

# BRAUNSTON NEWS village

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The beautiful church of St Peter's at Wolfampcote

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**The Blessed Virgin Mary &  
St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers**

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**REGISTERS FOR NOVEMBER**

**ASHBY**

**Confirmation** Nov 6th Angus McFadzeon

**BRAUNSTON**

**Confirmation** Nov 6th Fergus Leahy  
James Jarrett  
Eloise Rolt  
Lauren Martins

**Funerals** Nov 24th Neil Slater  
Nov 29th George Brown

**Baptism** Dec 4th Rhys Taylor



## PARISH PAGE

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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

5th December	Full Council Meeting
9th January	Full Council Meeting
6th February	Full Council Meeting

**All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website  
[www.braunston.org.uk/bpc](http://www.braunston.org.uk/bpc)**

## FLOODLIGHTING 2016

### November's floodlighting

- 5th Nov- Church lit for a very missed lady, Lily Fairclough. Much loved mum, grandma and mother-in-law  
6th Nov- \* Happy Birthday Pauline. Love Roy  
8th Nov - In loving memory of our great granddaughter, Ava-May. Always in our thoughts.  
12th Nov- \* Happy Anniversary Mick, with love  
24th Nov- Happy 65th anniversary Primrose Berriman with love always. Aubrey and the family



### December's floodlighting so far ...

- 3rd Dec- \* In Loving Memory of Our Mum  
5th Dec- \* Remembering with love my darling wife Thelma on her birthday – Bob  
6th Dec- Remembering Judith  
7th Dec - In memory of Sheila  
9th Dec- \* Have a happy 70th birthday Jane. What a wonderful Sister you are. Our love, Denise and Peter  
9th Dec - Happy birthday Alan. Love Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt  
17th Dec –In memory of a dear Mum, forever in our thoughts and hearts. Love Cay & Bill  
18th Dec- In loving memory of Ron Tait with much love from Helen xx  
19th Dec- Gertie Brinkman - Sending our love to you on your birthday, miss you so much, love Lesley, Amelia, Mathew and girls  
20th Dec- \* In loving memory of Alan, from Gill and family  
23rd Dec - \* The birthday of my late wife Pamela. From Harold, a daughter Sally & son Roger  
24th Dec- Carl Grant—Birthday Memories, always in our hearts. Kyle, Siann, Sharon and families xxx  
25th Dec- Alan, always in our thoughts, missed so much. Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt x  
27th Dec- \* In memory of Philip Hutchinson  
29th Dec- \* Remembering Pat & Dave's Wedding Anniversary  
30th Dec- \* Peter & Chris Grossart's Wedding Anniversary  
31st Dec - Thinking of my sister, forever in our thoughts and hearts. Love Cay & Bill

### January's floodlighting so far ...

- 6th Jan - Ron Clegg - Happy Birthday Dad, love always. Audrey, Dave, Jane, Sharon and all the Family xxx  
8th Jan- \* Lit by Bryan & Janet Stuart, to Commemorate our son Jonathan  
28th Jan- \* Remembering Eric Alsop and Ted and Audrey Flower. Wonderful parents

## SARAH'S LETTER

### On Christmas Presence

It is interesting how Christmas television advertising has changed over the last couple of years. The mere fact that I am writing this in mid-November and am conversant with this year's ads tells us something about commercial pressure. But I'm really thinking of the content and style of the ads. Of course John Lewis is to blame (the retailer not the Braunston resident- don't worry John!) with cutesy tales of present-buying snowmen and trampoline-bouncing wildlife. Now all the retailers are at it, putting their name behind artistically shot, heart-warming, seasonal stories involving tired nurses, half-drowned Robins, weary carrots, people with oddly shaped ears and husbands with big white beards who might forget Australia. It's hard to remember whose advert is whose but at least they are entertaining and, in case we were likely to forget, they remind us that there is a big shopping and eating festival coming up in the reasonably near future! The presence of the retailers and manufacturers in our lives before, during and after Christmas is undeniable and though we may groan about the adverts most of us gladly anticipate a time of seasonal indulgence, time spent with family and friends, presents and good food.

Of course Christmas is all about celebration. And celebration at its most enjoyable means gifts and food and hoorah for that if you can have it. But it is really about Presence. The sudden surprising arrival of God among us born into danger and obscurity as a vulnerable baby. A presence that threatens the powerful and ends with crucifixion and resurrection. God with us through the uncertainties of change of leadership and national politics and economics. God alongside us as we suffer war and corruption and disease and pain and loss. His presence at Christmas means that come what may from the world we are never again alone or lost in the dark. Come and remember that Presence with us in church at any of our Christmas services this month

And Christmas is about your Presence and mine with those who mourn or struggle. With neighbours and acquaintances without families or money or ability to shop or celebrate for whom a card, an invitation, a cooked meal, a gift may mean more than we can begin to imagine.

Finally, as a sign of the Presence of Jesus in this community and of the presence of human love I'm delighted to announce the imminent Presence of our Parish Nurse, Maggie Murray, who will begin her work with us two days a week from mid-December. She is a gift from All Saints Church to the village and will, I'm sure, be a blessing to many.

I hope to see you at one or more of the Christmas services. There you can be in the Presence of friends and neighbours, Maggie and, vitally, the newly born Jesus, hope for the world.

Every blessing for Advent, Christmas and the New Year.  
Sarah



## NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD

### **Wow what a year!**

Last Saturday saw the last work morning in Jetty Field for this year and what a successful one. Despite the rain 11 volunteers came out and helped to plant 130 trees. These trees were given to us by the Woodland Trust and enabled us to plant a new hedge along the southern boundary and plant 20 new copse trees into our copse area that was starting to look very sparse. We also planted over 100 snowdrop bulbs too.

This year so much has been achieved. We have planted over 140 trees, 1100 bulbs, 100 pansies, removed 2 old trees, laid the pipework to the new bog garden and kept the pocket park looking smart and tidy. This is all thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers. Thank you so much.

We are very excited about 2017. We have more trees arriving in March from the Woodland Trust, a bog garden to create and a wildlife area to cultivate. Look out in the New Year for our next work morning.



## JENNI'S JOTTINGS

Well here we are nearly at the end of another year. What a mixed one it has been. There seems to have been more showbiz deaths than ever before. Then of course we had Brexit and the American election! I think we have all become more knowledgeable and yet more confused by politics than ever before (I certainly am).

I am happy to say I have been offered help with the distribution of the magazine and all of you who kindly deliver magazines will see a new face in the New Year. I will carry on editing the magazine to the best of my ability. I sometimes get comments that it is boring and repetitive, if any one has any ideas that they would like to put forward please get in touch.

I have been, and still will be dashing round the countryside delivery Christmas presents and meeting up with friends and family. With living in the North and then moving down 'South' as my family think I live now we have a few places where we meet. Chatsworth House in Derbyshire and Bourton-on-the Water being just two. Trouble is they are such lovely places to visit I always end up spending more money. Don't get me started on Christmas cards. I probably have enough to last my lifetime but there is always some more that I just have to buy! I saw a very good idea on Facebook earlier asking for people to send a card to recovering soldiers in military hospitals. I shall certainly be doing that and if any one wants an address let me know.

I think a lot about people who are homeless, alone, ill, or who just can't be bothered. I hope that the magic of this special time of year spreads over them all, and I thank all those who work over the festive period to help them.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and see you all again next year.

Jenni



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4.30pm - 5.00pm	

**Pre Syllabus Ballet (5-6 yrs)**  
5.00pm - 5.45pm

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

**Primary Ballet (8 yrs+)**  
6.30pm - 7.15pm

**Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+)**  
7.15pm - 7.45pm

**Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+)**  
7.45pm - 8.15pm

**Adult Ballet (no exp req)**  
8.15pm - 9.15pm

**Friday**

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wolhampcote**



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**10 Dec**

**4pm**

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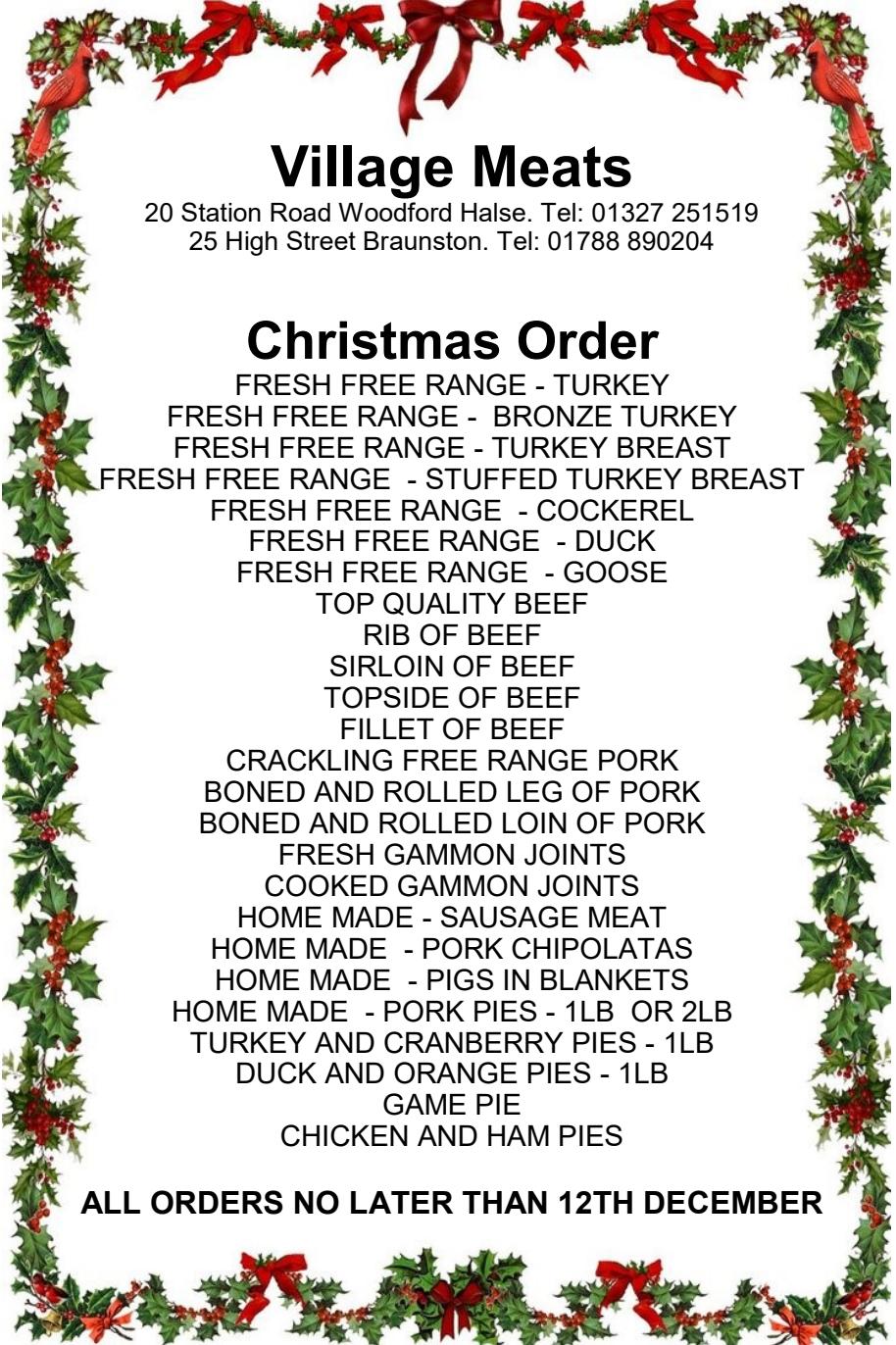
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### Christmas Order

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FRESH FREE RANGE - BRONZE TURKEY

FRESH FREE RANGE - TURKEY BREAST

FRESH FREE RANGE - STUFFED TURKEY BREAST

FRESH FREE RANGE - COCKEREL

FRESH FREE RANGE - DUCK

FRESH FREE RANGE - GOOSE

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BONED AND ROLLED LOIN OF PORK

FRESH GAMMON JOINTS

COOKED GAMMON JOINTS

HOME MADE - SAUSAGE MEAT

HOME MADE - PORK CHIPOLATAS

HOME MADE - PIGS IN BLANKETS

HOME MADE - PORK PIES - 1LB OR 2LB

TURKEY AND CRANBERRY PIES - 1LB

DUCK AND ORANGE PIES - 1LB

GAME PIE

CHICKEN AND HAM PIES

**ALL ORDERS NO LATER THAN 12TH DECEMBER**

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS DECEMBER 2016

Thursday	1st	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	5th	Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	6th	W.I. Christmas Party: Beavers: Royal British Legion meeting at the George Hotel, Kilsby
Wednesday	7th	Village Networks vehicle in afternoon: 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	8th	Jetty Fields Work Party
Friday	9th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo: Youth Club
Saturday	10th	10.30 Braunston Bakes: Candlelit service at Wolfampcote: Royal British Legion Concert
Monday	12th	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	13th	Friendly Club Christmas Lunch: Beavers: 12 noon Dick Herne History Society lunch at the Nelson
Wednesday	14th	Royal British Legion lunch at the Sporting Club, Barby 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	15th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Saturday	17th	Cinema Club
Monday	19th	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	20th	Beavers: 19.30
Wednesday	21st	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	22nd	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	23rd	Youth Club: Mobile Library:
Monday	26th	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	27th	Beavers
Wednesday	28th	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	29th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo

**I haven't been given dates of Christmas Closures from the Clubs and Societies so don't rely on these dates**

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS JANUARY 2017

Monday	2nd	Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	3rd	Beavers:
Wednesday	4th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing
Thursday	5th	Club Bingo:
Monday	9th	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
		2.30 Royal British Legion mtg at George
		Hotel, Kilsby Beavers: Dick Herne History
Tuesday	10th	Society
Wednesday	11th	W.I. New Year Lunch:19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing
Thursday	12th	Club Bingo
Monday	16th	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	17th	Beavers: Dick Herne History Society
		Royal British Legion lunch at Sporting Club,
Wednesday	18th	Kilsby: 19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing
Thursday	19th	Club Bingo
Monday	23rd	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	24th	Beavers
Wednesday	25th	19.00 Yoga
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**CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS DECEMBER 2016**

<b>Day</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Fri	2	19:00	Sung Compline
Sat	3	00:00	Youth Church
Sun	4	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Parish Communion Br
		13:30	Baptism Rhys Taylor
		18:30	Evensong - Br
Mon	5	13:30	Little Fishers
		16:00	Christingle
Tue	6	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	7	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
		19:00	Prayer Course
Sat	10	00:00	Youth Church
Sun	11	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Family Service Br
Mon	12	13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	13	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	14	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Fri	16	19:45	Christmas Extravaganza
Sat	17	00:00	Youth Church
Sun	18	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
		16:00	Ashby Carol Service
		18:30	Braunston 9 Lessons and carols
Tue	20	00:00	School carol service
		09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	21	12:30	Peace at lunchtime Christmas carols
Sat	24	14:00	Ashby Crib Service
		16:00	Braunston Crib Service
		23:00	Ashby Midnight Service
		23:00	Braunston Midnight Service
Sunday	25	11:00	Family Communion Br
Tue	27	09:00	Morning prayer - Br

## CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS JANUARY 2017

<b>Day</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sun	1	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Parish Communion Br
Tue	3	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
		14:00	Rev Sarah Licensed at Welton
Wed	4	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Fri	6	19:00	Sung Compline
Sun	8	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Family Service Br
Mon	9	13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	10	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	11	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	14	17:30	Youth Church
		14:00	Wedding Blessing- Br
Sun	15	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
Mon	16	13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	17	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	18	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	21	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	22	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Breakfast Service Ash
		11:00	Family Communion Br
Mon	23	13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	24	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	25	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	28	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	29	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Parish Communion Br
		18:00	No Labels Worship
Mon	30	13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	31	09:00	Morning prayer - Br

## **THE DICK HERNE HISTORY SOCIETY**

**On November 15<sup>th</sup>** 30 of us met in the village hall to listen to Tim Clark talking on

### **“Warwick in the 1790’s – a time of rapid change”**

This was a fascinating and illuminating talk about a subject I suspect most of us knew little about. We learnt of the Earl of Warwick and his Castle built to impress his fellows and his periods of being in straitened circumstances, the machinations of the gentry, the influence of the Dissenters, the voting and electoral system of the time and the early development of industry. Who knew that Warwick had three large textile mills; a spinning cotton mill, a cotton weaving mill and a worsted spinning mill that supplied much of the cotton to the Leicester hosiery industry.

Tim is an excellent and very knowledgeable speaker, all done from memory with the help of a few slides and pictures. This is the way that history should be taught; he painted such a vivid picture of life at that time, one which will remain with me and colour my next visit to Warwick.

**December 13<sup>th</sup> Society Lunch at the Nelson.** 12 noon for 12.30pm. Please book a place with Clive Goodchild, Tel: 01788891806, if you want to come along. It is £15 for the lunch and as those who went last year know this is an excellent meal prepared and served by the Nelson staff.

**January 17<sup>th</sup> 2017** A Society evening in the Library.

The Archives will be open to view. Any burning issues, any brilliant ideas and suggestions for speakers will be welcome as we need to start planning our new diary of events.

## **OUR VILLAGE HALL**



### ***Dismantling the girl's toilets!***

Richard Dibben, still one of our village hall trustees, found this photograph of work being carried out to transform the old school to our village hall. Do you recognise anybody or are you in the photograph? If so we would very much like to hear from you, please let Fred know at the Boat Shop at Bottom Lock – 01788 891310 – and we will publish the details in the BVN.

Next year will, we hope, be special for our hall. The trustees are busy planning a celebration of our village and all that it has to offer! More details about BRAUNSTON AT ITS BEST! in the February BVN.

***HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!***

### **Quote of the month**

For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others.  
For beautiful lips, speak only the words of kindness.  
And for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are  
NEVER alone.

By Audrey Hepburn

## BRAUNSTON WALKERS

Salcey Forest Saturday 15/10/16 (c.9 miles)

Eleven of us met up for the drive to Salcey Forest ready for a walk through the Autumnal splendour of this ancient forest. We welcomed two new members Ros and Phil who was an orienteering expert. We set off with a bit of light drizzle, along forest tracks and after a short walk we arrived at an area with ropes and swings called the Tree Ninja where kids could climb and swing through the wood. We continued on and then arrived at the Tree Ninja again, from a different direction. I was lost despite having the OS map, a GPS and a forest track map and I am sure Phil the orienteer was well impressed with my map reading techniques. Fortified with Nigel and Judith's sherbet lemons and toffees we turned about and followed the path in the opposite direction eventually and purely by luck, reaching the Tree Top way a fantastic structure steadily rising up through the trees, slightly wobbly, to a tower that reached up to the canopy and gives fantastic views over the forest and across to Northampton. It's well worth a visit if you are over that way and can find it following the totally inaccurate Salcey Trail map! We were following the Elephant trail so called because it passed several ponds used by elephants to cool down during logging operations in the war. All I can say is that it is a good thing that elephants have long memories or they would never have found their way back to the ponds. Our path lead us out of the forest on the Midshires Way, a long distance path through middle England. This bridle way lead us to Church Farm where we turned left and wended our way over wide open fields with distant views of Salcey Forest back to the village of Piddington. We approached the old stone church with its steeple appearing to be bent a bit and when I checked on line it said that the church had been there since 1290 so I guess at that age it can be excused for being a bit crooked. We were all impressed with a framed, magnified, OS map in the middle of the village so that even people with poor eyesight could find their way. Our next stop now in the sun, was the almost adjoining village of Hackleton and the White Hart pub which was our more than welcome lunch stop. Relaxing in the pub with foaming pints of IPA we waited for lunch which was a little slow coming but when it arrived was just fantastic. Huge baguettes groaning under the weight of bacon and their speciality chips. All very good and of course highly recommended. After lunch we pulled on boots and set off in glorious sunshine retracing our steps to the forest and accurately finding our way back to the car park despite the dreadful signage and mapping supplied by the forestry commission. This is an interesting walk through splendid woodland but don't forget to take an orienteer if you go.

Our next walks are as follows:

17/12 Xmas Walk (25 Pub crawl) 6 miles

# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016

## Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

4pm **Christingle** at All Saints'

A service for families full of candles and good things. Just right to launch Advent and prepare for Christmas



## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

6:30pm **Nine Lessons and Carols** at All Saints'  
Traditional choral service of scripture, carols and music



## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December

4pm **Crib Service** - Really Festive and Cheerful  
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## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December

11:00pm **Christmas Midnight Mass**



## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day

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

**All Welcome!**



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### **Braunston Community Café Grants**

Since Your Café opened in December 2014, a total of **£8595** has been made available from the operating surpluses for the Community Café Steering Group to allocate to village societies for projects.

A total amount of **£5595 has been paid out or approved**, across **13** different societies and groups operating within the village:

- Braunston Friendly Society
- Braunston Scouts
- Braunston Pocket Park
- Braunston Cinema Club
- Braunston Football Club
- Wheatsheaf Ladies Skittles Club
- Dick Herne Braunston History Society
- Braunston Singers
- Braunston Playing Fields
- Braunston Youth Club
- Braunston Gardens & Vegetable Association (BGVA)

We currently have **£3000 available for allocation**. We are keen to support specific projects, something tangible e.g. purchasing equipment or other capital items, not running costs.

The application form is available on the Braunston Village website (link to Your Café is top right of home page).

<http://www.braunston.org.uk/org.aspx?n=Braunston-Village-Community-Cafe>

So please do submit your applications to our Treasurer, Judith Sykes at Checkley Close, 69 High Street or via email to [judith.mortimersykes@btinternet.com](mailto:judith.mortimersykes@btinternet.com) for our committee to consider.

Revd. Sarah  
Chair of Community Café Steering Group  
October 2016

**Please note YOURCAFE , our community café will be closed from 11th December to 18th January**

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December 14th & January 25th 2017,**



### THE MOBILE LIBRARY

**Friday 23rd December 2016  
Friday 27th January 2017**

**16.50—17.10**

## FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
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### December

8th	Jetty Field Workday	
8th	BVGA AGM	BVGA
10th	Christmas Concert	Royal British Legion
16th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints' Church
	January	

### February

4th	A Night of Pub Games at Wheatsheaf	Team Alice Fund Raising
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## HEALTH WALKS

All our welcome to join in our Health Walks in the Village.

Walks are on Fridays the 2nd and 9th of December and will last approx 30/40 minutes starting and finishing up at our Community Cafe .

Please note there will be no Health Walks in January

Please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be across fields.

BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** Doors open at 6.30pm when we will be showing this short film at 7pm:-

**“THE GREAT ESCAPE”**

Made by some of the children at Braunston School and who have been invited to come and watch it in the Village Hall.

Also invited is Chris Bradley who made the film with the children and who we hope will do the introduction.

At 7.30pm will be our usual film club for members and guests when we are showing:

**“HECTOR” 2015**

Hector has been living on the motorways for years. The story follows his journey south from Scotland on his annual pilgrimage to a temporary Christmas shelter in London where he finds comfort, friendship and warmth. His clock is ticking and he is compelled to try to reconnect with his real family he last saw 15 years before.

**Homemade refreshments available as usual**

**January 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 7.30 pm**

A film to brighten up the dull days of January:

**“Absolutely Fabulous : The Movie”**

With Joanna Lumley, Jennifer Saunders, Jane Horrocks and many of our other favourite actors and characters from the TV series.

**Homemade refreshments available as usual.**

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## FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES

### Wise old birds in our village

There are five species of owl in Britain: the barn owl, and tawny owl are most common and both are seen in and around our village. Less common are the little owl, short-eared owl and long-eared owl. A further species the giant eagle owl is an increasingly common escapee from falconers and bird of prey collections and seems to have little difficulty adapting to living in our countryside.

All our native owl species are causing some degree of concern to conservationists with populations falling. Owls in the British countryside, and particularly barn owls, face several challenges from changes to their environment. These include changes in agricultural practice, fewer suitable nesting sites and the building of new roads. Their numbers have fallen dramatically in recent years.

The railway embankment woodland at Brindley Quays has long been home to a pair of tawny owls (*Strix aluco*), one of our largest common owls. This is the familiar brown owl of Britain's woodlands. Each evening we hear them make the familiar 'too-wit too-woo' call. This is actually a male and female owl calling to each other - the female makes the 'too-wit' sound and the male answers with 'too-woo'. Tawny owls are unmistakeable mottled grey or reddish brown with a big, round head, large, dark eyes and rounded wings. They feed on small animals like voles and mice, looking out for them from a favourite perch. Nesting usually takes place in spring in hollow trees or an old crow's nest.

The other species you are likely to see in and around the village is the barn owl (*Tyto alba*). The barn owl is ghostly white below, mottled silver-grey and buff above with a heart-shaped, white face and black eyes.

It will often hunt during the daytime and can be seen quartering over fields and grasslands looking for its next small mammal meal. However, barn owls are also perfectly adapted to hunt in darkness with deadly precision: their silent ghostly flight and heart-shaped face which focuses high-frequency sounds, help them to catch mice and voles in the undergrowth. These owls are often caught in car headlights when flying low across country roads.



## Hope and Homes for Children

Money raised since 1 March 16 is £ 615.69.  
£415.69 via Penny Pots / donations and a £200  
donation from All Saints Church.

We were able to donate £625 in May (albeit from  
some of the money donated before March).

This week we are now able to purchase "Future  
Gifts" from this year's donations i.e.: -

- ◆ 12 Emergency Food Packs each providing food  
for a family for 12 weeks (costing £25 each)
- ◆ 8 Pairs of new shoes preventing children having  
to walk to school bare footed (costing £8 each).

This would not be possible without your continued  
support. So please keep filling those Penny Pots  
which are available at Braunston Stores and All  
Saints' Church.

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## All Saint's Church

The Annual Autumn Church Fair was held on Saturday 12th November in the Village hall and proved to be a great success. There was a steady flow of people through the hall with interest in the stalls.

The winner of the Raffle first prize, a Christmas Hamper was Janet McCarthy

Other prize winners were :

G Brough	S Lacey	L Williams	S Aland
S White	R Mitchel	L Kibblewhite	J Peterson

A big collective thank you to everyone who helped with the stalls, providing donations for stalls and the raffle and to those who came to support the event

Pat Milner

## CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

### Braunston Women's Institute



#### **Next Meeting:-**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30** in the Village Hall. Come and enjoy our Christmas Party Games and delicious supper. There is no meeting in January, instead we have our New Year lunch on **January 11<sup>th</sup>** at Platform One in Rugby.

Wishing everybody a Very Happy Christmas.

Barbara 890452

### Braunston Friendly Club

#### **Next Meetings:-**

**13th Dec** Christmas lunch at Sporting Club, Barby. Dact pick up from the Green at 12 noon.  
**19th Dec**— Mince Pie Tea and Bring & Buy 2pm Village hall  
**9th Jan** Village Hall 2pm  
**23rd Jan** Village Hall 2pm

Gill 890763

### Braunston Fishing Club BINGO

**Every Thursday throughout the year**  
**8.00pm in the Village Hall**  
**Non members welcome**

### RAINFALL— 2015/2016

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Jan	52.7	71.8
Feb	31.0	37.2
March	25.1	79.0
April	14.1	42.8
May	45.2	32.5
June	24.5	68.1
July	47.8	7.8
Aug	43.5	59.6
Sept	33.2	42.5
Oct	47.9	15.7
Nov	61.3	
Dec	72.2	
Total 2015 498.5mm or 19.6 ins!!		

Information provided by Rob Buckley

**TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL CALL:-**  
**Mrs Leyla Clayson**  
**62 High Street**  
**Braunston**  
[leylaclayson@gmail.com](mailto:leylaclayson@gmail.com)  
**01788 899138**

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### News about bus services

- Route 13 which Stagecoach has run experimentally from Braunston to Rugby via Dunchurch has not proved to be commercially viable and will be withdrawn. The County Council website indicates that the last day it will run will be 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- There are currently no planned changes to the route or timetable for Braunston's main bus service, the route 12 from Daventry via the village to Rugby.

### Signs

Following our appeal in October the Best Village Team have decided to spend the £250 prize money for being judged the 'Best Large Village in Northamptonshire' on putting up, subject to planning permission, name signs on currently un-named lanes and alleys. The aim is to preserve historic names.

So far we have had suggestions for:

**Harrow Lane** – between High Street and Church Road

**Bunyard's Lane** – the path between High Street and Archer Avenue

**Quinneys' Entrance** – the path from opposite the phone box on High Street to Church Road.

### Can you help?

- Can you confirm the spellings of the above?
- Could you suggest any others?

Please contact the Parish Council if you would like to help.

### Best Village Competition 2017

In 2016 we were awarded certificates for being the 'Best Newcomer' and 'Best Large Village' in the county. We need volunteers to help with the 2017 entry when we could aim to be the best of any size in the county. Please contact the parish council if you can help.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Braunston Parish Council

### Neighbourhood Plan

The processes of achieving Braunston's Neighbourhood Plan are nearly complete.

**What happens now?** On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 you will have the opportunity to vote in an official Referendum.

**What is the question in the referendum?** 'Do you want Daventry District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Braunston to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

**Why is there going to be a referendum?** To meet the requirements of the act of parliament (the Localism Act 2011) a neighbourhood plan can only come into effect if the electors of the area agree to it in a referendum.

**Where will the referendum be held?** As with all elections the polling station for Braunston will be the Village Hall. All registered electors resident within the boundary of Braunston Parish will be eligible to vote. As normal you will receive a polling card through the post.

**What if I will be away on the 16<sup>th</sup> Feb or will be too busy or cannot get to the Village Hall?** You will be entitled to a postal vote or to appoint a proxy to vote for you just as in any other election.

**Who runs the referendum?** Under the terms of the act of parliament Daventry District Council has responsibility for running the referendum. As usual they will staff the polling station and count the votes. The result will be declared soon after and the Plan will become law from the day after the result is declared.

**Who has decided that the Braunston Neighbourhood Plan is lawful?** This is the responsibility of Daventry District Council. They appointed a professional planning consultant to advise them. This person is independent from Daventry and Braunston and qualified in planning law. She stated that Braunston's Plan, subject to rewording in a small number of sections, meets the conditions that parliament requires. DDC agrees with this.

**Where can I read the Braunston Neighbourhood Plan?** The final version, known officially as the Referendum Version, will be available on the website <http://www.braunston.org.uk/> from mid-December. Paper copies will be available in the Community Café and at Braunston Village Stores.

All votes count

Braunston Referendum

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Braunston Parish Council

#### How the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have come about

The following points came up during the four years of consultation and planning

What people said	What has been put in the Plan
Concerns that there are not enough opportunities for young people in Braunston and older residents wishing to downsize to find suitable properties.	Policy A supports small scale residential development within the village. Policy B supports affordable housing and prioritises those with a Braunston connection.
Some vehicles are driven too fast through the village.	Policy C supports appropriate traffic management.
Most supported the idea of a combined cycleway and walkway to Daventry. Pupils at the school said they liked cycling.	Policy D supports a possible cycleway and walkway to Daventry.
93% were positive or very positive about living in Braunston. Comments mentioned the shops and facilities.	Policy E supports the retention and development of local services and community facilities.
The majority of respondents to the questionnaire use the open spaces including the canal towpaths.	Policy F designates Local Green Spaces and preserves existing open spaces. Policy J protects the canals and their setting.
People want Braunston to remain a village.	Policy G says development proposals should respect the individual and distinct identities of Braunston village, the smaller settlements around it and Daventry and the open gaps between them.
Many people have a preference for living in a rural area.	Policy H protects important views. Policy I says that developments in open area will only be supported if they do not harm the landscape, ecology and history. Policy M supports sustainable development that is 'in-keeping'.
There are about 100 businesses in the parish including around 50 run from people's homes.	Policy K says that business development will be supported provided that it respects the character and appearance of the area
Fast broadband access is important for businesses.	Policy L supports improvements to electronic communication.

This is a very brief summary. To see the full document please go to the council website,  
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#### **BRAUNSTON BAKES CHRISTMAS SALE - 10 DECEMBER**

Please join us for a very special Christmas sale on 10 December. We'll be at The Wheatsheaf from 10.30am, with lots of Christmas treats (including puddings, cakes, stollen and mince pies), our regular amazing bread, cakes and savoury bakes and whatever else our bakers will be whipping up!

Our hosts, Chris and Claire, will be extending an extra special welcome, serving hot drinks - mulled cider, anyone? - so drop in, grab something yummy to eat, order a drink and pull up a chair. We'd all love to see you.

If you want to place an order for anything on the day, go to the Braunston Bakes Facebook page or visit the village website [www.braunston.org.uk](http://www.braunston.org.uk). Order forms are also available at the community cafe.

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT**

The AGM of the Branch was held on 8<sup>th</sup> November. There being no other nominations, all existing officers were re-elected unopposed. The Branch continues to operate despite the difficulty of having few active members. It was emphasised the need to recruit new members but all attempts to do so had, so far not succeeded and the future of the Branch is very uncertain. In order to make it easier for members to attend meetings, it was decided to hold the monthly meetings during the winter months in the afternoons at 2.30 but to return to evening meetings during BST. It was decided to cancel the intended December meeting and luncheon and to resume next year.

Remembrance Day Service was very well supported by a large congregation including the youth organisations. Wreaths were laid at the Village Memorial and individual crosses placed in memory of those who died in war.

The Rushall Cup was awarded this year to our Poppy organiser Tony Golding. He was congratulated on the tremendous effort he puts into maintaining and distributing over 100 collecting boxes each year and dealing with the counting and banking of over £7000 in small change. Also, dealing with the all-year-round collections. The results of this year's collection will be given in the next edition of the BVN.

Don't forget the Legion Band Concert on 10<sup>th</sup> December at Daventry Community Centre. See the separate notice for full details.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at the George Hotel, Kilsby, at 2.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The January luncheon will be at the Sporting Club, Barby, at midday on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Tony Saunderson  
Tel: 01788 890797

## VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### WEEKLY

Monday	Zumba	7.00pm	Nicki	07887853886		
Wednesday	Braunston Art Group	2.00pm	Nick	01788 890764		
	Yoga	7.00pm	Sheila	01788 891831		
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	1.45pm	Alan	1788 890011		
	Bingo Club	8.00pm	Harry	01788 890396		

### FORTNIGHTLY

Monday	Friendly Club	2.00pm	Gill	01788 890763
Friday	Youth Club	7.00pm	Leah	01788 891833

### MONTHLY

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

**Pre-School takes place Monday-Friday – [braunstonpreschool.org.uk](http://braunstonpreschool.org.uk)**

### We're looking for a Secretary!

The Trustees of the Village Hall meet once a month and the Secretary takes the minutes. You would also have the opportunity to contribute to our community and the Village Hall.

Anyone interested? Please contact Fred Barnes at The Boat Shop on 01788 891310.

Would you like to start a group in the Village Hall? Do you have any ideas for activities in the Hall? Contact Leyla on 01788 899138

**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY AND A  
PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**

Following the very successful Fund Raising Day held on the Green earlier this year, Kim & George Donald received a letter of thanks from the Chief Executive.



An extract is published below:-

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Once again, thank you for your support and dedication to our service. It means a lot to us and it means a great deal more to the people we help.

Yours sincerely

Andy Williams  
Chief Executive

DTP

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### **BVN Deadline - February 2017 Edition**

The next newsletter will be published on **1st February 2017** Please leave material at the Post Office before NOON on the **20th January or** by Email to the Editor :- Jenni Burton, [jenni\\_burton@btinternet.com](mailto:jenni_burton@btinternet.com) Tel: 01788 891546