

# BRAUNSTON Village NEWS

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## All Saints' Church Information



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### **Registers**

No weddings or baptisms

Funerals- 8<sup>th</sup> July, John Berry, at Holy Cross

- 13<sup>th</sup> July, Dorothy Jean Garner, at Crick churchyard

#### **Vicar's letter**

##### **It's ok to cry!**

Being a vicar is a privilege. I get to journey alongside people in their most happy and saddest moments of their lives. Some of the saddest times are when a loved one has died. Losing someone you love is one of the hardest things any of us have to face but losing a loved one during the Covid-19 crisis has been a greater challenge.

I cannot make my usual visits to bring comfort and a much-needed hug and many folks are facing their grief alone. Funeral planning has to be done by phone and email, which feels very impersonal. Helping people to say goodbye to their loved ones in a meaningful way when you can't have all the usual components of a funeral service has not been easy.

So many have also had to face other losses too – children and young people leaving pre-school ,Tiny Treasures, primary and secondary schools; many have lost jobs or are threatened with redundancy; others have had vital hospital treatment postponed and most of us have lost physical contact with family and friends.

It's ok to cry, to grieve over what we have lost.

Few have been unaffected by Covid-19. Fear and anxiety continue to dominate in many households. Many have asked me, Where do I go with all of this? I would encourage you to bring it all to God and lament, maybe finding others to share with as well.

Lamenting is part of the Christian tradition. It is about us offering our honest, uncensored pain, our deepest concerns and grief to God, knowing He will never reject us. There is something very powerful in the act of drawing near to God with our raw questions, emotions and unpolished, not quite so polite, prayers. There are many examples of such prayers in the book of Psalms in the Bible.

As we do this, we share in God's own lamenting over the brokenness of creation. And we draw near to the safety of God's love and receive God's compassionate embrace. He is with us in our suffering and has not ignored our plight.

The shortest verse in the Bible is 'Jesus wept'.

It's ok to cry!

God Bless,

Rev Nat

I know that our 'great British resolve' has seen us through many trials as a nation but acknowledging our pain, fears and anxiety is important. It is good to share this with others and with God.

## **All Saints' Church is to remain closed**

The government have announced that it is possible for churches to open for services, however, we are unable to meet all the conditions and so sadly the building will remain closed for the time being.

We are having to rethink what it means to be church and how we do church when we are not able to meet together.

The church community continues to love and care for one another and we are joining with others to care for our village.

**Sunday Worship at Home:** We cannot meet for Sunday worship but there will be a short pre-recorded Morning Prayer and talk from Rev. Nat and an all Age Worship service posted on our Youtube channel – All The Saints' Online Church and Facebook page each Sunday morning:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNzK6YCHjao8ad4IPVx4cdg>

<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsBraunston/>

A hard copy of the service can be mailed to those who prefer it or who are not able to access online resources.

In addition, the Church of England will live-stream a service each Sunday at 10am and then available to watch afterwards. There are other prayers and resources on the website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/>

**Mid-week Communion Service:** Rev Nat will lead a short eucharist service using 'zoom' on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Please contact Nat for details of how to log-in.

**Keeping in touch:** We are holding a weekly coffee and chat at 11.30am on Sunday mornings via Zoom and the pastoral team are in regular telephone contact with all who would like it. Maggie, our parish nurse, is still working with members of the community and available to support those who need her help. Please contact Rev Nat if you'd like to keep in touch in this way.

**Supporting the Village:** The church community are closely involved with Braunston Heart and the Food Share and Care, providing food and support to those who are in particular need during the pandemic.

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Peterborough Diocese have a daily 'Thought for the day' available each day at 9.30am:

<https://crosskeysmag.org.uk/?p=3306>

For more details or other enquiries, please contact Rev. Nat by email [revnatwhite@gmail.com](mailto:revnatwhite@gmail.com) or phone 01788 890298

## Church Floodlighting

### July

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

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

### 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 Massie.

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

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN deadline—18<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## Floodlighting

I am pleased to confirm that the electrical fault with the floodlights was fixed on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and the system is now working again. Should any of the eleven people who requested the church to be lit during the period of the breakdown wish to choose an alternative date & dedication for a free lighting, please let us know.

The current fee to light All Saints' is £7 per evening, 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 message with the donation can then be left at the Rectory or at the village Post Office before the BVN deadline of noon on the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please mark the envelope "Church Floodlighting".

## Parish Council Information and News

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Pete Morgan, The Green	t: 07805 677559
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Vacancy, High Street from A45 to Old Plough	t: 07956 682733
John Pomfret, Eastfields	t: 07817 234727
Peter Hawsworth, Ashby Road	t: 01788 891900
Robert Davey, Spinney Hill and closes	t: 01788 891591
Sue Harrison, Dark Lane	t: 07769 589459
Sandra Stapley, Welton Road, School Close, Maple Close	t: 01788 890475
Tom Sabin, Church Road, Barby Road	t: 01788 891797

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

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

**Distancing advice may require meetings to be held electronically via Zoom. Please contact the clerk if you wish to take part.**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Full Council Meeting (via Zoom)

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> September

Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are at: [www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc](http://www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc)

and on the Parish Council notice board at The Green.

The Annual Parish Meeting has at present time been cancelled

Due to the resignation of Lizzie Payne there is a vacancy for a councillor, if interested please contact the clerk.

## School Funding



Funding was agreed for electrical work to install the defibrillator by the school gates and for materials to improve access to the defibrillator and smarten up the area by the main school gate.

## Waste bins on the A45

It was noted that the number of waste bins on the A45 has increased and the condition of the bins at the approach to the village was a concern. It was agreed that the bins would stay but reduced in number with one bin dedicated to recycling.

## Welton Road Play Area

The fence at the rear of the playground is being repaired with concrete fence posts to be stronger and last longer.

## Opening of Playgrounds

The playgrounds are being reopened following a risk assessment being completed and signage put in place regarding Covid 19 safety measures.

**Please see the poster on page 30.**

## Village Hall Information

Due to the problems which we are all experiencing our Annual General meeting has been postponed.



On a more positive note we are delighted to welcome back Pilates and wish them all the very best.

Our hall is open, we only ask that you take all the measures that are currently in place to make sure that your event is safe.

Let us all take care and look forward to better times.

### Hall hire charges

If you want to hire our hall please visit the website. 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 07890 072487.

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 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.

	<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

## Contacts for regular activities in the Village Hall

Currently, groups may not be meeting in the Village Hall. Contact numbers are provided in case you wanted to find out about any alternative arrangements.

### Weekly

Monday	Pilates	7.30pm	Sam	07593 913686
Tuesday	Learn to Crochet	10.00am	Gill	07711 742575
	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	Bill	01788 891145
			David	01788 891183
	Fishing Club Bingo	8.00pm	Julie	01788 890720
	Brownies	5:30pm	Clare	

### 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
	Gardens Association	7.30pm	Kate	01788 890340
	Climate Action Network	7.30pm	Abigail	07989 421836
Saturday	Cinema Club	7.30pm	Arthur	01788 890508

**Pre-School Monday-Friday - 01788 891891**  
[braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com](mailto:braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com)

## Braunston C of E School



We are ending our very unusual academic year still missing seeing many of our children face to face. We now have in school, children from Reception, Year 1, Year 5, Year 6 and children of key workers. We have also met children virtually through Google Meets, communicated via Google

classrooms, spoken to parents over the phone and watched videos that the children have sent in. We want to thank our children and their families for their amazing resilience and positive approach in dealing with the challenges that we have experienced and accessing online learning with such a positive approach. Rev Nat has supported school tremendously to ensure that our collective worship can be accessed virtually. Her assemblies are amazing and we now have requests for them to be shared in many other schools. School life has continued in its own very unique form. We have even held a virtual sports day!

We also say farewell to our Year 6 children and send them on their way to their new schools. They have been tremendous role models and demonstrate our school values. We wish them every success on their future pathways and know that many successes will come their way.

Pre 20<sup>th</sup> March, we were working with Linda Belgrove (a Community First Responder, Leam Valley CFR Group) who came into school and carried out some first aid training with our year 5 and 6 children. Through her connections, we were gifted a defibrillator for the village of Braunston by Heartbeat UK (Coventry). The generosity of Your Café and the Parish Council has meant that the defibrillator has now been fixed to the fencing outside the school near the car park entrance and is wired up. The school intends to carry out some fundraising in the future for Heartbeat UK so that they are able to continue their wonderful work in donating defibrillators to rural locations.

Please see the flyer giving details of our 'Garage Sale' in order to raise much needed funds to further develop our Forest School and Gardening Club provision. We have been so grateful for all the volunteer support that has been pivotal in helping to enhance our school grounds. A special mention and big thanks to Sue Barnwell and Sue Allinson for

driving this forward and giving up so much of their time to make it such a success.

We are looking forward to seeing the children in person when we restart in September with a continued emphasis on safety, well-being and with a Recovery Curriculum in place.

Finally, I end by thanking all the school community, the governors and particularly the school staff who have adapted to everything that has been asked of them and found a way around the barriers that COVID-19 has brought to our door.

Lianna Willis

Headteacher



Please see our flyer on page 12

**BRAUNSTON FOREST SCHOOL  
& SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB**

**Invite you to join**

**Braunston Village  
Garage Sale  
On Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**From 10.00am to 4.00pm**

**Tea/Coffee**



**Cake Stall**



**Tombola/Raffle  
Children's Quiz**



**Plant Stall**



***An ideal time for us to clear out attics and cupboards, raise some money for ourselves and help the children of our school community to raise funds to develop the Forest School and Gardening Club***

*Covid-19 – Government social distancing and safety measures should be adhered to at all times.*

Each house participating will be marked with a poster. A Garage Sale Directory will be available showing all addresses participating in the Sale. If you are unable to sell from your own address some spaces may be available on Braunston School Car Park (pre-booking necessary & fee payable). If you have any donations for the School to sell, tombola prizes or cakes for the cake stall please let us know.

**Registration forms are available at the village shop.**

Please return your completed forms with registration fee (£5 minimum donation) to Braunston School Post Box on Barby Road by **6<sup>th</sup> August 2020**.

For enquiries please contact Sue Barnwell on 07501467560

## Clubs and Groups

### Braunston Walkers

18/7/20 (circa 7 miles). This was our first walk after lockdown. It was great to see everybody again and welcome several new members. 24 people turned out. We strolled along the High Street and down Nibbitts Lane to the canal towpath. Passing Gongoozler's Rest café boat, under the A45 to join the track toward Wolfhamcote. Halfway to the church we crossed onto the old railway track. It's now a beautiful walk with flowers and butterflies all the way. Passing above St Peter's Church, you get an unusual view of this magnificent old building. We then dropped down along the side of a field of wheat. Here there are many old fossils, old stones that one of our past members, Alan Dent, referred to as the Devil's Toenails and they do look like old nail clippings! They are a kind of old shell dating back to when this area was underwater thousands of years ago.

At the Grand Central disused railway I phoned our lunch order through to the pub. Judith marshalled everybody to ensure all the orders were present and correct. We followed the old rail embankment where several weeks back I had come across a fox vixen and her cubs, to reach a track which eventually leads through to Berryfields Farm. We continued along it passing the track of the old canal and then walked through a field of bright blue flax flowers to reach the Miry Bridge. It was a dry and warm day as we walked uphill passing the old farm, and then joined the Staverton bridleway. We dropped steeply down to Braunston Covert which was unusually dry. The path from here goes uphill over a large field, part of the Jurassic Way, a 88 miles long distance footpath from Banbury to Stamford, Lincolnshire. Over the A45 we continued all the way down to the Admiral Nelson, along the towpath to bottom lock and then over Jetty Fields to the path behind the houses.

At the Old Plough I was apprehensive that they could cope with so many of us. I need not have worried, everything went smoothly, piping hot food with great service and value. Well done! How lucky are we living in such a beautiful area. Great company, walk and pub.

Our next walk is planned for 15/8/20

## Braunston Village Gardens Association

Let's photograph our 2020 garden experiences.

We are delighted that one of our BVGA Supporters has suggested, and is going to coordinate, a display at the 2021 Braunston Show of Braunston Gardens in 2020. Through the display we will be able to celebrate our achievements in the garden during this unusual year; both in terms of challenging weather and challenging circumstances.

We are asking you to take photographs of your 2020 garden, gardening and gardeners. Send them to us at any time, but please let us know your name and contact details.

We are looking forward to finding out what you have been up to.

Would you like to be more involved with Braunston Show, Open Gardens, Plant Sales, The Garden Store and Village Hall gardening? All will be back up and running again in 2021.

Contact Kate for more information.

### Braunston Show and Gardens Competition

#### CANCELLED

Although not unexpected, we are disappointed to confirm the cancellation of the annual Braunston Show and Gardens Competition. We look forward to next year when these events will be back.

### Wild About Gardens

Last month we were encouraging you to join in with the Big Butterfly Count, the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Have you added your garden to the Butterfly garden map?

<https://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/>



Together, in Braunston, we can make a difference.

The negative impacts of Climate Change on the wildlife means that we need to act now.

All Braunston residents are automatically BVGA members. Let us know what you are doing to help the wildlife in gardens. Send photographs and we will post them on the BVGA page of the Braunston village website. Or post them on the Bugle and encourage others to join in.

For more information about the BVGA contact Kate Mawer

[mawerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mawerk@hotmail.co.uk). 01788 890340

## **Friendly Club**

Friendly Club members, along with others in the village, would like to say 'Thank you to Braunston School pupils for their letters of friendship'

## **Braunston Community Car**

Braunston Community Car is back on the road, but for a limited service only due to the epidemic.

In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, the following restrictions apply:-

The car is now available for Hospital and Doctor Appointments

Only members of one household may travel together

All passengers will need to sit in the back

All passengers will be required to wear a mask

All passengers will be required to use the hand sanitizer provided.

For our part, the driver will wear a mask and the car door handles will be sanitized after each trip.

Stay Safe Everyone

The Team

## **Braunston Paddock Cricket Club**

Cricket returned to Braunston on the 18<sup>th</sup> July after the Government made the surprise decision to allow clubs to play earlier than anticipated. With little time to prepare the pitch and take on the new safety rules concerning Covid, the club did well to raise two strong sides at short notice. This was not helped by the Northants League insisting that the matches were brought forward by two hours to an 11am start to allow time for the mandatory hand and cricket ball sanitizing. This meant that a number of players were unavailable due to work and other commitments.

Having moved to the Northamptonshire League to enable the club to have a larger and more varied fixture list, it was ironic that the seconds first match was to entertain local rivals, Willoughby, who had made the same move the previous season.

Braunston found the going tough as the visitors opening batsmen dominated, and it was past the halfway mark of Willoughby's innings before the first wicket fell. An astute bowling change by captain Shaun Harnett to bring on slow bowler Colin Scott paid dividends as he took a wicket with his first ball. With Tom Sabin bowling at a similar pace at the other end Willoughby's run rate slowed considerably as they found runs hard to score. Braunston still found wickets hard to take though, which was not helped by their inability to take the few catching opportunities which came their way.

Willoughby's final score after their allotted 40 overs was a very respectable 190 for 3. A target which was probably out of Braunston's reach.

However, they made a good fist of it, centred around Ben Jones, who along with two other players, Matt Hanson and Jethro Gunby, were making their debuts for the club. Also, 13 years old Noah Eyles was playing in his first men's League match.

Jones nearly carried his bat with 69, and with a more flamboyant 48 from Steve Nelligan and a typically dogged innings from Alex Goddard, put on two middle order partnerships which allowed us to creep towards the runs required.

Overs ran out though and Braunston were left 23 runs short on 167 for 8.

The first XI left the village at the unearthly hour of 9:15 am. for their venture against Burton Latimer. This was the first time one of our teams had played there and they were very impressed with the ground.

Burton Latimer batted first scoring 163 for 6 in their 40 overs. The wickets were shared around four of the six bowlers used with Ryan Spriggs (2 for 31) and Steve Haynes (2 for 31) being the most successful. James Sharpe claimed his first wicket for the club as a debutant.

Braunston's batting line up looked strong and their target should not have troubled them. However, after 12 overs they were 3 wickets down and only 19 runs scored. Ryan Haynes (75 not out) and Jordan Shingler (71 not out) turned things around as Burton Latimer's change bowlers could not contend with the Braunston batsmen's aggressive strokeplay. The pair put on a club record 4<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership of 148 to see Braunston home with three overs to spare.

Weather permitting, there will be a match at the village playing field every Saturday until mid September starting at 11 am. We had a good number of people watching on Saturday. Why not come down, bring a picnic and support your local team.



## Jetty Field

July's monthly work morning was centred on tidying up around the recently planted saplings alongside the wall at the bottom of the field. Most of the saplings are thriving and it will not be long before some of the protective sleeves can be taken off.

At the same time others were clearing around the stiles in and around the wooded area and making minor repairs to the general wear and tear of the fencing.

The allotments have rarely looked better. Most of the soft fruit has been harvested. Strawberries have been particularly good this year. It is now the turn of the vegetables. Runner beans are looking promising as is the sweet corn.....providing the badger does not get to them first.

On a promising note, thanks partly to the work done to build up the pools in the stream, there appears to be an increase in the number of frogs and toads which are invaluable in keeping down the numbers of unwanted pests like slugs.

Also, it has been very encouraging to see the number of young children, with their parents, doing home schooling nature surveys. Many of them have been very excited to recount how many mini beasts they have found on their explorations.

Thanks to the person who has brightened up the allotment gate with the knitted vegetables. At least the slugs will not feast on them.

Is anyone able to help making bird boxes? If you can we would love to hear from you. Telephone 01788 890475.

Our next work morning is on Saturday 8th August 9:00am.

There are mini beasts to colour on page 33.

## Gallie Competition

This is a competition organised by the Jetty Field committee for children in year 6 at Braunston School. This, the tenth year of the competition, proved to be somewhat different as the distancing rules necessary in classrooms prevented a physical visit by the class.

It was, therefore, great to see how well the children responded to the online resources used as a substitute. Teacher, Mrs Marengi-Smith, said that the virtual visit video, in the Jetty Field section of the Braunston website, should be kept there for use with future classes after they have visited the park.

Some children worked on their entries in the classroom, others did the work at home. Organiser, Alan Mawer, observed that 2020 has seen a greater variety of presentation methods. Never before have these included pebbles painted with insects, painted tiles and a movie presentation. There are 260 species of bees in the UK and this year a new one was created in Braunston, made of Lego for this competition!

In first place and the cup holder for 2020 is Finnley Bullock who wrote a poem that sums up Jetty Field really well, not just the nature and wildlife there, but also its use by people and pet dogs. His composition and choice of photographs to accompany his reading of the poem on a movie file, was excellent.

Ewan gained the, well-deserved second place for his artwork. The birds, insects, flowers, grasses and trees he painted on tiles were eye-catching and detailed.

In third place was Georgia who did a great deal of work painting pebbles, making a noticeboard and compiling information welcoming all species.

In addition to the prize-winners, the judges made special mention of Neve, Ricky and Ellie for their entries.



Photo taken from Finnley's movie

## Braunston Cubs



**Cubs Stay at Home AND Carry on Camping!**  
All 18 Braunston Cubs took part in the Daventry District 'Camp at Home' over last weekend of June. They slept in improvised 'Dens' they built themselves or in tents in their back garden

To earn the camp badge above they had to:

1) Sleep a minimum of 1 night in a tent or improvised den inside or out (but not in their bedroom)

2) Cook a meal for their household and help clear up afterwards

AND Complete 1 activity from all 5 zones which were:

**Practical Skills** e.g. packing a rucksack, fold a flag, bake cookies, map reading

**Challenges** e.g. build Lego, code cracking, camp gadgets, paper planes

**Craft & Nature** e.g. making bug hotels, bird feeders & watching, knot bracelet,

**Space** e.g. a rocket from junk, find North Star and identify constellations

**Physical & spiritual** e.g. scavenger photo hunt, fitness circuit, count your blessings

Camp was opened & closed via zoom. Saturday night there was a 'Campfire by zoom' with a story & quiz using the online Kahoot! App. Cub Scout Leader David Coleman said he was especially impressed by the standard of the meals the Cubs made as well as the sheer volume of activities they completed. He really enjoyed visiting them all throughout the weekend (socially distanced) and seeing over **230 photos** of them from parents. 2 weeks later he awarded 30 Badges so well done Cubs!.

David Coleman Akela 2<sup>nd</sup> Braunston Cub Pack

Lego marble run by Benjii



Meal by Maya



Completion of kit check by Josie

## **Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)**

In the April and July BVNs and on Survey Monkey we asked for your views on actions that could be taken in Braunston. 67% of respondents indicated that improving local management of grass cutting/tree planting/rewilding should have a high priority.

Tony Renshaw, recently spoke to our MP, Chris Heaton-Harris, he had reassurance that government support for tree planting would continue and we are looking at how Braunston can benefit from this.

We have plans for improvement of grass area management as more than 40% of insect species are declining and a third are actually endangered with butterflies among the worst hit. Within Europe, the UK has suffered the biggest recorded insect falls overall.

Insects, especially bees, are vital to pollinate gardens and crops. The charity, Plantlife, found that lawns cut weekly support only 10% of the bees that are supported by lawns cut less often. Flowering plants such as daisy, white clover and bird's-foot trefoil are adapted to growing in short grass and produce a lot of nectar if grass is mown every 3 or 4 weeks.

Areas left uncut for several months have a greater variety of wildflowers, with taller plants such as oxeye daisy, red clover and field scabious.

‘The more diversity of plants we have, the more diversity of wildlife we will attract. Birds and bats feed on insects.’ (BBC Gardeners' World)

Based on the above advice, we are asking the Parish Council to reduce the frequency of mowing to allow grass to grow to about 3 inches with low-growing, nectar-rich flowers.

We also plan to ask that some suitable areas are cut infrequently, ideally twice a year with clippings removed. The charity, Butterfly Conservation recommends this system that, over a few years, will create colourful flowering areas supporting many more butterflies, bees and other insects than short grass.

This is a win/win because, as well as reducing Braunston's carbon emissions, increasing biodiversity and providing habitats for pollinators, we envisage that, if the parish council accepts our proposals, it will reduce costs from £6560 which will be spent on mowing in 2020.

CAN consists of fifteen Braunston residents. If you are interested in finding out more, please email [abigailathome@gmail.com](mailto:abigailathome@gmail.com) or message 07989 421836



FOR ANYONE IN NEED OF FOOD ITEMS AND TOILETRIES  
DURING THE LOCKDOWN

# BRAUNSTON FOOD SHARE & CARE

REV NAT'S GARAGE, THE RECTORY, 71 HIGH STREET  
Every Monday 10 – 1pm Wednesday 5 – 8pm Thursday 2– 5pm

*Come along, bring your own bag and collect what you need! If you are isolating and need a delivery, please call Rev. Nat on 01788 890298*

If you would like to donate items or cash, drop off points at  
34-36 High Street or The Rectory

Please leave the items, ring the bell & we will do the rest. No fresh food (unless from your garden!) If you would prefer to donate cash for us to buy items, please leave in an envelope & mark clearly 'Food Share'

Organised by All Saints' Church & Braunston Heart

## **Braunston Heart**

### Figures

The freephone number 0800 0029066, kindly provided by the Parish Council went live on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This has received 345 calls (as of 17<sup>th</sup> July). This does not include calls made to the original provided number.

### Changes

The number of calls has dropped over the month. Accordingly, we have brought in some changes to our operations.

Volunteers have been moved into one Heart Zone – there are over 40 available still to help – which I think is incredible bearing in mind many have returned to work.

Calls after 6pm and at weekends will now go to a voicemail. This is monitored still by call handlers so you should receive a call back quickly. The message also gives the Samaritans' phone number if anyone phones in difficulty.

I have a meeting next week with Daventry District Council staff (online) to go through what needs to happen to turn Heart into a Good Neighbour Scheme.

### Other news and help needed

As stated last month, we were successful in our grant application from the Council, however, they require us to provide case studies/ photographs/videos (if appropriate) . I am still hoping somebody might like to make contact - If Heart has helped you and you feel you can help in this way then please get in touch.

A reminder of our Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/braunstonheart>. I hasten to add that making a donation is not a requirement to receive help.

### Commitment

Although we have made changes, I would just like to reassure you that Braunston Heart is not going anywhere and we can be contacted for help by either phone or email.

Jo Glover

Braunston Heart

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We at Braunston Heart have 9 call handlers and 100+ volunteers just waiting to help **ALL** people in Braunston (and that means **YOU!**) who may be in need of any kind of assistance.

Please make a note of our Freephone number **0800 0029066** and do telephone us if you find you have a problem.

Alternatively  
you can email us at  
**heart@braunston.org.uk**



## Braunston Weather

June was a bit of a mixed bag with regards the weather. It was very warm and dry at times and it has also been very windy and wet at other times.

The beginning of the month was quite mixed I guess. Dry for a few days then a bit of rain at the beginning of the month. We then had about 11mm of rain on the 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> and then a 30mm deluge on the 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup>. This all gave a total of 68mm for the month.

I also recorded on the 6<sup>th</sup> June a minimum temperature of 4.5 deg C and on the 25<sup>th</sup> June a maximum temperature of 32 deg C.

I think this was the hottest day of the year so far. The maximum wind gust speed was recorded at being 31mph.

Funnily enough these max temperature and wind speeds are nearly the same as June last year, so perhaps this is the new normal.

Adrian Pell

June	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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## .Daventry Express

If your organisation wishes to let folk in the wider area know what you are doing, or have done, publicise it in the Neighbourhood News of the Daventry Express. I am the village correspondent and send any copy for the column each Sunday evening for publication the following Thursday. The surest way to contact me is on 890491 or write down what you would like me to include and drop in my door at 36 Welton Road. It needs to be short and to the point but may still be edited!

Chris

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Here in the village, due to current circumstances we cannot hold our MacMillan Coffee morning in the church as usual. So, we are asking people to have their own coffee morning gatherings with social distancing, in their gardens, as a street, or you can have a virtual coffee gathering and for people to donate to MacMillan.

The official date is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, but you can hold yours whenever you like.

MacMillan say:

### **Nothing Stops a Coffee Morning**

**'If cancer doesn't stop neither do we'**

However you host your event, you will be helping millions of people living with cancer, who need us to raise a mug more than ever.

Donations can be handed in to the village post office, in an envelope addressed MacMillan Donation.

Please hand donations in by Friday October 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Bin Collections**

Daventry District Council is working with Daventry Norse to make some changes to waste and recycling collection patterns from the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

The changes will simplify the rounds, and make services more resilient to pressures such as those currently being experienced as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The bin day and the service we receive won't change, but collection patterns will be altered in some areas once the changes are introduced.

These changes will come into effect in the week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, and a bin calendar showing your new collection pattern will be sent to you in late July, ahead of the change.

From DDC website

## **Well done, Katie**

A Braunston teenager has been named student of the year at Rugby College and now has her sights set on university to achieve her dream career.

Katie Fiddes, 18, received the award after completing the Children's Play, Learning and Development course at the college, which is part of WCG (formerly Warwickshire College Group).

She initially won the Outstanding Achievement award for Early Years and was put forward by her tutors for the Rugby College Student of the Year award – with a panel awarding her the overall prize.

During her time at the college she also volunteered at the Riding for the Disabled Centre as she continues to gain experience to enable her to pursue a career as a special educational needs teacher.

Katie is planning to attend the University of Northampton in September to study Special Educational Needs and Inclusion, with plans after her three years to complete an additional one year teaching conversion course .

She said: “I feel very proud and honoured that I’ve been recognised by my teachers for my hard work and dedication. I was shocked too, especially to win two awards.

“My parents were so proud of me when they heard about the award and Mum immediately wanted to post it on Facebook!

“I love working with children, I think they’re absolutely amazing. My sister works in a primary school and I’ve seen the difference she’s made to children’s lives and I wanted to be able to do that as well.

“My placements were very beneficial too. I went to St James Infant School in Daventry on placement, Hickory House Nursery and Head Start Day Nursery. Each placement helped me to develop and give me confidence working in new environments.

“I had a really good experience at Rugby College. I made loads of friends and the tutors were really supportive and they worked hard to make sure I was in the best position to get to university.”

Sam Starvis, Head of Department at Rugby College, added: “Katie joined us in 2018 and has grown in confidence, and achieved the highest grades in all subjects. Her attitude to learning is outstanding and she is clearly motivated to learn and continually improve”.

Katie’s placement feedback has been exemplary and she has already developed into an able practitioner. Well done Katie and we’d like to wish her all the best for the future.”

To find out more about studying at Rugby College visit

[www.wcg.ac.uk/study](http://www.wcg.ac.uk/study)

Katie said Additional Needs was her favourite course.



Katie Fiddes

## Playgrounds

Help everyone stay safe.

Keep your hands clean, use hand gel on your hands before, during and after using the play equipment.

Give each other room, maintain social distancing, including on the benches.

Dispose of rubbish sensibly, use the bins or take your rubbish home.

Wash your hands thoroughly when you get home.



## Features

### **On a route of blessing then and now**

During these difficult times many people have said how blessed they feel living here in the village, being able to walk out of our front doors and into wonderful countryside.

Years ago Braunston was on the route nuns took to get to their convent in Nuneaton. The cross that was at the top of Cross Lane was one of many that marked the route. It may be that they stayed in the village, it is highly likely they prayed along their route. The cross is depicted on at least one 18<sup>th</sup> century map but by 1822 the cross had been destroyed, broken to restore the highways.

Today Braunston lies on the Via Beata a way of blessing that runs nearly 400 miles from Lowestoft in the east to St David's Point near Haverfordwest, in Wales, across the widest part of the UK.

You may have noticed the blue signs that 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 a long tradition of blessing the land. Farmers have blessed the land on the Sunday before ploughing commences. ' Bless the land and the land will bless you'.

Over the past three weeks a small group of people have walked the route from Braunston to Ashby St Ledgers, Braunston to Sawbridge, and Braunston to Leamington Hastings in the old tradition of blessing the land.

If you walk these routes take time to look around and take in the glory of the land, flora and fauna that surround you. Chat to people on the way and enjoy the blessings we have.

## What's in a name?

The village notes in the BVN, June 1992, state that :

'The Shambles is one of the larger stone houses in the village. The original thatched roof has been replaced by tiles and the windows have been enlarged. The house has no connection with the butchery trade! It acquired its name from the state in which previous owners found it when they moved in. For many years it was occupied by a Mr Rodhouse, last representative of one of the old village families. He kept the Post Office in the house and it is reputed that King Edward VII called there while visiting 'friends' at Braunston House, now the Boatman Hotel (now The Boathouse). The 'Shambles' stands at the corner of Nibbits Lane, named after a smallholder whose plot is shown on a 1797 estate map as 'Libbits' Close'. For a time the lane was known as Station Road as it was the way from the village to Braunston Station on the LNWR Weedon - Leamington line. Since the line was closed in the 1950's it has reverted to its former name.'

Mr Fred Rodhouse who was born in 1884 came from a family which had been associated with Braunston for over two centuries.

His great grandfather Samuel Rodhouse born in 1763 married Miss White of Flecknoe, who was the daughter of a weaving family. Their son (Fred's grandfather) Lewis Linnel Rodhouse married a Miss Masters. His father Thomas Rodhouse and mother had four children Mary, Fred, William and Emily.

Fred wrote several letters to Reverend Ruddy about the history of the village, information from these letters can be read in 'Rev H E Ruddy's 1953 account of Braunston'. Extracts from the letters were copied by Mr Gallie, who lived next door. They were recently found by Jean his daughter.

One such extract is:

'The uncle of Miss Masters used to go to London to buy wheat brought as cargo from America. This wheat was brought by canal and was stored in a warehouse at the Wharf.

Mr Masters on one occasion gave a lift to someone who robbed him. After that he travelled to London in a single seat gig and carried two loaded pistols'.

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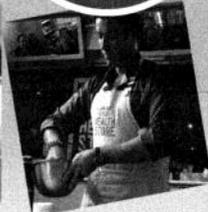
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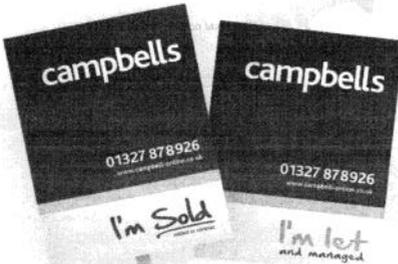
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