Sharing a love of dogs. Nen talks with Dee, a volunteer with the charity Canine Concern. Dee brought her dog, Spider, and spoke about the charity at Braunston Friendly Club in November. For forthcoming club activities see page 19.
BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

Funeral
7th November Brian Allen

Baptisms
24th November Freddie Muddiman and Evie Withey

BRAUNSTON CALENDAR

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(Charity Reg 1173187)

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Vicar’s letter is on page 4.
All Saints’ Church
Christmas Services 2019

Sunday 15\textsuperscript{th} December
6-7pm Carols by Candlelight Service
At All Saints’ Church
Come and sing your favourite carols
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} December
2-3pm Christingle Service
At Braunston Primary School

Saturday 21\textsuperscript{st} December
8:00pm Christmas Extravaganza
At All Saints’ Church
Carols & Christmas Music with City of Coventry Brass

Sunday 22\textsuperscript{nd} December
6-7pm Christmas No Labels Service
At All Saints’ Church
Worship band, mince pies, mulled wine, fellowship

Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} December
4-5pm Crib Service
At All Saints’ Church
Festive & cheerful nativity fun for everyone

Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} December
11:15pm-00:15am Christmas Midnight Service
At All Saints’ Church

Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} December - Christmas Day
10-11am Christmas Day Service
At All Saints’ Church
Vicar’s letter

The challenge of Christmas

Jesus is a challenge! During his life on earth he upset a lot of people, he disrupted social norms and provoked the rich and powerful, often creating a storm wherever he went.

At Christmas we remember Jesus’ birth and the challenging circumstances surrounding it. His family was poor, homeless and later migrant refugees. He was born in a stable, with little privacy and his first visitors were the dirty shepherds from the Bethlehem hillside, outcasts from society. Later he received gifts from the rich kings, before fleeing to Egypt to escape from the tyrant King Herod.

The challenge of Christmas for me is to remember that the baby Jesus grew up to be a man who challenges us to live a life of love, joy and peace whatever our circumstances. The Christmas story reminds me as well, that all were welcome to visit the stable and, during his life, Jesus continued to invite everyone to join him, whoever they were, wherever they came from.

I hope that this Christmas you will know you are welcome to join the church community to celebrate the birth of this amazing man, the Son of God. But whatever you do, may you know the love, joy and peace of Christmas.

God Bless you,
Rev Nat

Church Floodlighting

These are all the requests received before the BVN deadline. The fee is £7 per entry, although you can give more. Please keep the dedication for inclusion to no more than 12 words and leave it with the donation at the Rectory or the Post Office by the 18th of the month.

* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

We apologise for the omission of the following November entries that should also have appeared in the previous edition:

8th – In loving memory of our great granddaughter, Ava-May. Always in our hearts

14th - In loving memory and missed every single day Theresa. Rachael, Thomas & grandchildren
**November**

12\textsuperscript{th} - * Happy Anniversary Mick, with love

14\textsuperscript{th} – Memories of my Mum on what would have been her 100\textsuperscript{th} birthday. Annie and family

25\textsuperscript{th} - John and Kathleen Finlayson. In Memoriam

28\textsuperscript{th} – Birthday memories of Christopher Woods. Love & miss you so much. Sally xx

**December’s floodlighting so far …**

3\textsuperscript{rd} - * In Loving Memory of Our Mum

5\textsuperscript{th} - * Remembering with love my darling wife Thelma on her birthday - Bob

6\textsuperscript{th} – Remembering Judith

7\textsuperscript{th} - In memory of Sheila

9\textsuperscript{th} - Remembering Alan Cope on his 86th birthday. Love Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt xx

19\textsuperscript{th} – In memory of Mum, Dad & Tony. Love, Brian & Family

20\textsuperscript{th} - * In loving memory of Alan, from Gill and family

23\textsuperscript{rd} - Birthday memories of Pamela Thompson. Love & miss you Mum. Sally xx

24\textsuperscript{th} - Carl Grant birthday memories, Sharon, Kyle, Siann and family

25\textsuperscript{th} - Treasured memories at Christmas of Alan Cope. Love Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt xx

25\textsuperscript{th} - John Bartley, sadly missed this Christmas, love from all your family xx

27\textsuperscript{th} - * In memory of Philip Hutchinson

30\textsuperscript{th} - * Peter & Chris Grossart's Wedding Anniversary

31\textsuperscript{st} - Remembering Mum and Dad with our love and affection

**January’s floodlighting so far …**

6\textsuperscript{th} - Ron Clegg birthday memories, Audrey, Dave, Jane, Sharon and families

8\textsuperscript{th} - * Lit by Bryan & Janet Stuart, to Commemorate our son Jonathan

13\textsuperscript{th} - * In memory of Peter Wenham, friend & ringer

31\textsuperscript{st} - * Sybil and Pat celebrate the 21\textsuperscript{st} Birthday of their Granddaughter Lizzie
### Church Diary for December

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| Mon   | 09:10  | Morning Prayer                                                        |
Parish Nursing in Braunston

All Saints’ Church has been delighted to be able to offer a parish nursing service to the village for the past three years, thanks to a grant from the Peterborough Diocese.

We are especially grateful to Maggie Murray, our parish nurse, who has been available to all in the village, not just church-goers. As many will testify, her expertise, kindness and dedication has made a significant impact on the lives of many in our parish.

However, the original grant money has now been expended. Over this past year we have therefore been seeking further funding to secure the continuation of parish nursing in Braunston for another three years.

We are pleased to announce confirmation of grants from both The Sobell Foundation and the Garfield Weston Foundation which will cover approximately 65% of the funds required. Their generosity will enable this valuable service to be continued as the PCC of All Saints’ Church has agreed to fund the remaining balance.

Joanne Gibson
on behalf of All Saints’ Church
All Saints’ Church

CHRISTMAS FAIR

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL

Saturday
7th December
12-4PM

Wine Tombola, Lucky Bags, Handicrafts, Books, Cakes, Christmas Decorations, Toys, Lucky Straws, Raffle, Refreshments
...and much more!

FREE ENTRY
ALL WELCOME!

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CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

A FESTIVE MUSICAL CELEBRATION

CITY OF COVENTRY BRASS BAND

With Musical Director: Jonathan Fearn

Saturday 21st, December, 7.30 pm

Interval refreshments of wine
or soft drink and nibbles

Entrance by donation

Registered Charity No. 1173187

Contact: Colin (890988)
Parish Council Information and News

Clerk: Steve Rolt
c/o 82 Greenway, Braunston, NN11 7JT
07956 682733 clerk@braunstonpc.org

Parish councillors and areas of responsibility:

Alan Mawer, Archer Avenue and Cross Lane t: 01788 890340
Chris Johnson (Chair), Greenway and closes t: 01788 891597
Graham Newman (vice chair) Marina, London Road, Hill Row, Old Road t: 01788 890143
Jason Pritchard, The Green t: 01788 891833
Joanna Longworth, High Street from Old Plough to The Green t: 07930 263113
Lizzie Iddins, High Street from A45 to Old Plough t: 07904 061548
John Pomfret, Eastfields t: 07817 234727
Vacancy, Ashby Road t: 07956 682733
Robert Davey, Spinney Hill and closes t: 01788 891591
Sue Harrison, Dark Lane t: 07769 589459
Sandra Stapley, Welton Road, 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.

Mon 2\textsuperscript{nd} December Full Council Meeting
Mon 6\textsuperscript{th} January Full Council Meeting
Mon 3\textsuperscript{rd} February Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are on the Braunston website:
www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc
and on the Parish Council notice board at The Green.
Climate Emergency

Daventry District Council organised a public forum to discuss climate change. A cross-party panel of three District Councillors wanted to hear people’s views on the action that the District Council, Daventry Town Council, parish councils, voluntary organisations and residents can take to reduce our carbon footprint.

Attending from Braunston were one parish councillor and eight other residents. Following the meeting a climate change group has been set up in the village. The Parish Council had prepared for the meeting by compiling a document to list current, future and aspirational actions that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

It is envisaged that the Braunston climate change group will monitor the parish council’s actions on reducing emissions. In addition, they plan to lobby other councils and bodies and the government that all affect how we live. The aim of the lobbying will be to move these bodies towards policies that will encourage individuals and businesses to move towards zero carbon as soon as possible.

People in Braunston can:

- volunteer to join the Braunston climate change group by contacting the parish clerk, details on the page 10;
- read Braunston Parish Council’s Climate Change Action document on the parish website;
- read the notes from the public forum on the parish website.

The District Council panel is consulting experts in a range of fields in the course of its research, including climate change, sustainable housing and renewable energy, with a view to producing a final report containing its recommendations in the New Year.

Grass mowing

Higher temperatures in recent years have extended the growing season. As a result the Parish Council has arranged about six weeks of extra mowing in the spring and autumn. In the current financial year this has led to additional expenditure of £350.
Permitted Development Rights in Braunston

Permitted development rights allow the improvement or extension of homes without the need to apply for planning permission in certain circumstances. There is a guide to this at www.gov.uk. Search for permitted development rights.

In some areas of the country, known generally as 'designated areas', permitted development rights are more restricted. Braunston Conservation Area is a designated area. A Direction put in place by our planning authority, Daventry District Council, will at a later date reduce permitted development rights in the Conservation Area. This mainly affects the principle elevation, usually the front, of the house. The boundary of the Conservation Area is shown on the District Council website.

In addition, Daventry District Council, have issued a Direction in relation to a number of other properties in the village. These are mostly but not all in the Conservation Area. Owners of these will have received a letter informing them of the Direction which will affect permitted development rights for all of the land and buildings on these properties.

Advice can be sought from the Planning Department at Daventry District Council.

Christmas trees

Christmas trees will be distributed in the first week of December to households that received them last year. As previously, the cost will be £13.50 per tree. If anyone participating would like a new bracket, please contact Steve Rolt, Parish Clerk.

Real Christmas trees can be disposed of in the garden waste bin for collection on Wednesday 8th January. If your bin is full, you may put a Christmas tree alongside the bin on that day.

You can also take trees to the recycling centre in Daventry which is open from 10am to 6pm five days a week and is closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
Christmas Day

The Parish Council has been contacted by Emma Parry, the Community Projects Officer for Daventry District Council. In this role she is responsible for liaising with the Daventry and District Forum which is an independent body run by the over fifties to enhance the quality of life of those living in Daventry District. We are pleased to pass on this message.

Do you know of an elderly person who will be on their own on Christmas Day? We have the opportunity of arranging a lunch for the elderly residents across our area and would like to invite them to join us.

If you know of anyone in this situation please get in touch and help give them a 'Merry Christmas'.

For further information contact Sharon Foulkes: 0784 1874915 sharon@daventryvolunteers.org.uk

Parish Councillor vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council. The Council would very much like to hear from anyone who would like to apply to be co-opted for this role.

Parish Nurse funding

The additional Parish Meeting was cancelled because the church successfully applied for an alternative source of funding as reported on page 7. This means that the amount requested from the Parish Council portion of the council tax is no longer required.

County Council Budget

Northamptonshire County Council is proposing to increase council tax and make budget savings. NCC is consulting on its draft budget for 2020/21 which continues to stabilise the County Council’s finances. A questionnaire on the online Northamptonshire Consultation Hub explains the proposed tax increase and the budget savings and asks for your views. The consultation closes at midnight on Tuesday 24th December.
Christmas is nearly upon us and on the 7th December All Saints’ Church will be holding their Christmas fair at our hall and they would love to see you.

On behalf of everyone involved in running our hall we wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

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, email 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.

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Contacts for regular activities in the Village Hall

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

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**Pre-School**  **Monday-Friday** - 01788 891891

braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

**Village Diary**

Would organisers of village events please see the request on page 29.
Forest School.

We are in our second year of revising the curriculum to ensure that it is bespoke to the children at Braunston. Enrichment, diversity and knowledge form the basis of our learning and we are excited to tell you that we have begun our journey to become a Forest School.

Forest School helps children develop many skills that are hard to teach in the classroom. Children learn outdoors and it’s very physical so it encourages children to be active, with lots of activities to develop both fine and gross motor skills. Children learn to take care of themselves, which boosts their confidence and self-esteem. They learn to deal with failure and develop the resilience to keep trying, a vital skill in the classroom as well as outside.

The Forest School Association is a charity whose stated purpose is;

The advancement of education for public benefit through promotion and support of quality Forest School in the United Kingdom using any means to enable all children, young people and adults to benefit from increased opportunities for high quality and varied educational experiences in the natural world.

Term dates

Term 2:
Last day - Friday 20th December

Term 3:
Training Day - Friday 3rd January
Re-open to pupils - Monday 6th January
Last day - Friday 14th February
School grounds
We are keen to have more spring bulbs in our school grounds. Mrs Barnwell and Mrs Allinson organised a planting day at the end of October. Members Braunston Village Gardens Association were fantastic, providing help including tidying and planting our boundary fence area next to the road. A lot was achieved despite the wet weather.

We would really welcome support in enhancing our school environment from the local community. We are busy working with an artist who is going to transform our entrance but feel that there are many more improvements we could be making.

As you know, we are having to be creative with our budget. We would welcome support in terms of projects, donations of time etc.

I am also looking at trying to secure grants for books and playground equipment for key stage 1. If anyone knows of sources of funds and can support us with this, I would be delighted to hear from them.

Lianna Willis, Headteacher

You can follow our endeavours through our website and by following us on Facebook.
https://www.braunstonprimary.org.uk/
https://www.facebook.com/BraunstonPrimarySchool
Learn to Crochet Group

Beginners welcome. Do you want to learn a new skill and be able to make great handmade presents for people?

Do you feel inspired to make items for your house but don’t know where to start? This is the crochet group for you.

We will start you off on a six week programme to cover the basics and then you can join the main group working on some larger projects.

Based in Braunston Village Hall Old Library every Tuesday 10-12pm

Cost is £3 per person per session which includes yarn, printed pattern and refreshments.

Find out more at www.evenrobotsneedblankets.com and sign up at https://www.meetup.com/Braunston-Crocheting-Meetup-Group/

Braunston Bakes

Our Christmas sale will be on Saturday 7th December at 10.00am in The Wheatsheaf.

We will have our usual goodies on sale, as well as seasonal bakes including Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings and of course mince pies.

braunstonbakes@gmail.com

Jetty Field– Braunston’s Pocket Park

The saplings have finally arrived and were planted at the end of November in various sites around the Jetty Fields. In excess of 100 native species saplings including Common Oak, Rowan and Hawthorn were supplied by the Woodlands Trust and when established will provide support for a wide range of wildlife.

The next Jetty Fields meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd December. 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
Braunston Friendly Club
We meet in The Gallie Room at the Village Hall, 2pm to 4pm. We have cups and cake ready for people looking to come to their first meeting.

Sunday 8th December – Sound of Music
Rugby Theatre – 1.15pm from the Village Green. Be ready to leave from the old bus shelter. Pre-book and payment to Kate essential.

Monday 9th December – Christmas flower arranging
Barbara Cook – 2pm to 4pm. We are delighted that Barbara will be joining us to demonstrate her festive flowers. This is always a popular event for members and non-members so do come along and join us. No trolley raffle but a pre-Christmas paying raffle.

Friday 13th December – Join the Pre-school for Carols around the Christmas tree – 9.30am
On Monday afternoons we enjoy sharing the Village Hall with the Pre-school. Today, Friendly Club members are invited to join the children singing carols around the tree. Please pass names to Kate.

Monday 16th December – Bring and Buy sale and Mince pies
2pm to 4pm. Our last meeting before Christmas to enjoy sharing our cards, buying from the sale table and eating festive goodies. No trolley raffle

Monday 13th January – Quiz – 2pm to 4pm
Be entertained by our members. Lawrence will be our quiz master. No trolley raffle but a post-Christmas paying raffle. Bring any unwanted presents to recycle!

Monday 27th January – Bragborough Hall and Gardens
2pm to 4pm Odette Phipps will tell us all about her Bragborough home. What are your memories of Bragborough? Come and share these with us. Trolley raffle.

Wednesday 29th January – Jack and the Beanstalk
Rugby Theatre – 6.30pm from the Village Green. Pre-book and payment to Kate essential.

Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340
**Braunston History Society**

**Saturday December 14th Christmas Lunch**

12 for 12 30pm at the Admiral Nelson.

£16 for 2 course lunch.

First Christmas drink will be paid for by the society. Booking essential and payment in advance please. Cheques made payable to the Admiral Nelson which can be given to Clive Goodchild, committee member.

**Tuesday January 21st Society Meeting**

7 30pm in Village Hall.

We will be displaying a felt map handmade by Fran Haynes which shows every street and house in Braunston and on which she has been working for many years. Do come along and look for your own house.

Any ideas for future speakers welcome, or suggestions for topics etc. Look forward to seeing our members. Guests welcome.

**Royal British Legion**

A large congregation, including village youth groups, were present at the Remembrance Day service at All Saints’ Church on 10th November. The service was led by Canon Peter White. The names of the 40 Braunston men who died in the two world wars were read out by a member of the legion followed by the playing of the Last Post, two minutes silence and Reveille. The congregation then assembled at the War Memorial for the laying of wreaths and crosses.

The Poppy Day appeal collection was carried out throughout the village. Counting is not complete yet and the proceeds will be announced in the next issue of the BVN. A big thank you to all the collectors who toured the village and to local businesses who supported the Poppy appeal.

Tony Saunderson

**Braunston Village Christmas Mail**

For an easy way of distributing Christmas cards in the village please see the publicity on page 27.
Braunston Village Gardens Association

The Gardens Association are presenting a talk by Michael Brown on Tuesday 10th December at 7.30 in the Village Hall. This one is called:

A Medieval Christmas

Those of you who have enjoyed Michael's talks before will know we are in for a treat.

It will cost £3 on the door including a drink and nibbles after the talk. There will be a raffle.

Braunston Walkers

We set off from Stockton on one of our longest, wettest walks. Have you ever walked through treacle pudding and custard? It felt like that as we waded through soft, wet mud following part of the Blue Lias Way. Blue Lias refers to Jurassic rocks and clay over 200 million years old, most of which was stuck to our boots. I was awarded 10 points for artistic merit on my first fall and then did even better when I fell again!

By now the mist was being burnt off by the sun. After several miles of bridges and locks we arrived at the delightfully named Longhole Bridge where we left the canal on a bridle way.

We made it up Ufton Hill to reach the White Hart pub. We were soon settled for an excellent lunch and Saddleback beer. The church here is where Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, was once the vicar.

Soon we had to force on soggy boots and set off over fields passing the polo ground where an event was on. We arrived at the River Itchen which had recently burst its banks. It is a beautiful spot looking at Stoneythorpe Manor and it would be worth coming back in the summer.

Walking through Southam we had a respite from mud and then joined a path which crossed many ploughed fields with cloying mud. Exhausting! By now the sun was setting and we narrowly avoided getting back to the cars in the dark. A great walk, we must do it again when it’s dry!

16th December. Meet at 10 at the village hall and drive up to Roz and Simon’s House for a walk followed by a Christmas do

18th January. Walk to Staverton via Flecknoe. Mainly track walking but some fields near Staverton which may be muddy.

Ray Scrivens 01788 891384 rayscrivens@btinternet.com
Braunston Cinema Club

Saturday December 21\textsuperscript{st} 2019

7.30pm in the Village Hall
CALAMITY JANE, 1953
Doris Day and Howard Keel
As a tribute to Doris Day who died this year, aged 97, we are showing this film about the romance between Jane and Wild Bill Hickok. Let off a bit of pre-Christmas steam and sing along to ‘Deadwood Stage’, ‘The Black Hills of Dakota’, ‘Secret Love’ and many more.
Homemade refreshments are available to buy, please book tickets/food in advance to help with catering. Bring a bottle and a glass

Saturday January 25\textsuperscript{th} 2020

7.30pm in the Village Hall
YESTERDAY, 2019 cert PG13
Himesh Patel and Lily James
Directed by Danny Boyle
Jack Malik is a frustrated musician in Lowestoft. When the whole world is hit by a blackout Jack finds he is the only person left who knows the music of the Beatles and he becomes a singing sensation. But he has eventually to make a moral decision about the choice he has made to pass their songs off as his own.
See note above about refreshments.

Fishing Club

Braunston Fishing Club meets every Thursday at 8pm throughout the year for Bingo in the Village Hall. Non-members are welcome.
Harry 01788 890396
Braunston WI

Tuesday, December 3rd at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

BRAUNSTON WI CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members will be putting on their party best to join in our Christmas celebrations!

Lots of friends, good food and maybe a song and a laugh. Don't forget the Secret Santa (£3)

Wednesday, December 11th at 3pm, Braunston WI are hosting the Group Carol Service in our lovely Church. Join us then for our service of carols and Christmas readings.

Braunston Canal Society

October saw us clearing the vegetation from the bypass weir at lock 1 and giving the hedge a trim. Seven crane bags were filled with the arisings and removed from the site. It was amazing how much growth had been put on since BCS last did this exercise on 14th March this year. Thanks were extended to Brian Eales of CRT for supplying the hedge trimmer and transporting the bags of arisings away.

Later task parties brushcut the offside opposite the Stophouse. An attempt was also made to remove the stumps of old saplings with varying degrees of success.

The last action this month saw the start of a project to restore a 40m section of towpath between bridge 90 (A45) and the junction. This section is notorious for turning into a muddy bog over the winter and had been the focus of many requests for a solution to avoid a potential accidents. Tools and materials were transported to the site using the tug and flat. The flat made a good working platform to install the first run of edging boards that would eventually retain the path. To be continued......

The Society is always keen to welcome new volunteers so if you would like to come along and have some fun you can email me at braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com or phone/text me on 07817 435911. If you would like to see our previous activities check out our website at www.braunston.org.uk/bcs.
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Any payment is by voluntary contribution. Please use the Braunston Village Christmas Mail to support the Community Car. See page 27.
The team would like to thank Nigel of Braunston Garage for his continuing support.

Community Café
The café is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm and Saturday 10:00am - 12:30pm.
Christmas and New Year closure. We will close the cafe at 4pm on Friday 13th of December and reopen on Wednesday 15th January when we will welcome old friends and new. We wish all our customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Alternative Book Club
We are called The Alternative Book Club. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at The Wheatsheaf at 7.30pm.
Everyone is welcome.
For more details please contact Caroline on 01788 899107.

Neighbourhood Watch
On Saturday 25th January Kate Bailey of Northamptonshire Police will be in the Village Hall from 10am to 1pm. She will be giving crime-prevention advice and carrying out security marking on bikes.
Braunston Paddox Cricket Club

The 2019 Presentation of Awards evening was held recently in the Wheatsheaf. Award winners this year were:

1st XI Batting: Jordan Shingler    Bowling: Ryan Haynes
1st XI Player of the Year: Jordan Shingler

2nd XI Batting: Aston Shingler    Bowling: Shaun Harnett
2nd XI Player of the Year; Shaun Harnett

Wednesday XI Batting: Jordan Shingler    Bowling: Adam O’Connor

Junior Player: Rohan Patel    Fielding award: Alex Goddard

Most Improved player: Kieran Bennett

Award for the most outstanding individual performance: Ethan Hart

Mallard Trophy: Matt Bomber

Captain’s Award: For contribution off the pitch, Chris and Amanda Eyles

We have also just been informed that our application to join the Northants Cricket League has been successful and as a result we will change leagues in 2020. This follows ten years in the South Northants League. The move will involve more fixtures against new opposition. We will be given the divisional structure and fixture list in the new year.

Nets will start in January. The exact dates and times will be published in the next BVN and on our Facebook page.

Aston Shingler with his award
Braunston Beavers

September may be a distant memory for most but not for the Braunston Beavers who spent a day sharing activities and fun with over 1500 Beavers from across the county at the Northamptonshire Beaveree.

A Beaveree is a gathering of Beaver colonies where they are given the opportunity to meet and experience new activities and challenges. On arrival we were given a map and list of the activities available and so we made a plan. First up were going to be the must do activities of the day and this started with rifle shooting and then archery.

The day continued with an assault course, rock climbing and tunnelling. Then it was time for lunch with a well earned break and something to eat.

The afternoon activities continued with go kart racing, building fires for toasting and a very welcome ice cream. The Beavers were fascinated with the emergency vehicles and spent more time than necessary in the back of the police van (voluntarily). Before we knew it, the day ending and we hadn’t even visited the craft section. The activities count towards the Beavers challenge badges and each received a certificate and badge for attending. The weather was great and all of the Beavers showed great skills of sharing, making new friends, challenging themselves and helping each other.
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Post Boxes and Collections:

The Church/Village Hall Services
From 1st December - Last post Friday 20th December

The Community Café
from 2nd December - Last post Friday 13th December

The roving post box
Braunston Bakes on 7th December - can be brought to any event in the village by arrangement

Deliveries made throughout December. Final delivery weekend before Christmas by a team of Braunston Volunteers

This year’s beneficiary -

Braunston Community Car

suggested donation per card 10p

Any queries to Keren ☎: 01788 891343
Email: keren.andrews@outlook.com
Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day
An amazing total of £2800 was raised at the 2019 event.
Thank you to everyone who came along on the day and who donated and to all the team who helped on the day.
Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA) attend around 1000 missions a year - each costing around £1700. WNAA receive no Government funding, relying solely on donations.
Kim and George Donald.

Thank you
A 'big thank you’ to all those who gave donations to MYELOMA UK at my coffee morning on Saturday 2nd November.
We raised £367.00.
Liz Weller

Citizens Advice Empowered for Life Project
My name is Jess Gooding. I am the new Empowered for Life Benefits Caseworker for Daventry Citizens Advice.

The Empowered for Life Project is a Lottery funded project that aims to get advice on benefits and debt for people with mental health issues and disabilities and who live in the rural areas of the district.

My colleague, Rozee, who is the new Debt Caseworker, and I are now able to take appointments. We can see people in our office at The Abbey Building in the town centre or make home visits. We primarily cover the villages and have two colleagues who cover the town.

efldebtcaseworker@daventry.cabnet.org.uk

As I am not office based I may not be able to respond to your email quickly. If you need immediate assistance please phone the office on 01327 701640.

Citizens Advice Daventry and District The Abbey, Market Square, Daventry, NN11 4XG is open Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10am to 3pm.
**Village Diary**

We plan to include a Village Diary in the February edition of the BVN. If you are planning a village event for 2020 please email stating the event, date, time and location to: bvn@braunstonpc.org

**Bin Collections**

Our day for bin collection changes to Saturdays in the weeks of Christmas and New Year:

- **Wednesday 4th December**: Food, Recycling and Waste
- **Wednesday 11th December**: Food and Garden Waste
- **Wednesday 18th December**: Food and Recycling
- **Saturday 28th December**: Food, Recycling and Waste
- **Saturday 4th January**: Food and Recycling
- **Wednesday 8th January**: Food and Garden Waste
- **Wednesday 15th January**: Food, Recycling and Waste
- **Wednesday 22nd January**: Food and Garden Waste
- **Wednesday 29th January**: Food and Recycling

If you need to dispose of a real Christmas tree it can be put in the garden waste bin if you have one or left next to the bin on 8th January.

**Rainfall**

October's rainfall was 102mm, more than double any of the previous months of October for the five years Rob Buckley has been reporting Braunston’s data. We plan to include all the data for 2019 and the annual totals in the February edition of the BVN.

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Braunston puzzle

Draw lines to match the cropped pictures to names of the shops and pubs.

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The Boat Shop

Braunston Village Stores

Charisma Hairdressers

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  - 5.00pm - 5.45pm
- Pre Primary Ballet (7-8 yrs)
  - 5.45pm - 6.30pm
- Primary Ballet (8 yrs +)
  - 6.30pm - 7.15pm
- Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs +)
  - 7.15pm - 7.45pm
- Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs +)
  - 7.45pm - 8.15pm
- Adult Ballet (no exp req)
  - 8.15pm - 9.15pm

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- Street Dance & Modern (8 yrs+)
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