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A Lovely Snowy Scene of Jetty Field

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REGISTERS FOR NOVEMBER

BRAUNSTON

Christenings - 23rd November - Lily Mae Reeve

30th November - Frank Smith

Derrick Turner

For those who know Derrick Turner, previously postmaster of the village, he is now at Wolston Grange Residential Home - Coalpit Lane, Lawford Heath, Nr Dunchurch CV23 9HJ. Tel: 02476 542 912

He would love a visit



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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.

1 st Dec	Full council meeting
4 th Dec	Jetty Fields Sub Committee (5 Mill Close)
15 th Dec	Neighbourhood Plan Steering group meeting
5 th Jan	Full Council Meeting
19 th Jan	Neighbourhood Planning Sub Committee
2 nd Feb	Full Council Meeting
5 th Feb	Jetty Fields Sub Committee (5 Mill Close)
16 th Feb	Neighbourhood Planning Sub Committee

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2014

November's floodlighting

5th November - Lit for Lily, a loving Mum & Grand-ma, forever in our thoughts. Love from all the family x

12th November - * Happy Anniversary Mick, with love

18th November – In memory of Alison, our lovely Mum, wife and daughter in law who is forever in our thoughts and prayers. With much love from Paul, Harry, William, Julie and David.

24th November – Prim and Aubrey Berriman on their 63rd Wedding Anniversary



December's floodlighting so far ...

3rd December - * In Loving Memory of Our Mum

6th December - Remembering Judith

7th December - In memory of Sheila

14th December - * For Kurt Baker on his 18th birthday. Love from Nan

17th December – In loving memory of a special Mum & Sister, Jackie on their birthdays & at Christmas. Forever in our hearts & thoughts. Love always, Cay & Bill

18th December - * Happy anniversary Cedric. With love from Betty

18th December – Betty and Cedric's 43rd Wedding Anniversary

18th December - Remembering Ron Tait with much love from Helen xx

19th December – Gertie Brinkman. All our love on what would have been her 100th Birthday. Lesley, John, Amelia, Mathew, and the three girls xxx

20th December - In loving memory of Alan Powell from Gill and family.

22nd December & 23rd December -

- Vince Hamlin, your guiding light will comfort you always - Lauraine, Catherine, Molly and Henry xxxx

23rd December - * The birthday of my late wife Pamela. From Harold, a daughter Sally & son Roger

24th December—Carl Grant—Birthday memories. Always in our hearts, love Kyle & Lisa, Sharon, Siann & Families

24th & 6th Jan—In loving Memory of Barry, George, David. Happy Memories, Margaret

30th December - * Peter & Chris Grossart's Wedding Anniversary

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

The Parochial Church Council would like to thank all those who have donated more than the requested £6 for 12 words.

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN
Deadline - **20th November 2014**

On the endlessness of Christmas

I don't mean to sound grumpy but I'm getting a bit bored with Christmas... uh-oh- before some of you start expressing the wish that I might choke on my own bah humbug, let me clarify. I LOVE Christmas but must confess that my enthusiasm for Christmas advertising is at a low ebb.

I was moderately amused during October half-term when a friend encountered some poor skinny sap outside a supermarket, dressed as a completely unconvincing Santa, inviting children to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. "Why don't you give them their ruddy Easter egg at the same time?" enquired my friend sarcastically. The response was, I gather, unprintable.

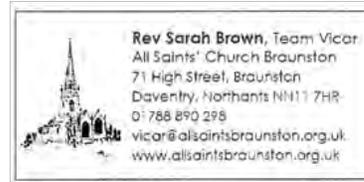
I get it. I really do. I used to be a marketer myself. I understand the game but it all seems a bit desperate. A personal highlight has been the offer of 'a white Christmas' and a 'Christmas sparkle package' by a dental practice offering to polish up my teeth "ready for festive smiling". I enjoyed that one. "Festive smiling" carries just the slightest hint of menace, like a crocodile in a paper hat. I'm going to practice during Advent. Apart from that toothsome offer, I must confess that I am already bored by bus-riding penguins (though if one got onto the number 12 I might be impressed) and supermarket families and tinselly fairies and tedious meaningless adverts for perfumes and silky smooth liqueurs and silky smooth legs and silky smooth deodorants that won't mark your silky little black dress and myriad other things with the flimsiest possible connection to a festive season so far from most people's reality that it hurts. I'm quietly laying bets on an "Always" Christmas advert. It is high time that there was a 'mulled wine' or 'Frankincense' fragranced feminine hygiene product on the market. The possibilities for the season are limitless and it is going to go on for two solid months, folks, until it morphs into New Year sales. It seems interminable

Yet in the middle of it all is a day. A single day, on which we celebrate the breaking-through of heaven to earth and the painful, messy birth 2000 years ago of a baby into the chaos of human life.

That is the weird thing about Christmas. It is just one day (probably not even the right day) but a day, almost sunk without trace in a two month babble of festive hype; a single day with eternal consequences because of who that baby turned out to be and what he did for you and me. From birth in a stable to death on the cross, to the beginnings of a new heaven and a new earth yet to be completed under a returned Saviour. One day that is, in its ramifications, eternal. World without end. Interminable.

I'd love to see you in church on Christmas Eve or Christmas day to celebrate the eternal in one day. If you don't "do" God then come anyway and sing carols and light candles and check out my festive smiling. Every blessing for the whole season.

Sarah



NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.

Although winter has begun to take hold, we are still trying to complete tasks to improve the whole of the Pocket Park. Plans are in place to put in new fences around the Wild/Conservation area and tree guards will be placed around the young lime trees in the main field. A hedgerow along one side of the field will also be tidied up and new gates will also be put in place in one of the boundary fences. Dennis continues to tidy up and has gone around the field clearing all the fallen branches and other unwanted items and built a bonfire. He has also made tracks in the woodland area more accessible by putting down wood chippings.

We are still hopeful that sheep will return to Jetty Field for a few weeks this winter. Their grazing makes a tremendous difference to the upkeep of the field. Notices will appear if we do manage to organise this.

You may have noticed that the garden and one or two other areas, including paths in the field have not been cut of late. This also applies to the Green and other areas within the mowing contract. Nick, our mowing contractor, has been unwell; we wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his return in the spring.

THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.

Nineteen members of our society had a very interesting day at Bletchley Park, home of the “Code Breakers”. A tremendous amount has been achieved there in recent months and displays have been enlarged and improved. They now claim that to do the whole experience justice, you would need to spend over two days there!

Our annual Christmas lunch is on Tuesday 9th December at 12.30 for 1.00 p.m. It is at the “Admiral Nelson” and costs £13. You can book your place at the meal by contacting any of the committee. There are limited places - “First come, first served!”

Our next talk is not until Tuesday 17th February, it is by Peter Boyce and entitled “The restoration of wooden narrow boats.” Those of you who visited his boatyard will know that he is an entertaining speaker and how interesting the restoration work is. It is at the usual time, 7.30 p.m. in the village hall. We do have a Society Evening on Tuesday 20th January at 7.30 p.m.

Jenni's Jottings

Well here we are again, another month and the last BVN for this year. I hope 2014 has been a good year for most of you. I know that it hasn't been for some and lets really hope that we all have a fantastic 2015.

As this issue is a double one, I have had to do more squashing than usual and I apologise now if I have either 'edited' or reduced the size of print on your contribution but even with extra pages it was a task, however, we managed to get everything in before the cut off on the 20th.

Thank you so much for all of you who sent photographs for the front cover. They were magnificent and I hope you like the one we picked. My personal favourite is this one of Ray Patchesa.



There is plenty to look forward to this month and of course the fabulous Burns Supper in January.

The next issue (February) is issue 500! I wonder what the first issue looked like. I must search the archives and find out.

Not any more room for me to ramble on except to say Thank You to all who have contributed, distributed, helped and listened while I ranted!

Chris & I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

P.S. I have published the Village Diaries for the two months but I have had to 'best guess' some of the activities. If you are unsure please contact the relevant contact.

Quote of the month from Julie

May you have the gift of faith
The blessing of Hope,
And the peace of His love,
At Christmas and always. .



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- 5.00pm - Pre-Syllabus Ballet (6-8yrs)
- 5.45pm - Pre-Primary Ballet (7-8yrs)
- 6.30pm - Primary Ballet (9-10yrs)
- 7.15pm - Grade 1 Ballet (10yrs+)
- 7.45pm - Grade 2 Ballet (12yrs+)
- 8.15pm - Adult Ballet (no exp req)

Acting, Performance & Singing
Tuesday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

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

Dance, Gym & Ballet
Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



- 5.00pm - Gymnastics (all ages)
- 5.30pm - Street Dance & Modern (8yrs+)
- 6.30pm - Grade 3 Ballet (13yrs+)
- 7.15pm - Grade 4 Ballet (14yrs+)

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All Saints' Church Christmas Services 2014



Sunday 30th November

6pm Deanery **Advent Praise** at Holy Cross Daventry

Monday 8th December

4pm **Christingle** at All Saints'

Wednesday 17th December

09:30am **School Christmas Service** at All Saints'

12:30pm **Carols and Peace at Lunchtime** at All Saints'

Friday 19th December

7:45pm **Christmas Extravaganza** at All Saints'
(Carols & Christmas Music with City of Coventry Brass)

Sunday 21st December

6:30pm **Nine Lessons and Carols** at All Saints'

Traditional choral service of scripture, carols and music

Wednesday 24th December

4pm **Crib Service** - Really Festive and Cheerful

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11:00pm **Christmas Midnight Mass**

Thursday Christmas Day 25th December

11:00am **Christmas Family Service** with Communion

13:30pm **Christmas Lunch** at Village Hall



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**"Braunston Youth Club"
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5th December 2014:

**19th December 2014
(Xmas Party):**

9th January 2015

Annual General Meeting

**to be held on Tuesday, 9th December 2014 at
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The Royal British Legion – Braunston & District Branch

The Branch AGM was held on 11th November. The Chairman reported that the Branch is continuing to operate despite a gradually falling membership. This is possible as the Branch still retains a full compliment of officers. The Branch is still financially sound and is able to give support to the work of the Legion. Existing officers were re-elected with the exception of the Poppy Organiser, Alan Stevens, who has retired after 14 years during which time he has been responsible for the raising of several tens of thousands of pounds. He is replaced by Tony Golding. Although Jack Edwards has agreed to continue as Standard Bearer for the time being he is anxious to pass the job on to someone else – any volunteers?

The Bernard Rushall Cup was presented to Sue Dobson in recognition of the dedicated job she does as Welfare Support officer, visiting the sick and those with problems.

The annual Remembrance Service in Braunston Church was extremely well attended. Thank you to Cedric Wasser for the photograph.

Our Standard Bearer, Jack Edwards was chosen this year to parade the Branch Standard at the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall. A proud moment for Jack and the Branch.



Thanks to all who supported this year's Poppy Appeal by collecting and donating. The amount realised within Braunston village is £2138. Very well done Braunston and thank you again.

The Branch attended the Church Autumn Fair on 16th November and raised over £100 for Legion and Church funds.

There will be no monthly luncheon in December. They will resume in the new year.

The popular Christmas Concert given by the Legion in conjunction with Daventry Brass will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday 6th December in Daventry Community Centre, Ashby Road. Tickets are £7.50 which includes refreshments. Tickets from Collin White or at the door.

The next meeting of the Branch will be at the White Horse Welton at 8pm on Tuesday 9th December.

Tony Saunderson – 01788 890797

BRAUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL INTRODUCTION TO A COUNCILLOR



Graham Newman

My wife and I came to Braunston with our Narrow Boat in 2004 and decided we liked the village so much that we bought our house and retired here. I had been working as an Estate Agent & Letting agent for the previous 28 years.

The village is very special to us as it has so many amenities that other villages have lost and it is our duty as

Parish Councillors to maintain these facilities for other generations to enjoy in the future.

It is a shame that a few people do not respect the village and allow their dogs to foul our footpaths and open spaces. I know many villagers share my concern over this matter and the Parish Council is taking steps, via Daventry District Council, to catch these individuals.

I currently work for The Canal & River Trust and volunteer with the Braunston Canal Society, of which I am also the treasurer. I also belong the Rokeby Rugby Lions Club, helping those that are less fortunate than ourselves. I have also volunteered as a driver for the Braunston Community Car, which should start operating soon.

As a Parish Councillor, I am responsible for the area of the Marina, Hill Row, Old Road and part of the A45 and report any issues to the Parish Clerk. I will also represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall committee, together with helping to create the Neighbourhood Plan.

200 Club Results 2014

Date	Number	Winner	Prize
09.10.14	198	R May	£50
16.10.14	184	T Waddleton	£10
16.10.14	077	L Boniface	£5
23.10.14	171	A Brown	£10
23.08.14	068	B Bunn	£5
30.10.14	013	G Taylor	£10
30.10.14	160	P Dunkley	£5

Braunston Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan

Following research and consultations on the last two years we have now moved on to writing the first draft of our parish's Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The team doing this consists of the following volunteers:

Chris Johnson
Mike Davies,
Sandra Stapley

And these parish councillors:

Peter Biggs
Sandra Ashford
Graham Newman
Andrew Alsop
Abigail Campbell
Alan Mawer

We hope to have the first draft ready for you to read and comment in spring

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS DECEMBER

Day		Event
Mon	1	14:00 Little Fishers; 19:30 Church Choir
Tue	2	09:00 Morning prayer - Br
Wed	3	12:30 Peace at lunchtime; 15:30 WOW
Sat	6	17:30 Youth Church Br
Sun	7	09:15 Holy Communion Ash; 11:00 Holy Communion & Junior Church Br; 18:30 Sad and Blue Christmas
Mon	8	16:00 Christingle Service; 19:30 Church Choir
Tue	9	09:00 Morning prayer - Br
Wed	10	12:30 Peace at lunchtime; 19:45 PCC Braunston
Sat	13	17:30 Youth Church Br
Sun	14	08:00 Holy Communion Br; 09:15 Morning Prayer Ash; 11:00 Family Service Br
Mon	15	14:00 Little Fishers; 19:30 Church Choir
Tue	16	09:00 Morning prayer - Br
Wed	17	09:30 School Christmas Service; 12:30 Peace at lunchtime
Thu	18	18:00 Carols round the village - Ash; 19:30 Bell Ringers
Fri	19	7:45pm Christmas Extravaganza
Sat	20	17:30 Youth Church Br
Sun	21	08:00 Holy Communion Br; 09:15 Holy Communion Ash; 11:00 Holy Communion & Junior Church Br; 18:30 9 Lessons and carols
Mon	22	19:30 Church Choir
Tue	23	09:00 Morning prayer - Br
Wed	24	14:00 Crib Service Ash; 16:00 Crib Service Br; 23:00 Midnight Communion
Thu	25	11:00 Family Communion;
Sun	28	11:00 Short service of the Word
Mon	29	19:30 Church Choir
Tue	30	09:00 Morning prayer - Br
Wed	31	12:30 Peace at lunchtime

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS JANUARY 2015

Day		Event
Thu	1	19:30 Bell Ringers
Sat	3	5.30 Youth Church
Sun	4	09:15 Holy Communion Ash; 11:00 Holy Communion & Junior Church Br; 18:30 Evensong - Br
Mon	5	19:30 Church Choir
Tue	6	09:00 Morning prayer - Br
Wed	7	12:30 Peace at lunchtime
Thu	8	19:30 Bell Ringers
Sat	10	5.30 Youth Church
Sun	11	08:00 Holy Communion Br; 09:15 Morning Prayer Ash; 11:00 Family Service Br
Mon	12	14:00 Little Fishers; 19:30 Church Choir
Tue	13	09:00 Morning prayer - Br
Wed	14	12:30 Peace at lunchtime; 19:45 PCC Braunston
Thu	15	19:30 Bell Ringers
Sat	17	5.30pm youth church
Sun	18	08:00 Holy Communion Br; 09:15 Holy Communion Ash; 11:00 Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
Mon	19	14:00 Little Fishers; 19:30 Church Choir
Tue	20	09:00 Morning prayer - Br
Wed	21	12:30 Peace at lunchtime
Thu	22	19:30 Bell Ringers
Sat	24	5.30 pm youth church
Sun	25	08:00 Holy Communion Br; 09:15 Breakfast Service Ash; 11:00 Family Communion Br
Mon	26	14:00 Little Fishers; 19:30 Church Choir
Tue	27	09:00 Morning prayer - Br
Wed	28	12:30 Peace at lunchtime
Thu	29	19:30 Bell Ringers
Sat	31	5.30pm Youth Church

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS DECEMBER 2014

Monday	1 st	Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	2 nd	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 W.I.
Wednesday	3 rd	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	4 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo: Village Gardens AGM
Friday	5 th	Youth Club
Saturday	6 th	Royal British Legion Concert
Monday	8 th	12.00 Friendly Club Lunch: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	9 th	12.30 History Society Christmas Lunch: Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: Youth Club AGM: 20.00 Royal British Legion 19.30 Friends of Pocket Park
Wednesday	10 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	11 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	13 th	Christmas Fair
Monday	15 th	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	16 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	17 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	18 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo: 18.30 Santa's Visit
Friday	19 th	Youth Club Christmas Party: 19.45 Christmas Extravaganza
Saturday	20 th	Braunston Walkers: Cinema Club
Monday	22 nd	Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	23 rd	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	24 th	
Thursday	25 th	
Monday	29 th	
Tuesday	30 th	
Wednesday	31 st	

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS JANUARY 2015

Thursday	1 st	
Monday	5 th	14.00 Friendly Club: Explorers Scouts:
Tuesday	6 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group:
Wednesday	7 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	8 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	10 th	Councillor Campbell Ward Round
Monday	12 th	Explorers Scouts: Youth Club
Tuesday	13 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	14 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	15 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	19 th	Explorers Scouts:
Tuesday	20 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group:
Wednesday	21 st	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	22 nd	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	24 th	Burns Supper
Monday	26 th	14.30 Friendly Club Film Show
Tuesday	27 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	28 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	29 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	31 st	Cinema Club

MOBILE LIBRARY DATE

No library visit in December

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Braunston Canal Society

November has turned out to be a quiet month for the Society. There are several reasons that have conspired to affect work that we had hoped to put in hand. The run up to Christmas will mean that nothing major is likely to be achieved until the New Year. CRT has confirmed their plans for an Open Lock Day on Jan 24th at Lock 3 outside the Admiral Nelson. The public will be able to climb down into the drained lock. Both CRT employees and BCS Members will be available to assist and explain. Please look out for signs nearer the event. Many thanks to all our members and everyone who has supported us throughout the year.

Chris Burton



**The Gongoozler's Rest
Cafe Boat**

***Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
& a Healthy & Happy New Year!***

We will be closing on Sunday 21st December - please check the website for January reopening.

We would like to extend our thanks & appreciation to the canal volunteers for all their hard work this year, especially in the Stop House Garden. We look forward to supporting them next year.

Avril, Fiona, Jackie & all the crew.

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Hope and Homes for Children

Funds raised since last shown in BVN

Money raised from Penny Pots £ 486.53

Donations £ 105.00

Charitable Giving from All Saints' Church £ 200.00

WOW, thank you so much everyone for your fantastic support. At the time of going to print (19th Nov) we will be able to send a cheque to Hope and Homes for £1,513.09 which will be matched pound for pound by the Government.

Thank you all so much
Brenda Hobbs on behalf of
Hope and Homes for Children
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Village Gardens Association

The AGM will be held on Thursday 4th December in the Village Hall.

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Santa's Visit

2014 is the 50th visit of Father Christmas to the streets of Daventry and District. Friends of Braunston School will again be Santa's Little Helpers for Braunston's visit on Thursday 18th December. We set off at 6.30 from the Village Hall and finish at 9. Friends will receive 50% of the money taken on the night with the remainder going to local good causes, so please give generously. Find Friends on Facebook for further details.

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
December		
13th	Christmas Fair	Cinema Club
19th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints Church
January, 2015		
24th	Burns Supper	
February		
21st	Table Top Sale (TBC)	Twinnings
March		
7th	Spring Quiz	Twinnings
April		
May		
June		
6th	Summer Fete	All Saints Church
August		
28th	Musical Festival	The Admiral Nelson

WHY NOT WISH UPON A STAR?

You will find in this month's edition of the B.V.N. a card that invites you to remember loved ones at Christmas time. For a donation towards the church restoration appeal your star will be cut out and hung on a Christmas tree in All Saints' over the Christmas period. All the information that you require is on the card. More cards are available at the village shop, by the Post Office counter.



Parish Constables – A new and exciting role within the Northamptonshire Police!

In my previous contribution, I provided a brief outline on what my role as the Police and Crime Commissioner entails and alluded to some of the priorities that I have set the Force in my Police and Crime Plan.

It is clear to me that one of the things that people want to see from their police force is more visible policing. On my appointment, I pledged to maintain the number of frontline officers at 1,220 - indeed we are one of only four Forces in the country not to have reduced the number of frontline officers in the face of the challenging financial climate.

Therefore, in order to increase visible policing and resources, one of the priorities that I have set the force is an ambitious increase of the Special Constabulary to 900 officers to support the work of the 1,220 full time officers. This will result in 900 more warranted officers on our streets and would make Northamptonshire's Special Constabulary the largest outside of London, contributing vital policing to our communities.

Special Constables possess all the same powers as full time warranted police officers and are provided with full training and equipment. They work with their full time colleagues, on a voluntary, part-time basis, performing duties ranging from **supporting specialist teams within the force to making arrests on the streets**. This really is one of the most exciting and dynamic voluntary roles available and is a unique and fulfilling experience.

Moreover, the expansion of the Special Constabulary has brought about a range of new and exciting roles and opportunities.

One recently developed role is that of the **Parish Constable**. A Parish Constable is a Special Constable that is dedicated, through choice, to policing a specific area, for example Braunston and/or surrounding areas.

Parish Constables will undertake a wide variety of policing duties whilst linking in with both the local Safer Community Team and Parish Councils to ensure effective policing of the area and becoming a pillar of the community.

This is an ideal role for anybody who is interested in really making a difference where they live and I want **you** to be part of our journey to make Northamptonshire the Safest Place in England.

So if you or anybody you know is interested in becoming a Special or Parish Constable in Braunston or any other area, or if you would like further details, please contact me at commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk.

Thank you.



Abigail Campbell District Councillor

As the year draws to a close (how did that happen?!) I just wanted to say a big thank you to the many villagers who have done so much this year to keep this village thriving.

Thank you to the bakers, brewers and bell-ringers; the fundraisers, trustees and volunteers; the businesses and services; the people who care for those in need, and those who care for our buildings, open spaces and canal; our neighbourhood-watchers and neighbourhood-planners; our PCSO and the Parish Council; the Church and the School; and, not least, the Braunston Village News! We would be a poorer village without you all.

There's lots to look forward to in 2015: the community car and café being in operation; taking big steps forward with the skatepark and play area project; fairs, shows, festivals and much more besides.

Taxi-bus

I met with officers from DDC and NCC last week to talk about taxi-buses. A taxi-bus is regular public bus service, run by a licenced Hackney Carriage or Private Hire operator using a taxi or private hire vehicle. Just like a regular bus service it runs along a fixed route and to a timetable. Users can just turn up, usually at designated stopping places and pay a fare similar to a regular bus fare and passengers can use their concessionary passes. It's a service

that seems particularly useful in areas where there is consistent demand, but perhaps not on a scale to make a commercial bus route viable – for instance, getting a number of people to workplaces, or young people to school. NCC and DDC are currently doing some further research and development, but if anyone knows a taxi operator interested in talking further about making this work in Braunston please let me know.

The Big Switch

Davertry District Council is launching a new collective energy project on 2 December. The scheme aims to help residents to get a better deal on their energy bills. The Council is working with switching partner iChoosr to use collective purchasing power to secure better deals for all residents. Similar schemes run by other Councils have seen yearly savings of between £60 to £200 per household. There are more details about how to register on www.davertrydc.gov.uk or you can attend a drop-in event on Thursday 11th December at DDC (Lodge Road, Daventry) from 9am – 11:30am. Please bring an electricity bill with you.

My next **Ward Walkabout** will be on Saturday 10 January 3.30-5 along the High Street, Old Road and Hill Row.

With best wishes for a very happy Christmas, Abigail



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ALL SAINTS' HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT—DECEMBER 2014

We have been advised that English Heritage approval of the detailed specification and drawings for the restoration works is likely this week (by 21st November) which is about a week later than planned. Hence we have not yet been able to issue these documents to our list of pre-qualified contractors for tendering. This could make it difficult to have the tenders returned to us before Christmas. Hopefully the tenders will match our current budget estimates so that we can still meet our target to complete our Second Stage Submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in January 2015 enabling orders to be placed for work to commence in Spring 2015.

The review of the drafts of all the new Guide Sheets for the church is well under way. The Baseline Data Survey is complete and our Activity Plan only requires some budget costs to be finalised. A slide presentation is being prepared for lectures and tours of the building. Quotations have been obtained for the 360 degree video of the church interior.

Preparation of the documentation for our Second Stage Submission to HLF is underway but we cannot complete the various programmes and cost spreadsheets until receipt of the contractors' tenders for the work.

We were delighted to receive an email from the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust advising that they will be offering us a grant of £5000 towards the restoration work. This is great news and shows, once again, how much All Saints' building is admired and valued.

DAVENTRY HEALTH WALK SCHEME

Help yourselves get fit by joining in our 30/40 min Health Walks around the village.

Walks in December will take place on Thursday 5th and Thursday 12th from outside The Cake Slice Tearooms, in the High Street. at 2pm

All are welcome but please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be over fields.

Leader Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

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CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

Braunston Women's Institute



Next Meeting:-

Tuesday 2nd December at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Start the festivities off with our Christmas Party and get ideas for your floral decorations from our excellent demonstrator Barbara Cook.

Barbara 01788 890452

Braunston Friendly Club

Next Meeting:-

8th December—Christmas Lunch at Waterside, Draycote Water. DACT will pick from The Green at 12 for 12.30 lunch.

15th December—Mince Pie Tea plus Bring & Buy with Christmas theme. Note time 2 — 4 in Village Hall.

5th January—Tea and Chat note earlier date and time 2 –4

26th Jan Film Show TBA
2.30—4.30

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Jun	45.7 mm
July	37.6 mm
Aug	46.7 mm
Sep	7.6 mm
Oct	33.5 mm

Information provided
by Rob Buckley

**Braunston
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Braunston Village Hall

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Saturday 20 December at 7.30pm

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(PG, 1946)

.....
Saturday 31 January at 7.30pm

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(PG, 2000)

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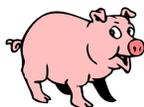
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Duck & Orange Pies – 1lb
Game Pie
Chicken & Ham Pies

Closing Date for last orders
12th December



FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES -The mysterious decline of Ratty.

When I first explored the canals half a century ago, sightings of water voles shaking themselves dry on the bank were really common. Even more frequent was the characteristic plop as they dived in to the water. Back then, in 1960's, there were around eight million water voles. Now there are probably only about a third of a million, including just a tiny few living along the canal in Braunston.

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 (*Arvicola amphibious*).

He wasn't really well designed for his aquatic life either. No webbed feet; fur that wasn't waterproof and an inability to swim far under water. Water voles 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.

Water voles have rounder noses than rats, deep brown fur, chubby faces and short fuzzy ears. Unlike actual rats, 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 watercourse management were and are major factors in Ratty's decline. Also important was predation by American mink. Mink were introduced for the fur trade, but escapes and some rather unwise, if well intentioned, direct action by animal rights activists, who liberated huge numbers of mink 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.

At a loose end on Christmas Day?



You are invited to celebrate Christmas with a traditional 3 course lunch & all the trimmings at Braunston Village Hall - 1:30pm on 25th Dec!



Adults: £10 (concessions available) Children over 5 years: £5
£5 deposit secures your place - book soon, numbers limited!
RSVP: Tel 01788 891 604

Transport will be arranged for those who need it



Organised & supported by All Saints' Church, Braunston

Sad and Blue Christmas Service – All Saints' Braunston 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 7th December

Christmas can be a painful time for some- the loss of a loved one, the anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, loneliness, can all weigh heavy at this time.

If you are feeling this way, if you need encouragement for the days ahead, if you just want to find some peace among the preparations, then come and join us for our Sad and Blue Christmas service.

Through prayers, scripture, and music we will acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn and struggle; that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Together we will share in the hope of Christmas.

Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome. The short service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.

Braunston Walkers

Walk Saturday 15/10/2014 - Braunston-Onley-Willoughby 8.5 miles

In a Guinness book of records attempt we got lost in the fastest time ever that a group has got lost on a walk by losing the track about 100 yards out of the village. In fairness it was an extremely murky, misty day so there was some excuse for this early deviation. Daxa soon sorted it and the 10 of us were soon emerging onto the Barby Road. So avoiding traffic we walked past Fir Tree Farm and along the road to the "S" bend that avoids the old medieval village of Fawcliffe situated halfway up the narrow road before passing the entrance to Tiltups Farm with its commanding views over the Warwickshire plain. We strategically placed Daxa and her bright red Ferrari rucksack up front and Bharat with his bright blue coat at the rear so that we stood a chance of being spotted by any over enthusiastic drivers. At the T junction at the top we took the road left towards Barby. This is known locally as "the Mere" but we don't know why so if any Braunstonite knows the origin of this name perhaps they could let us know? We paused at the delightfully situated Barby Mill to enjoy Pear Drops and mints kindly supplied by Nigel and Judith before walking along the bridle way which reaches a high point of 163 metres above sea level before turning left onto a track that drops down, back to the village but this time, in our wisdom, we followed the old Grand Central Railway, went underneath it, and after passing a Metal Detectorist intent on finding the Warwickshire Hoard, we crossed several fields counter intuitively taking paths veering off to the right when clearly they should have been bearing left towards Willoughby and finally emerged on the A45. We walked on the path passing the now extended and lived in telephone exchange, along the A45 and had intended to branch off right over field paths and ploughed fields to the village but Judith had blocked the path entrance the night before so we continued to take the right turn for a short distance (both Alan and I remember a footpath here but there is no trace of it on the map or indeed on the ground) and then we turned left on the road passing the duck pond into Willoughby. We took a small field path off to the left passing the imposing old vicarage and thankfully emerging at The Rose pub where we were soon ensconced over foaming pints of Doombar and delicious baguettes and homemade pizzas. Excellent food and service in a warm and cosy pub and of course, highly recommended. Our afternoon stroll left the village by The 4 Crosses, a private house that was a pub in the past. (Why is it called four crosses, does anyone know?) We walked past the carwash and along the A45 to take a field path off to the left which we know as the Bill Woodhall walk as it was a favourite route of Bill who lived in the village and always walked this way. We arrived back to the village and home for a refreshing cuppa. A super walk direct from the door. Proving that you really do not need to venture too far. Our next walk is as follows: 20th December Christmas Walk

Lost and Found

If you have 'lost' 7 Ladies shoes and a collection of other odds and ends and would like to get them back – please ring 07535546231

FRIENDS OF BRAUNSTON POCKET PARK AGM

Amazingly, The Friends are one year old. They set out last year to provide an independent voice on the development and progress of the Pocket Park. They joined together to express their support for our near-unique open space at the heart of the parish and encouragement to those who volunteer to work in the mud and mire - and sometimes in the sunshine.

Irene Milburn created an excellent set of data that provided for efficient communication with members and for a timely reminder to renew subscriptions. An essential early decision was to send out letters by email to provide an immediate saving on expense. Jane Simon produced some absolutely unique drawings for our leaflet, newsletter heading and logo. Sybil Herlihy accepted chairman duties for the initial year. All this provided a strong basis for development.

It soon became clear that this group could apply for grants that were not available directly to the Parish Council and Carol Barnes was tasked to research and eventually apply for a series of improvements close to the heart of members' interests. Success rewarded a meticulous and focussed application and nearly £3000 has been made available for a series of works that conclude with a community cohesion event. All this thanks to the Northamptonshire Community Foundation.

A strong team was elected and co-opted at the AGM. Zara Corbin leads as Chairperson, with Carol Barnes, Irene Milburn, Peter Biggs, Sandra Ashford and Graham Newman part of the new committee.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th December at 7.30pm in the Plough. We shall be looking at future funding opportunities, village events and growing our friends community so we can continue preserving this beautiful space for future generations to enjoy. Anyone is welcome so please come along.

Celebrating Braunston Youth!

At a recent Barn Dance, five teenagers from our village came along and helped set up, organise the meal and clear up afterwards! Members of All Saints' Youth Church not only gave up their time but danced every dance and took a full part in the evening. Their help meant that everybody had a tremendous evening and more funds were raised for the restoration appeal. Yet another wonderful example of our young adults taking an active part in the life of our village! **Thank you!**

VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

CLUB	CONTACT	PHONE 01788
Angling Club	Chris Miller	891938
Army Cadet Force	David A Hurley	890095
Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	891935
Braunston Canal Society	Chris Burton	891546
Braunston Cinema Club	Sandy Mac Donald	891488
Braunston Players	Chris Grossart	890491
Braunston Singers	Jacqui Lancaster	891018
Braunston Walkers	Phillip or Ray	891437 / 891384
Church Choir	John Viggars	0247667 9967
Conservation Group	Pat Herlihy	890590
Cricket Club	Simon Stapley	890475
Fishing Club		
Friendly Club (for over 60's)	Gill Powell	890763
Friends of Braunston School	R. Undy	07814695160
All Saints' Kids Club Sunday School	Revd, Sarah	890298
The Dick Herne Braunston History Soc.	Annie Rogers	891179
Gardens Assn.	Chris Grossart	890491
Braunston Primary School	Sue Rigby	890494
Playing Fields Assn.	Linda Hawkins Wendy Wilson Louis Prat	890583 890348 890766
Little Fishers	Veronica Smith	899155
Pre-School		01788 891891
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2 nd Braunston Scouts	Steve Rolt	0795668273
Explorer Scouts Boys & Girls	Jo Longworth	0795192659
Beavers for Boys and Girls	Joan Bishop	01327878178
Scouts for Boys & Girls	Stuart Muddiman Via Steve	0795668273
Cub Scouts for Boys and Girls	David Coleman	07796 336985
Short Mat Bowls	Alan & Mavis Eley	890011
Adult Tap & Ballet Classes	Julia Beattie	890488
Toddler Group	Lisa Bazin	07968 211110 890848
Twinning Association	Eric Baker 565617	07724 123363
Village Hall Committee	Leyla Clayson	899138
Women's Institute	Barbara Bury	890452

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- *Too cold? Too Icy?, Too Dark?*
- *Why not have them delivered and raise funds for our new Community Café too?*

The Church —From December 1st.
Last post Sunday 21st December.

The Community Café— Early December. Last Post Saturday
20th December

The Roving Post Box— The Christmas Fayre on the Green,
13th December and can be brought to any
event in the village by arrangement.

- Deliveries made throughout December. Final delivery by Tuesday 23rd by a team of Time Bank Volunteers
- **Suggested 10p per card.**
- Any queries to Keren 01788 891343 Email: jokes0105@orange.net

3 Generations of the same family take on the Great South Run



Braunston resident Alan Butler with his son, daughter, son in law, 2 grand-daughters (9 & 12 yrs) and an in-law have taken on the challenge of the 10 mile Great South Run in aid of Parkinson's UK (children 2.5kn). One person never having run more than 3 miles so it was a great effort by all.

A family member is currently battling a severe form of the condition which impacts greatly on his life and on that of his family. So we decided to raise money for this charity to assist in the research to find a cure for this terrible illness. A big thank you to those of you have sponsored us and if anyone would like to contribute to this worthy cause and for further details please go to www.justgiving.com/butler-davis-lambonralph/

Many thanks
Alan Butler

All Saints' Church

BURNS' NIGHT

Saturday 24th January, 7pm for 7:30pm
Braunston Village Hall

Dinner (including Starter, Haggis, Sweet,
Shortbread Coffee & Mints)
With Piper, Music & Licensed Bar

Come have a dance



Hunt oot yer Tartan!



Ticket Prices: Adult £15

from All Saint's Church, Braunston Post Office, or ring 01788 899 086

Limited tickets available - please book soon!



Carol Singing with Peace at Lunchtime

Wednesday 17th December - 12:30pm - All Saints' Church

Come and join the regular Peace at Lunchtime crew for a light lunch and a cheerful and informal sing of everyone's favourite carols. 12.30 for half an hour of carols followed by lunch and chat with old and new friends of all ages. No charge but donations welcome towards lunch.



Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 21st December - 6:30pm - All Saints' Church

If you like your carol service very traditional and candlelit this is for you. Nine readings from the bible explaining God's work and purpose in sending Jesus to us interspersed with 9 traditional carols with organ and choir and a number of choir only items. Probably not suitable for very young children or those who like their Christmas's informal.



Crib Service - Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th December - 4pm - All Saints' Church

Energetic nativity fun for everyone and particularly for young children. Small children especially welcome - Why not come as an angel, shepherd, a king, a donkey, a sheep ... Come and join in the Christmas story with singing, costumes, candles, dancing and noise! A real celebration of what Christmas is really about.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Dark nights are here again and two out of ten burglaries are carried out by opportunist thieves. They don't use any force if they can get in through unlocked doors or windows.

Please lock your doors when it is dark and check that sheds and garages are secure. Don't leave keys where they can easily be seen, don't leave valuables in cars and make sure they are locked when unattended.

Another thing to be wary of is bogus callers. Don't answer the door if you are suspicious and encourage elderly or vulnerable to use a chain on the door before opening.

If you have any problems or concerns please contact me on 01788 890121 or mobile 07952858418.

Thank you

Julie Jarrett NHW Coordinator

Braunston Twinners' News

Braunston Twinning Association represents Braunston village in the relationship with our twin village, Quincy-Voisins, near Paris.

Craft Fair and Brain of Braunston Quiz:

Thank you to all who attended these recent fund-raising events. The Craft Fair stallholders provided an interesting and high-quality selection of hand-crafted goods. Both crafters and customers seemed to enjoy the bacon butties, cakes and other refreshments on offer! The hard-earned moniker of "Brain of Braunston" went to the Secret Seven team, who fended off challenges from 14 other crack teams to win this year's title. Thanks also to our very own local Quizmaster Tony Ward who gave everyone a great mental workout!



French Visitors in May:

We now know that Braunston will host our French guests on May 1st to 4th 2015. We are pleased to note that this time there will be a family with 2 girls aged 9 and 12 so we are looking for a similar family to act as hosts. If you would like to welcome them please let us know - hosting is always a pleasure, even if your knowledge of French is minimal, and we have a full programme of events to keep you and your visitors entertained over the weekend. We are always looking for additional hosts for adults too, so if you would like to get involved please contact us. Don't forget that you get the chance for a return match in France in 2016!

Tabletop Sale February 15th 2015 at the Village Hall:

We are planning a Tabletop Sale to cheer everyone up in the dull winter months so why not look out all your pre-loved but unwanted items and turn them into cash to treat yourself in spring? Tables must be pre-booked and numbers have to be limited so contact Eric Baker at the telephone or email address below.

Contact for all correspondence:- Eric Baker 01788 565617 or email ericbaker@sky.com

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THE WHEATSHEAF INN,
10 THE GREEN, BRAUNSTON.
01788 890748

**Sat 13th December – Karaoke night, all Sambuca & Sours
shots £1 each on the night.**

**New Years Eve – Wheatsheaf Angling club annual Sloe
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staff by 12.30pm on the day, judging to begin at 2pm.
Food and entertainment will be provided all day till late.**

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notice

BVN Deadline - February 2015 Edition

The next newsletter will be published on 1st February 2015. Please leave material
at the Post Office before NOON on the **20th January** or by Email to the Editor :-
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