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Nativity Service

All Saints'
Church

December 24th

4.00pm

All Saints' Church Information

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRAUNSTON

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BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

Funerals/Burials

15th November

Lesley Masters

18th November

Sylvia Arrowsmith

Baptism

20th November

Elsie Iris Kelly

Nativity in the bus stop on The Green

There will be a Nativity scene in the bus stop at Christmas time. Please come along to see the true meaning of Christmas.



Services for December

4 th	Braunston	Service with Communion	10.30am
7 th	Braunston	School Christingle	1.45pm
11 th	Ashby	Service with Communion and Baptism	10.30am
18 th	Braunston	Morning Service	10.30am
24 th	Braunston	Nativity Service	4.00pm
24 th	Braunston	Midnight Mass	11.00pm
25 th	Braunston	Christmas Day Communion	11.00am

Vicar's letter

Do you have a favourite Christmas carol?

Mine is *Hark The Herald*. It's got everything – it's only 3 verses, it's full of angels, and (best of all) it has a descant!

But there's another Christmas carol that's been running through my mind lately, particularly the words:

The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in Thee tonight.

At the time of writing, Jeremy Hunt has just delivered his Autumn statement. We have a cost of living crisis, more and more people needing foodbanks, a war is raging in Ukraine, on top of the things we usually see in the world that just aren't right.

As we approach Christmas 2022, there seems to be a lot more fear around than hope. How much pressure is still there to 'celebrate'? Is that realistic?

For me, the hope that helps with the fear is the tiny, mewling, vulnerable baby that we sing about in Christmas carols like *O Little Town Of Bethlehem*. This baby was God coming into this mess of a world to be with us.

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One of the key words of Christmas for Christians is 'Emmanuel' which means 'God with us.'

So why doesn't he just sort it out? I believe that he did, in part, and will come back to complete the job.

Why is he taking so long to come back? I often ask him that myself!

But in the meantime, we are not alone. And in the meantime, the way we respond to this crisis has a bigger effect. I found an extra verse to

O Little Town on the internet and it is really rather beautiful:

Where charity stands watching
And faith holds wide the door
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks
And Christmas comes once more.

Couldn't we do with some glory breaking in? And so, I will continue to sing with added passion this year:

O Holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Perhaps you share this hope, perhaps you don't. My appeal to all of us, whatever our beliefs, is to take the pressure off ourselves to 'celebrate' on the surface with all the trappings. What we need is community and charity. Charity means love – it's certainly nothing to be ashamed of if you need to receive it. We can't do this alone. If you have more than you need, pop some things in the community store cupboard in the church. If you don't have enough, pop in and take what you need. I'm here if you need a chat.

We don't have to do this alone. That's something to celebrate.

Rev. Kathryn

Church Floodlighting



The complete **November** list

8th - In loving memory of our great granddaughter Ava-May. Forever in our thoughts

12th - * Happy Anniversary Mick, with love

14th - * For Victoria Garfield's birthday

14th - Philip Briding - loved and missed so much. Theresa, Rachael, Tom & family

15th - In memory of Lesley Alice Masters

21st - In memory of Andrew James Young, who would have been 18 on 21st November

28th - * In memory of Chris Woods, friend & ringer

December list so far ...

3rd - * In Loving Memory of Our Mum

5th - * Remembering with love my darling wife Thelma on her birthday - Bob

5th - Rob, you are always remembered with love always. Sal, Tom, and Pippa

6th - In memory of my wife Judith

7th - In memory of Sheila

9th - Remembering Alan Cope on his 89th Birthday. Love Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt xx

23rd - Happy Birthday Marion Pateman. Love from all the family

24th - Carl Grant Birthday memories, always in our thoughts. Sharon, Kyle, Siann & families

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

25th - Averil, John and son John Bartley sadly missed at Christmas.
Love from all the family xx

27th - * In memory of Philip Hutchinson

27th - * Happy Birthday to our daughter Fran. Love from Mum & Dad

7th - In memory of Bruce Caldwell beloved husband of Liz on his 79th
birthday

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

31st - Remembering our dear parents with love and affection.

January list so far ...

6th - Ron Clegg Birthday memories, always in our thoughts. Audrey,
Dave, Jane, Sharon & families

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

13th - * In memory of Peter Wenham, friend & ringer

*= Friends of All Saints'- A huge thank you

Please note these are all the floodlighting requests received before the
BVN deadline of 18th November

Floodlighting

The current fee to light All Saints' is £7 per evening, although you can
give more, and we ask that you try to keep the length of the dedication
for inclusion in the BVN to not more than 12 words. The completed
message with the donation can be left at the Post
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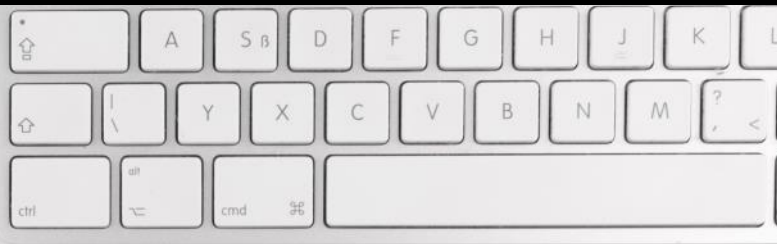
Come along and enjoy playtime, stories, craft time and singing.

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We made poppies for Remembrance day and put them on the font in church.



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Any questions? Contact: safeguarding@stmartinswelton.org.uk

Or sandra.stapley100@gmail.com

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John Foster, Secretary, The Friends of All Saints
secretary.foasb@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be included in the prayer chain and receive a copy of the prayer chain or receive prayer for yourself, please contact either suejennens21@gmail.com or your church warden. The list is updated each month (first names only).

Help needed

If you can spare even a small amount of time to help us keep the church inside clean and tidy it would be really appreciated.

Contact warden2@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk

Parish Council Information and News



Clerk: Steve Rolt
c/o 82 Greenway, Braunston, NN11 7JT
t: 0800 002 9783 (Freephone)
e: clerk@braunstonpc.org

Chair: Sandra Stapley, Vice-Chair: John Pomfret

This list shows which councillor to contact for the area you live in:

Archer Avenue and Cross Lane	Alan Mawer	01788 890340
Ashby Road		0800 002 9783
Church Road and Barby Road	Pete Morgan	07805 677559
Dark Lane	Sue Harrison	07769 589459
Eastfields	Jo Glover	07973 278052
The Green	Graham Newman	07710 290265
Greenway and Closes	Adrian Honeybill	07787 556078
High St (Old Plough to The Green)	Rhianna Conway	01788 890453
High St (A45 to Old Plough)	David Cary	07775 514840
London Rd, Hill Row, Old Rd, Marina	John Pomfret	07817 234727
Spinney Hill and Closes	Carrie-Ann Biggs	07796 712408
Welton Rd, School Cl, Maple Cl	Sandra Stapley	01788 890475

Forthcoming Meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the following meetings at Braunston Village Hall.

5 th December	7.30pm	Full Council Meeting
9 th January	7.30pm	Full Council Meeting
6 th February	7.30pm	Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website.

Presentation by Manor Oak Homes

David Jones gave a presentation on their proposed building of homes on land off Barby Road, Braunston. Members of the public and Parish Councillors were able to clarify details and ask questions. No planning application has been submitted to date. See page 38

Christmas tree on The Green

We have funded a Christmas tree again this year for the Village Green which will arrive at the beginning of December.

Jetty Field Trees

The Jetty Field Committee reported the findings of tests undertaken on the poplar trees in the spinney. These show that several trees are rotting and need felling to keep the area safe. The Parish Council agreed funding to support this. We await quotations for the work.

Village Hall Defibrillator

A request was made by the Village Hall Committee for part funding of a defibrillator to be sited outside the building. This was agreed and will bring the number of defibrillators in the village up to five.

Warm Spaces

Braunston Heart requested funding to secure the continuation of Cosy Club. It was agreed to fund a period to take it up to a review and then consider the request again at the next meeting.

Consultation on Playing Field pavilion.

This has now been launched on line and at the Post Office. The deadline for response has been extended to 15th December.

Parish Councillor Surgeries

December 12th 2.00pm to 3.00pm

John Pomfret and Sandra Stapley will be in the Village Hall Meeting Room

January 17th 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Peter Morgan and Graham Newman will be in the Village Hall Meeting Room

Braunston School

Parish Councillors will be visiting the school to talk about Parish Councils and work with the children on a project of their design over the next few months.


Parish Councillor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, if you would like to give back to your community, why not consider joining us. If you are interested or would like to know more please speak to one of the current Parish Councillors or contact Steve Rolt

Email: clerk@braunstonpc.org

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			Total	Avg/day		
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Contacts for Village Hall activities

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The Hive	Valerie	01788 891975	1 st Weds 2-4
Art Group	Alan	01788 890526	Wed 2-4
Yoga	Sheila	01788 891831	Wed 7-8
Short Mat Bowls	Bill	01788 891145	Thurs 2-4
	David	01788 891183	
Brownies	Clare	07544 936589	Thurs 5.30-7
Friendly Club	Jenny	01788 890186	2 nd and 4 th Mon 2-4
Learn to Crochet	Gill	07711 742575	1 st and 3 rd Tues 10-12
History Society	Annie	01788 891179	3 rd Tues 7-9
Climate Action	Abigail	07989 421836	1 st Weds 7.30-9
Braunston Quilters	Laura	01788 890102	4 th Thurs 9.45-1
Gardens Ass'n	Kate	01788 890340	2 nd Thurs 7.30-9
Cinema Club	Arthur	01788 890508	Last Sat 7-10

Please check with contacts listed for information about holidays and breaks.

Pre-School Monday - Friday 01788 891891

braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

Clubs and Groups

The Hive



For ladies living in and locally to Braunston Village

As Christmas 2022 approaches the busy ladies of The Hive celebrate their first anniversary as a Club with a Christmas Dinner, enjoying friendship and fun.

We send our warmest wishes for the festive season to all villagers and businesses and thank you too for your kind support at our fundraising activities this year.

We love to welcome new members and guests at our meetings, so why not kick off 2023 with something different - come along, try us and join us! You'll find companionship and friendship - and great cuppas!

Next Meetings– Village Hall at 2.00 pm

Wednesday, 11th January – A Beetle Drive – Great hilarity!

Wednesday 1st February – Talk by Christine Wood on Canal Folk Art

Tea/Coffee Members 50p

Guests £3 per meeting

Coffee Mornings- The Wheatsheaf PH 10.30 am

Wednesday, 21st December, Wednesday, 18th January,

Wednesday, 15th February

Membership Subs £25 per annum

Contact Valerie 891975

Braunston Paddock Cricket Club

A reminder that the annual Presentation of Awards evening is on Friday 2nd Dec starting at 7pm in the Village Hall. All players and their guests are welcome.

Indoor nets will be held at Parker Academy on Wednesdays from 5.30pm to 7pm. The first session has yet to be confirmed but is likely to be mid January. Look out for details on the Bugle and the Village website.

Braunston Cinema Club

Saturday Dec 17th 7.30pm in Village Hall

'Downton Abbey : A new era' 2022 PG

Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville, Penelope Wilton and many more of our favourite characters. Join them and us to enjoy some lovely sunshine in deepest December.

The Crawley Family goes on a grand journey to the South of France to discover the mystery of the Dowager Countess's newly inherited villa.

January 28th 7.30pm in Village Hall

'The Lost King' 2022 12A

Sally Hawkins, Steve Coogan

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We are now able to offer the availability of the Community Car for Sunday Church runs. Pre booking essential.

Braunston Heart

The Cosy Club

Since the advent of Cosy Club, I have heard many comments of what a brilliant idea, or, they don't see anyone during the day and would like company. This is not currently reflected in attendance. Yes, we have people in on both Monday and Tuesday but not many. This leads to an interesting discussion on: how do you measure success? Does having, say four regulars, merit opening – after all they are warm and in company for that time – or does it need to be a higher number to merit funding through winter?

Of course, it has been unseasonably warm, so perhaps this is a factor. The Wheatsheaf has kindly agreed to keep the club going until Christmas to help determine the need. However, opening time will change to 10am (no one comes in earlier).

On both days we have a host present in order to welcome and chat with those who attend (if they wish). Many games of dominoes have been played and Rummikub learnt. So come along and chat with others or play games. *Included is keeping warm and a hot drink.* Everyone is welcome, any age.

In addition, I am happy to arrange for benefit advisors/Age Concern or anything else suggested if wished. It needs you to tell us what you want – is there something preventing you from coming in? Perhaps I should say that of course, if you just wish to come in and pay for your drinks, then of course that is fine too. Make contact on heart@braunston.org.uk

Twinkle on The Green Sunday 4th December 4.00pm-7.00pm

I am delighted to say that Northampton Pipe Band are coming along with their bagpipes and drums. They will announce the event at 4pm before we have Carmela from Born to Perform turning on the lights. We also have the Braunston Singers, dancers from Rhythmic Expression dance school, the balloon lady with her lights in the balloons, a hook-a-duck stall and not forgetting the big man himself – Father Christmas. This year Santa will be on the Green and tickets will be £3 per child, paid on the door. We also have a fairground ride aimed at the u10s which will be

£1.00 a go. The Wheatsheaf will have a stall outside selling mulled wine, spiced cider and hot chocolate, (yum.). In the village hall will be stalls with beautiful gifts to purchase from silk scarves, pottery and glass, to candles, resin art, jewellery, willow, soaps and rock art. There will also be tables run by the Church and the Hive. There should be something for everyone. Sue will be face painting and Hayley from EPL Bakery will also be trying to tempt you with mince pies and other goodies. Oh – and the raffle!

For safety the roads will be closed. We still need more volunteers to supervise the barriers. We will open the roads soon as possible after the event. Please do not park in the village hall car park (unless you are a stallholder) after 3pm as you will not be allowed to leave via The Green.

Any monies raised will go to paying for the event and towards other initiatives such as Cosy Club.

If anyone would like a stall, to perform on stage, or volunteer to sell raffle tickets, then please make contact asap:

hearttwinkleteam@gmail.com

Finally, here is a photo of some of last year's winners from the Christmas Card competition, very carefully making some fabulous glass pieces, thanks to Amanda's Glass Alchemy and Serendipity Art Studio.

Jo Glover

Kindness and Compassion



SCOUTS
cubs



Sunday 13th November Thanksgiving & Remembrance

With the full support of the British Legion and All Saints' Church, over 60 young people from Scouting & Guiding paraded in uniform to All Saints' Church and held a short service that gave both joyful thanks for good things, as well as solemn remembrance.

Newly installed Rev Kathryn was delighted to see so many people filling the church and spoke to all about why we give thanks, and remember others. Later the serviced reminded us how remembering keeps those people alive in our minds as we give thanks for them.

Beavers & Brownies spoke of things they were thankful for. A Cub led the very loud shouting of a **BRAVO** of thanks for essential workers, NHS, charities & rescue services



Promises were renewed by the Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Guides & Scouts.

The service then moved outside to the war memorial where a scout read the Kohima Epitaph

“When you go home tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, We gave our today.” and an extract from The Fallen *“they shall not grow old....we will remember them”*;

Wreaths were placed. Then the traditional placing of crosses, whilst the name of every Braunston resident killed in both world wars written on the back was read out.

The silence was then observed and ended with the poem:

“Go out into the world in peace....may the road rise to meet you.....”

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Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

This advent, Braunston Climate Action Network is sharing a daily invitation to act on the climate crisis. Our Advent Calendar will be on our Facebook page – Braunston Climate Action Network and Twitter @braunstonaction

In our November meeting we discussed an air quality monitoring project that a Braunston student at Parker school would like to take on for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. We also reviewed our work to get EV charging points in Braunston, the costs and benefits of home batteries as well as our other Braunston projects. Our meeting notes are on our webpage in the 'Village Info' section of the village website under 'Climate Emergency', and our Facebook page. These projects have a direct impact on carbon emissions and climate as well as bringing co-benefits that will come with the post-fossil fuel age.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th December when we will discuss CoP27 as well as our Braunston projects. You can attend in person in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall or on Zoom. Please let us know if you would like the Zoom link.

If you are interested in joining us, please message 07989 421836 or 07554 264742

Jetty Field

Regular users of Jetty Field may have noticed some trees with red numbers on their trunks. Unfortunately, the poplars in Jetty Field are at the end of their natural life. Test reports on the trees have shown that they have considerable trunk decay. The advice we have been given is that the trees should be felled. The Parish Council has agreed and due to safety concerns the trees will be felled as soon as we have received up to date quotes for the work.

Removing the decaying poplars will also give us the opportunity to replant with more suitable native species to regenerate the spinney.

The work is likely to take place early in 2023 before the leaves have started to grow and birds have started nesting. Cont.

Whilst this work is undertaken, access to Jetty Field will be restricted. We will endeavour to keep you up to date with the actual period of work, which is likely to take five days. Please be aware that during this time heavy machinery will be moving around the site.

Second Braunston Brownies



During October the Brownies visited Cadbury world with Daventry District, where we saw the chocolate being made and learnt about the history of chocolate. This month while working on our skills for life theme award, we made phone/tablet/cookbook stands (with wood donated by Huws Gray and cut by Gary and Ray Capell). We had a fun evening learning some Makaton. We learnt how to sign our names, our six names and leader names!

We learnt how Brownies and Guides helped during the second world war by passing messages for MI5, rolling bandages, collecting and cleaning medicine bottles for reuse, making clothes and collecting magazines for soldiers. We each sewed a poppy which was made into our wreath for the parade.

On the 13th November we took part in the uniform remembrance service at the church with our special wreath.

In December we look forward to a theatre and a cinema trip, finishing our skills for life theme badge and Christmas crafts.



Our unit meets Thursday nights in the village hall 5.40-7.

If you/your daughter are interested in joining our unit please go to <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter> to find your nearest unit or email secondbraunstonbrownies@hotmail.com

LNBP Community Boating

After a few years' absence, LNBP Community Boating will once again be running their *Braunston Week* Community Trips Programme in 2023.

From Monday 15th to Friday 18th May 2023, we will be providing opportunity for Braunston-based community groups and organisations to enjoy short trips out on our boats to sample life on the Oxford and Grand Union Canals in and around Braunston.

Daytime and evening trips will be available for local groups and organisations based in the village to enjoy a short leisurely trip to enjoy the peace, calm and gentle pace of our local canals and the beautiful countryside around us.

These trips during this dedicated week for village groups are offered free of charge (although donations are welcome), hence they are always popular and are therefore subject to availability.



For further details and to make a booking for your community group or organisation, contact us by speaking to Nigel on 07783 002073 or via email: bookings@lnbp.co.uk.



Braunston History Society

The November meeting was well attended. Who would have thought that the history of Rugby and District's Lime and Cement works was so fascinating. John Frearson gave an excellent illustrated talk with documents and photos dating back over 200 years.

There is no meeting in December so we wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas and best wishes for 2023

January 17th 2023 in the village Hall as usual, 7.30 pm.

A Brief AGM to start. Election or re-election of officers. Volunteers welcome.

Please can members renew their subscriptions.

John Pomfret will then give us an illustrated talk:

'Water power in the Nene and Avon valleys'

The talk will look at the development of water mills from the days of ancient Greek and Roman civilisations through to the earliest water mills in the UK. Focussing on examples in the Nene and Avon valleys, we will look at the historical uses of water power in Northamptonshire and Warwickshire, the role of the watermill in village life and development of technology through to the present day.

Members free, guests £4

The Soup Corner at The Old Plough

A new initiative has been launched at The Old Plough to help combat the recent cost of living crisis whilst also helping the local Braunston Community Larder (previously Braunston Food Share). From Monday-Wednesday between 2pm-5pm, The Plough are offering a free homemade soup from their menu with bread & butter on every hot drink purchase beside the toasty open fires. Customers can also opt to donate their soup; in which case The Plough will purchase and donate a tin to The Community Larder.

Braunston 2nd Scouts in November

BEAVERS



Put on their own Show.

Beavers combined made puppets for their own puppet theatre show.



cubs

Laser Tag and Archery

SCOUTS

We have been trying our new Laser Tag kit in the pocket park and like scouts our newly acquired indoor archery kit.

We have been scoring a bullseye or 2 with our new indoor archery set.

Beavers

6 to 8 years Make friends try new indoor & outdoor activities. Meets Tuesdays 18:15 to 19:15 during term time.

Cubs

8 to 10 1/2 years Learn practical skills while having adventures with friends. Meets Thursdays 18:15 to 19:45 during term time.

Cub Leader: David Coleman David@braunstonscouts.co.uk

Braunston Friendly Club

We meet in **The Gallie Room at the Village Hall, 2pm to 4pm.**

Members enjoy tea, cake, fruit and a variety of activities that are organised through the year. Please come along and join us to find out more about what we do. We have extra cups, cake and chat all ready for people looking to come along to their first meeting.

Monday 12th December – A Christmas celebration

We are delighted that the Braunston Group, 'The Fossils' will be joining us this afternoon. Come along and enjoy this musical entertainment, mince pies and Christmas cake.

Members booked for the pantomime visit please pay Kate your £17 by today.

Monday 26th December – No meeting today

Monday 9th January – A quiz to start the new year.

We will be enjoying a 'Catch phrase' quiz, with a town theme, led by one of our members, David Tilley. Perhaps your New Year's resolution is to try something new, come along and join in the fun.

Monday 23rd January – A Burns Night afternoon celebration!

We are planning a Scottish themed afternoon. Bring along any Scottish stories and activities to share.

Fish and Chip meal payments will be collected today.

Wednesday 25th January – Pantomime at Rugby Theatre

All those booked on this visit meet at the Old Bus Shelter at 6.50pm. You will be dropped off at home after the performance.

For more information telephone

Jenny 890186 or Kate 890340

Braunston Walkers

Saturday 19/11/22 walk to Barby

On a cold, but thankfully sunny dry day, eleven of us started this walk, along Greenway into Countryside and at the bottom we squeezed through the gap by the gate to enter fields of long wet grass beyond. The horses were uninterested in us as we passed by. At the bottom of this field there is a footbridge over a stream, but a tree has fallen to create an obstacle course, which we clambered through. The field beyond rises steeply up to two wonky stiles. The public footpath then goes over several more fields and stiles, one with no crossbeam which has been reported on Street Doctor but still not repaired. One of the stiles was like a quagmire that needed to be traversed! Clinging to the metal gate we made it through. The fields go beneath Tiltup's Holt Farm before bringing you to a small wood and beyond you emerge onto the road by the water tower at Barby. The views back over the village are fantastic all the way. We then opted to walk along the muddy track past the Old Windmill and fishing lake to Elkington Lane which took us back to the centre of Barby.

Several members had opted to walk up Barby Road to miss the stiles and meet us at the water tower. Whilst some were walking from the village up Elkington Lane to meet us they met the new landlord of the Arnold Arms pub in the village which is due to be reopened early in December.

Our walk back was through the village of Barby and then down Barby Road back into Braunston and into The Wheatsheaf. Here a warm welcome and a hearty beef stew awaited us. It went down well after walking six miles. Well done Claire and Chris, it was fantastic!

Our next walk is Saturday 17/12 from Braunston, coming back to the village for lunch. We meet in the Village Hall car park at 10.00am.

For more information or to be put onto the email list to know about future walks contact:

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Although the original community café known as 'Your Café' ceased trading in July 2021, we have continued to allocate grants from the remaining funds to village groups and societies for projects. Prior to closure and since we began in 2015, we had given grants totalling £18,475 in response to 47 successful applications; a great legacy. These were across 25 different village groups and societies, including the Pocket Park, Playing Fields, Friendly Club, Scouts, Village Hall, Cinema Club, Football Club, Cricket Club, Youth Club and BVGA.

In the past year, we have paid out almost £4600 across seven applications, with a further two applications totalling £1600 committed but not yet drawn. **This makes a total of 56 successful applications totalling £24,675 over the past 8 years.**

Some examples for 2022 include funds granted for the BVGA to buy planters and plants for the Village Hall car park; a mower for the Cricket Club; part-funding for the Scouts to convert camp equipment to LED lighting; a defibrillator for the Village Hall and a contribution towards the new Community Car. The maximum grant is £1000 and currently **£4793 remains available for grants.**

Our constitution is on the Braunston village website along with the grant application form. You can find us by searching under 'Clubs & Societies' and we are listed in various sections including charities, community and volunteers.



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keren.andrews@outlook.com

Canal and River Trust



During October the Junction water point and Midland Chandlers received their final cut of the year including trimming the willow trees.

Two task parties and 4 ad hocs have met the objective of keeping these areas looking good all year. As well as being more welcoming to boating visitors, time and effort has been saved by not having to sort out the overgrown state witnessed in previous years.

Previously, a task party on the 24th Sept and ad hocs on the 4th & 25th Oct had made a good start on the ditch and hedges at Union Canal Carriers. The last task party this month finalised our work there for this year.

Other ad hoc tasks this month included using our workboat 'Skippy' to remove a tree that had fallen into the canal from the offside opposite the Stop House. Offside cutting from bridge 89 to bridge 90 (A45), cutting the hedge behind the abutment at the junction bridges, tending the Stop House grounds and repairing damaged gates at both BIFFA bin compounds are jobs that were completed.

The Society is always keen to welcome new volunteers so if you would like to come along and have some fun you can email us at braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com or phone/text us 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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Other news

Plough-O-Ween

The 29th October marked the first children's Halloween Party hosted at The Old Plough in the newly renovated lounge, since it was taken over by local residents Kurt Baker and Rhianna Conway. The day consisted of children's party games including, Wrap The Mummy, Pass The Pumpkin and Spider's Web with a short break for lunch. Great fun was had by all with many sweets and prizes handed out to those that attended. Deciding on the winner for the best dressed competition was a hard decision, since there were all sorts of spook-tacular costumes from pirates to witches! But in the end, the winner's trophy went to Neve Lorna Richardson – congratulations!

Bin Collections

Having checked with West Northamptonshire Council, unfortunately the bin collection dates for December 2022 and January 2023 will not be published until after this BVN needs to go to the printers in order for it to be available from 1st December. WNC advised they should be online from Monday 28th November.

Christmas collections will take place on the usual Wednesday.

Additional recycling can be put out in clear or plastic bags alongside recycling bins and boxes, or can be taken to the nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Garden Waste collections are suspended from 24th December to 6th January.



Real Christmas trees can be put out on the day garden waste is due to be collected. You do not need a garden waste subscription.

Please ensure all trees over 6^{ft} tall are cut in half so they will fit into the lorries.

Braunston Weather Report for October 2022

Total Rainfall	118.6 mm
Wettest Day	32.7 mm on Sunday the 23 rd
Wettest Hour	14.0 mm on Saturday the 22 nd ending at 23.02
Highest Temperature	20.7 ⁰ C at 16.15 on Saturday the 29 th
Lowest Temperature	3.2 ⁰ C at 04.14 on Tuesday the 11 th
Highest Pressure	1029.9 hpa at 11.36 on Tuesday the 18 th
Lowest Pressure	994.2 hpa at 01.24 on Monday the 24 th
Strongest Wind Gust	26.2 mph at 19.19 on Wednesday the 19 th
Brightest Sun	947.3 w/m ² at 15.42 Thursday the 20 th
Highest UV Index	9 at 15.39 on Thursday the 20 th

The average rainfall for October since 2015 has been 66 mm. So, we have received nearly double the average rainfall this month.

449.1 mm (18") of rainfall to date has fallen so far this year.

Adrian

Wanted - used stamps, postcards and coins

We still need your used stamps, postcards and coins to help continue to raise money for dogs' charities.

The amount raised so far is £6,500. 32.

A big thank you to someone who left me a large shoe box of postcards and another box of stamps. Thank you. Please keep sending them to:

Val Ward, 51 High Street, Braunston.

Manor Oak Homes Public Exhibition

A public exhibition on proposals for homes off Barby Rd is due to be held on January 10th 2023 in the Village Hall. The exhibition will be from approx. 5.00pm to 8.00pm. Exact times to be confirmed.

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