 challenge badges is called 'Our Adventure' which is about doing outdoor activities, hiking and at least 2 adventurous activities.



2nd Braunston Cub pack had a fantastic time as part of nearly 100 District Cubs at Willen Lakes. All the Cubs did 2 water sports picked from Sailing, Stand-up paddle boarding, Canoeing, Raft Building or Katakana (2 connected Canoes) and an exhilarating high ropes course.

Leader David Coleman was especially impressed how every Cub got stuck in and had a go even if they thought they could not do it. It turns out many were great at Stand up Paddle boarding. Then he saw 3 Cubs whizzing along in a sailing boat despite never having sailed before.



The weather was great for watersports and it was clear that many Cubs were deliberately falling in/capsizing just for the fun of it on a warm day.



david@braunstonscouts.co.uk  
07484 157588

We meet on Thursdays at 18:15 to 19:45 during school term time and it costs less than £11 a month.

# Braunston Scouts

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 10:30 - 15:30

2nd Braunston Scout Group invites you to an **open day** at our HQ. Find out what we do, and why nearly 500,000 young people in the UK enjoy Scouting:

## TRY TOMAHAWK THROWING,

Craft activities

Skills to see and have a go at.

Meet our leaders and young people

Answers and info on what we do, when, badges, cost.

**We prepare young people with skills for life.**



### WHERE ARE WE?

Walk to bottom of Cross Lane  
Turn left up the footpath past white house and we are about 100 yards down on the left.



### 6 to 8 years

Make friends try new indoor and outdoor activities.



### 8 to 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years

Learn practical skills while having adventures with friends



**Scouts**

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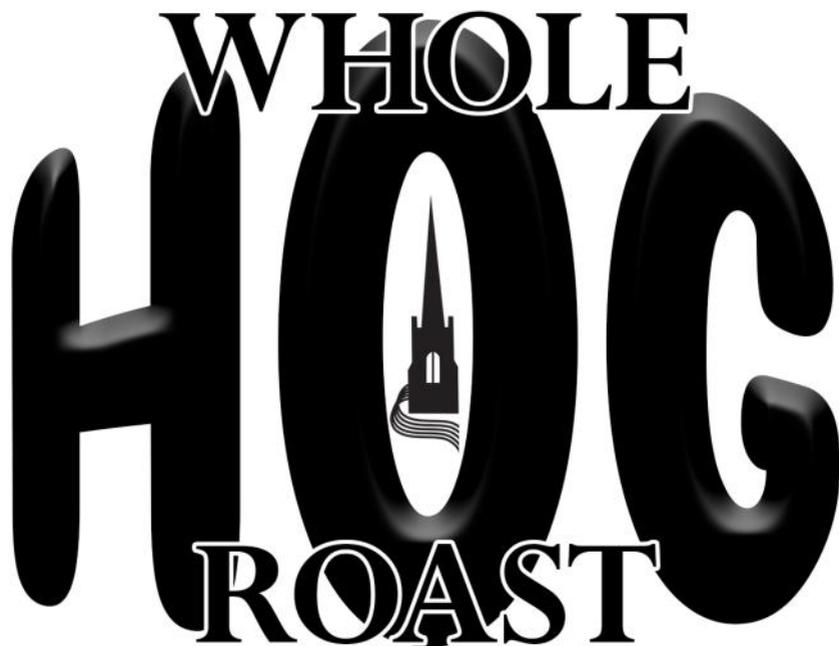
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## Other News

### Northamptonshire Best Village Competition 2019

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Parish Councillor, Sue Harrison organised Braunston' winning entry. The judges awarded us Best Medium-Sized Village in the county. Here are some of their comments:

- The village enjoys a huge variety of regular activities...
- ...very evident that everyone is welcomed into the village.
- The very well presented Braunston Village News...
- ...donated Community Car is very successful.
- ...thriving Community Café...
- Housing Associations provide over 100 units and with the recent buildings the Parish Council have ensured that priority is given to those with family or work connections to Braunston.
- Neighbourhood Watch is very active as are the Braunston Charities Schemes.
- The new skate park was suggested and designed by teenagers.
- ...eye-catching timeline...
- ...parish nurse...
- An unsolicited comment from a resident was that 'I have lived in many different places but none compare with Braunston'.

The judges also mentioned all of the clubs, groups and organisations that appear in the BVN, on the village website and others and were impressed by the number of local businesses.

**You won this award** by volunteering, by organising a club or by joining in, attending and keeping activities viable. You helped Braunston win if you run a business or if you buy from and support the businesses here. You won by walking and being out and about in the village and greeting neighbours and visitors.

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## **Bus service changes**

The route of the D2 has changed and no longer goes beyond Rugby North Street in the town centre. There are also some changes to the times.

To Daventry and Northampton:

0725, 0817, 0951, 1056, 1156, 1256, 1406, 1506, 1614, 1717, 1814

To Kilsby, DIRFT and Rugby Town Centre:

0750, 0931, 1041, 1141, 1241, 1341, 1441, 1541, 1651, 1754, 1901

## **Road works**

Northamptonshire Highways have notified us of surface dressing work on parts of the A45 between Daventry and Braunston. This is planned for 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August but dates may change if the weather conditions are not right or if previous work has been delayed. They do not expect the road to be closed but there may be delays.

## **Air Ambulance Day**

The annual fund-raising event will be held on The Green on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. There will be a full range of activities, refreshments and things to buy.

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 from 10am until 2pm we are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning at All Saints' Church. Please come join us, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a nice slice of home made cake in support of some wonderful people who do such a fantastic job for so many people.

Thank you in advance for your support.

## **Bin Collections**

- 7<sup>th</sup> August      Food and Garden Waste
- 14<sup>th</sup> August     Food and Recycling
- 21<sup>st</sup> August     Food, Waste and Garden Waste
- 28<sup>th</sup> August     Food and Recycling
- 4<sup>th</sup> September   Food and Garden Waste

## **Rainfall**

Rob Buckley collects the rainfall data and sends it in to the BVN.

Rob commented, "Braunston rainfall for the month of June was 109mm. I'm sure you will not be surprised at this high result. Remarkable to think that in June last year only 1mm was recorded."

June puddles



## Pippa and Katrina win top Scout award

Katrina Thomas and Pippa Thomson have won the highest award it's possible to earn as Cub Scouts: The Chief Scout's Silver Award. They were both Cubs at 2nd Braunston Scout Group and have now moved up to Scouts. They are pictured receiving their awards.

Cub Leader David Coleman said, "Earning the Silver Award is a tremendous achievement. They can be immensely proud. Katrina and Pippa were both role models for Cubs - not just coming to pack nights but all the other exciting stuff we do like camping, hiking, cinema trips, bowling nights, sports contests, parties, community projects and they even help to re-paint our meeting place. They were up for everything and become leaders in Cubs as 'Sixers and Seconders' - I will miss them but am really pleased they continue Scouting".

To gain the Silver Award they had to gain seven challenge badges which cover doing adventurous stuff like high ropes and climbing and camping skills. The World Challenge celebrates our world and organisations, faiths and people in it, They had to be good team members and leaders.

In addition they had to win a minimum of seven other badges from the over 50 available that are as diverse as Art and Drama, Digital Skills, Scientist, Navigator, DIY, Cook, Martial Art and Sports Enthusiast. There is something for everyone.



## Features

### Drinking tea and remembering Clara Aldridge



Braunston Friendly Club remembered a past member in May with a scone tea celebration. Clara Aldridge always enjoyed her Monday afternoons with friends at the Village Hall. On occasions she turned down trips out with her family if it was a Friendly Club Monday.

Members came together at The Community Café, to remember Clara, one of the quieter members, who enjoyed a good chat and always had a welcoming smile.

Through the generosity of Clara's family and friends, members were treated to a delicious scone cream tea provided by Chris, David, Jenni and Veronica in the pretty surroundings of the café.

Braunston Friendly Club wanted the donation to be spent in Braunston. By passing it on to The Community Café we know that others benefit too. Supporting the café ensures it continues to provide a relaxed meeting place for residents and visitors. We also know that any profit from the money paid for our tea will be given, through The Community Café's grant system, to support another village organisation in the future.

Thanks to the Aldridge family and The Community Café we all enjoyed a lovely spring afternoon.

Kate Mawer

If you would like to find out about other activities organised by Braunston Friendly Club then call 01788 890340 for more information.

## **Frosty's Nature Notes - Canal Danger.**

I have written in these pages about some dangerous animals living in and around the Grand Union Canal. Fish like zander and pike can give you a nasty nip, otters have been known to take off a finger or two with their very strong bite and mink are nearly as bad, adders bites are very rarely fatal but giant hogweed is also poisonous.

By far the worst and most dangerous creature in the canal is a spiral bacteria called leptospirosis. This one is very, very dangerous indeed. In 2010 Great Britain's double Olympic champion rower Andy Holmes MBE died after being infected with leptospirosis which can, in serious cases lead to an infection called Weil's disease.

In our canal waters animals, like rats, carry the bacterium and it can spread in their urine. Humans who come into close contact with that urine either by swallowing canal water or through open cuts and wounds can find themselves infected.

The first you notice may be mild flu like symptoms but they can get worse and in every case it is important to get any worries checked out – please don't hesitate and think it will go in a few days - that may be too late.

In recent years, the number of cases of Weil's disease infections have increased and each year. The disease kills two to three people in the UK. It can take weeks after catching the infection to develop the full symptoms, which makes it harder to trace and control.

Symptoms can range from none at all to a mild flu-like illness, More seriously Weil's disease can develop and cause jaundice and sometimes fatal kidney failure.

It is important if you come in to contact with canal water, falling in perhaps, to get yourself urgent medical attention. In most cases, with antibiotic treatment you will make a complete recovery. But for a few, it can be fatal even with the best hospital care so the sooner you get yourself checked out the better.

Peter Frost

## Hogging the limelight

Sex, drugs and rock-and-roll. They have gone together since Elvis Presley burst on to the scene sixty years ago. But wrapped up in a dog-collar? Now that is different.

The dog collar belongs to Nat White, vicar of Braunston. She admits to raised eyebrows when, as a newly-ordained curate, she revealed that she was the lead singer of a rock band. Even today with rock firmly in the mainstream, there are bands who push the limits. What was she doing playing what Puritans once condemned as the Devil's Music?

Having a lot of fun seems to be the answer. But no, she says, members of the somewhat curiously-named 'Mid Life Crisis' band definitely do not snort coke before their gigs. They are more likely to have a cup of tea.

"We are a covers rock band", she says. "We do everything from the fifties to the present day. We choose our songs carefully to make sure the lyrics are okay". So the Stones' *Let's Spend the Night Together* is not on their playlist but *Rock around the Clock* is, plus a host of other favourites via Abba to Elton John's *Crocodile Rock* and some rap.

Their next appearance is in Braunston on 10<sup>th</sup> August at a Hog Roast for The Friends of All Saints'. It will be their tenth anniversary gig.

It began in Northampton. Duncan Halliday was approaching 50 and astonished his family by saying that he wanted to learn to play the drums. His children gave him a drum kit. He needed a group to play with. David Dupont joined as a guitarist, then Peter Summerside on keyboards. Simon Jackson was recruited as a second guitarist, keyboard player and vocalist, and Rachel White came in on bass, plus Nat as lead vocalist, keyboard player and occasional trumpeter.

"Our best-ever gig was when a French bank booked us for a fund-raising event", says Nat. Shades of the last-ever live performance by the Beatles, on the rooftop of their Apple Corps building in Savile Row: "We were on the roof of the bank's London headquarters, with the Shard on one side of us and the Gherkin on the other. It was amazing..."

It wasn't always like that. At an early gig, they walked out on stage to find five people in the audience. One woman shouted "If we don't like you, can we have our money back?"

These days they have a regular following. After one gig, a gang of children were outside the stage door, asking for autographs and selfies. "I think they thought we were famous" says Nat. "Or soon would be".

John Foster

## Nunk, blinded by a lemonade bottle

Following our earlier features on pig clubs, Robert Cluett contacted us with the following.

Mr Reg Hargrave was my uncle. Reg, known as Nunk in the village, lived with his mother, my grandmother, in the white cottage at the top of Cross Lane opposite the butcher's shop. He was born in 1899 and around aged 4 he had an accident when an old fashioned lemonade bottle exploded in his face which left him blind for the rest of his life. He died in 1992.

With reference to him providing music at the first annual supper of the pig club on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 1950, I remember being told that he ran a dance band between the two world wars. The band members were his brothers, Cyril the drummer, Fred on the saxophone and brother-in-law Mr Bill Perkins played the violin. I remember my mother, Marjorie, telling me the family used to follow the band to all the dances they held in the area. In fact, I believe my parents met at one of these dances.

Reg was a piano tuner as well as a pianist and played in the style of Charlie Kunz a popular musician during the dance band era of the 1920s and 30s.

Reg was born in the house on the High Street where Your Cafe is today and where his father, my grandfather, owned a grocer and bakery shop. His bake house was the cottage at the top of Cross Lane where Reg lived in later life.

Robert Cluett

Hargrave's, the bakers,  
decorated for the 1936  
coronation of George VI.



## Via Beata - Braunston is blessed, we are on the map!

Via Beata means 'a way of blessing' and is a walk which runs nearly 400 miles from Lowestoft in the east to St David's Point near

Haverfordwest, in Wales. This is the widest part of the UK.



The route leads through Braunston and you may have noticed some new blue signs have been placed on the bridleway marker posts on the public bridleway leading to Ashby Road, on the Church notice board and heading off through Manor Field towards the A45 and across to Wolfhampcote and on to Sawbridge. There is an expression of interest to have a way-station at Wolfhampcote Church.

The walk has way-stations or art installations and the intention is to have these placed every 10 miles on the route. Currently our nearest way stations are at Little Gidding in Cambridgeshire and Leamington Hastings in Warwickshire. The proposed sites, for Northamptonshire are Raunds Library; Gleneagles, a new church being built in Wellingborough and at Ashby St Ledgers.

The Via Beata Web Site ([www.viabeata.co.uk](http://www.viabeata.co.uk)) gives more information and shows the route and some photographs of the other completed way-stations.

Nigel Sykes

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