New Lock gates being installed at Lock 2
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Secretary: Arthur Old— 01788 890987  

ASHBY
Baptism: November 26th Isabelle Terry

BRAUNSTON
Baptisms: November 19th Lacie May Murrell  
Millie Rose Murrell  
December 10th Aaron Dunkley  
Harry McAllister  
Funeral: November 7th Sarah “Annie” Isom  

May she rest in Peace and rise in Glory
Parish councillors: -

Alan Mawer t: 01788 890340
Chris Johnson (chair) t: 01788 891597
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Sue Harrison t: 07769 589459
Tom Sabin t: 01788 891797

The council currently has three vacancies, please contact clerk if you are interested in being co-opted to the council

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.

4th December Full Council Meeting
8th January Full Council Meeting

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc
On the One Who Is To Come….

Like me, Peter Capaldi is leaving at Christmas. His departure promises to be infinitely more dramatic and glamorous than mine. I will collapse in a snoring heap at the end of Christmas services and then after recuperation assisted by multiple modest portions of wine and pudding will pack the contents of the Rectory into a lorry and slowly head east into the sunrise. Peter Capaldi, on the other hand, will thrillingly and regenerate into the thirteenth Time Lord (and change gender in the process!)

Now it is just possible that you have no idea what I’m talking about. In a nutshell on Christmas day Peter Capaldi, (The twelfth Dr Who - he of the thin, ominous face) is leaving the programme to be replaced by the attractive Jodie Whittaker. Dr Who is growing curves. Closer to home the dibley-esque Sarah Brown (The xxxxxth vicar) is leaving the programme to be replaced by…. drumroll…Another Vicar. I’m so sorry. We couldn’t get Jodie Whittaker, although I suppose Peter Capaldi might be available and would certainly bring a bit of atmosphere to the cemetery. But for now, the One Who Is To Come has no name. Vicar regeneration is not often visually spectacular, taking, as it does, a few months rather than minutes- and the sound effects are disappointing- but the new vicar will be different and I hope you will enjoy the difference! But the real point of this December epistle should not be the departure and replacement of some village vicar but the impending arrival of the real One Who Is To Come. The one whose sandal I’m not fit to untie, the one who is the light of the world come to dispel the darkness in me and in you. The one who we remember on Christmas day, born into poverty, danger and obscurity but called Saviour of the World. The one who grew up to show us that God is love. And then died to demonstrate that love by taking on himself the weight of all our darkness in order that we can step into the light of God’s presence and see our lives changed. And having neutralised death’s finality on Easter morning he went back to God from whom he had come, leaving a raggle baggle church and its raggle baggle leaders to love their communities in his name and point others to him until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

Jesus came and he will come again at the end of things. That is the Christian story. Vicars come and go but Jesus goes and comes back. May we all be ready when he does. I think we can safely say that the spectacle of the regeneration of all creation will put even the glorious Jodie in the shade. In the meantime I’m going to miss you.

Happy Christmas and Love one another, won’t you?

Sarah
The Vicar may be going but your church is still here because a good church is so much more than just a vicar!

There will still be services on Sundays

Peace at lunchtime will prevail

The school will still have church governors and assemblies

Maggie the Parish Nurse is still here

Home Communion emails are still available

We can still arrange weddings, funerals and christenings for you

Our team of pastoral visitors will still visit those in need

Church volunteers will still support your café and other village projects

The building will remain open during the day for you. We will continue to pray for you.

Of course there will be gaps - Sarah must have done something - but we hope it won't be long before she is replaced. In the meantime the key vicar contact is Daventry Team Rector, Canon Michael Webber (01327 876893). For practical matters call Pat Milner (01788 899157) and for pastoral enquiries go to pastoralcare@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk.
November’s floodlighting

2nd November - For Janet McCarthy’s birthday, with love from her many friends in Braunston
8th November – In loving memory of our great granddaughter Ava-May
11th November - In memory of Mom, Little Doreen. Can’t believe a year has passed
12th November - * Happy Anniversary Mick, with love

December’s floodlighting so far …

3rd December - * In Loving Memory of Our Mum
5th December - * Remembering with love my darling wife Thelma on her birthday - Bob
6th December - Remembering Judith
7th December - In memory of Sheila
9th December - Remembering you on your birthday Alan. Miss you every day. Love Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe & Matt xx
17th December – In loving memory of a special mum, always and forever in our thoughts and hearts. Cay and Bill
19th December - Gertie Brinkman, sending our love on your birthday as always, Lesley, John, Amelia, Matthew and the three girls
20th December - * In loving memory of Alan, from Gill and family.
23rd December - * The birthday of my late wife Pamela. From Harold, a daughter Sally & son Roger
25th December - For Glady Owen. Love and miss you. Always in our hearts. Lynn & Jim xx
25th December - Remembering our dearest mother at Christmas time. Forever in our hearts
25th December - Treasured memories at Christmas of Alan Cope love Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe & Matt xx
25th December – Top bloke, John Bartley sadly missed this Christmas. Love all your family
27th December * In memory of Philip Hutchinson
30th December - * Peter & Chris Grossart’s Wedding Anniversary
31st December - Remembering our devoted parents with love and affection
31st December - In loving memory of a special mum, always and forever in our thoughts and hearts. Cay and Bill

January’s floodlighting so far …

8th January - * Lit by Bryan & Janet Stuart, to Commemorate our son Jonathan
13th January - * In memory of Peter Wenham, friend & ringer
What strange weather we are having as we move from autumn into winter, however, I don’t ever remember seeing such wonderful sunsets over our village. There have been some magnificent photographs on the Braunston Bugle and I would have liked to put one on the cover of the magazine. As it is printed in black and white it would be fairly pointless! I hope you enjoy Jenny’s photograph of the new lock gates being fitted outside of her cottage. She told me that the environment agency men found some large fish when they were moving them to safety but strangely enough no crayfish. Perhaps Frosty could shed some light on that. Speaking of Frosty I have added his article about dragonflies in this issue. I know they are out of season but they cheer me up and I am in charge so there!!!!!!

I have been out and about doing Christmas shopping and have so much enjoyed them in all their festive glory. Most of my family live away so I need to get organised (never) early. Not there yet but on the way.

I am looking forward to seeing the Christmas trees appearing on the houses and in the windows and hopefully we can forget about the petty vandalism we seem to be experiencing at the moment. I was talking to a lady with a very tearful little girl who had spent ages making her pumpkin lantern and placing it by her gate only to have it kicked to pieces. Never mind Tilly I will lend you Bramble to guard it next year!

In all the forthcoming jollity I want to remember all those in our village and across the world who are ill, homeless, poor and just sad. I send my love to them.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone and a very Happy New Year. Next issue will be in February, a break for me to do some much needed housework.

Jenni
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Pre Primary Ballet (7-9 yrs) 5.45pm - 6.30pm
Primary Ballet (8 yrs) 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Gracia 1 Ballet (9 yrs) 7.15pm - 8.15pm
Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs) 7.45pm - 8.45pm
Adult Ballet (new entry) 8.15pm - 9.15pm

Tuesday
Acting, Performance & Singing (all ages) 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Friday
Gymnastics (all ages) 4.00pm - 5.30pm
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Grade 4 Ballet (15 yrs) 7.15pm - 8.15pm

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas in the Village Hall

This year the village hall committee are going to put up a Christmas tree and some decorations for everybody to enjoy over the festive season. If anyone has any unwanted decorations they would be willing to donate to us, it would be a big help in making the hall look really festive.

With grateful thanks, your Village Hall committee.
VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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Pre-School  Monday-Friday - braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

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For all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply ask Leyla 01788 899138 for details.

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FRESH FREE RANGE - DUCK
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   TOPSIDE OF BEEF
   FILLET OF BEEF
CRACKLING FREE RANGE PORK
BONED AND ROLLED LEG OF PORK
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

PIE ORDERS BEFORE 2ND DECEMBER

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No meeting in December but our annual lunch is on Tuesday, Dec 12th 12.30 pm at The Admiral Nelson. Those who went last year will know that we had a fabulous Christmas Lunch.

Cost is £13.50 each. If you would like to go please email Annie Rogers: davani@tiscali.co.uk or Clive Goodchild: suegoodchild663@btinternet.com

**Tuesday January 16th 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

This will be a society meeting in the Library. The archives will be open and we would welcome suggestions for speakers for our 2018 programme. Following the success of our September meeting when we heard fascinating family history stories from members we would love to hear more of them. If you have any interesting characters in your family tree whether brave, bold or bad then come along and tell us about them.

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### HEALTH WALKS

All are welcome to join in our Health Walks in the Village. Walks last approx 30/40 minutes starting and finishing up at our Community Café.

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

Walks will start from outside the Community Café at 2pm.

**There will be walks on Fridays: 8th and 15th December**

**No dates yet for January, please check on The Braunston Village Website**

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Staverton 18/11/17
A dismal, grey day greeted us as eight of us met up ready for the off. Philip was unwell and not able to join us, but the rest of the group send him their best wishes for a speedy recovery. We walked down through jetty fields then left along Dark Lane and the bridle way passing the Admiral Nelson. We arrived at top lock and paused to view the dewatered canal, emptied while they repair and replace lock gates. It would be a great place for a metal detector in amongst the mud and grunge. Back opposite the Admiral Nelson we turned left along the Jurassic Way looking back at fantastic views to Bragborough House on the hill and over our lovely village. The weather had improved by now as we passed a herd of cows and calves more alarmed by us than we were them. We crossed the busy A45 and followed a field path before wading over the slightly muddy field that takes us down to the perpetual mud of Braunston Covert. We followed the path around the back of Berry Fields Farm where a murmuration of Starlings twisted and wheeled over the field. The path then becomes a bridle way, muddy in parts, that leads all the way over to Staverton. The views from this path are just magnificent, indeed you could see the Amazon (well their warehouse in nearby Daventry at least) It's a bit steep and we huffed and puffed uphill and into the delightful village of Staverton and, more importantly our lunch venue, the Countryman. A pint of Poachers and a fabulous Fish Finger Ciabatta was soon produced. All very tasty and great value so, of course, highly recommended. We were joined at lunch by two more friends and everyone enjoyed the pub and wonderful food. The service was also excellent. Sadly, we had to get going to walk past Staverton Hall and out on a network of field paths, with some fantastic views over to Shuckborough, Flecknoe and a distant Braunston church spire. We stalked along muddy tracks up and downhill back to Braunston using the church spire as a waypoint to find our way. One of the best views of our village is from the field just before Old Road. This really is a splendid walk whatever time of year but particularly stunning in late Autumn. Our Christmas walk is December 16th
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Friday 15th December 8.00 p.m.

Entry by donation

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Whilst ambling beside your favourite canal towpath, riverside walk or village pond there's nothing like the colourful iridescent flash of a dragonfly to tell you that summer is here.

There are 57 recorded species of Odonata in Britain, made up of 21 damselflies and 36 dragonflies.
So, what is the main difference between a dragon and a damsel? The most noticeable difference is that most dragonflies rest with their wings open while damselflies rest with their wings folded together over their body. Damselflies are also weak fliers and tend to stay close to water.

Adult dragonflies are amazing creatures with huge multifaceted compound eyes each made up of nearly 24,000 individual ommatidia or simple eyes.
Dragonflies are fierce predators, both in their aquatic larval stage, when they are known as nymphs or naiads, and as adults. Several years of their lives are spent as nymphs living in fresh water; the adults may be on the wing for just a few days or weeks. .

Dragonflies are of some of the swiftest flying insects, with hawker dragonflies recorded at a top speed of over 20 miles an hour. They are also highly manoeuvrable, with some species capable of hovering and even flying backwards. . Rather than being designed for walking dragonfly’s legs are positioned to catch prey whilst airborne. Once a meal is caught, the dragonfly’s forward-facing legs are capable of holding up the prey item to its mandibles. They eat small flying insects such as flies and mosquitoes – as well as some larger item such as butterflies and even smaller dragonflies. The aquatic larvae of dragonflies are voracious, hunting various invertebrates, as well as tadpoles and even small fish.

Want to help our British dragonflies? Or just find out more about them? The British Dragonfly Society is the place to start. british-dragonflies.org.uk
A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers

What a successful year for Jetty Field. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers the site has been looking in a great condition throughout the year.

We have planted over 250 bedding plants, 100 wild harvest trees, laid 15 tons of aggregate, mowed the grass at least 15 times (thank you Peter Biggs), re-sited compost heaps and tried to keep it weed free (is this ever possible??).

We are looking forward to doing it all again in 2018. Have a great Christmas Everyone!
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FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE | EVENT | ORGANISATION
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Dec 9th | Garage Sale | Twinners
9th | Braunston Bakes in Wheat-sheaf | BB
9th | Wolfhamcote Carol Service | 
14th | AGM | BVGA
15th | Christmas Extravaganza | All Saint's Church

The mobile Sight Unit will be in Daventry
Wednesday 20th December
Between 10 am—1pm

THE MOBILE LIBRARY

22nd December 2017
26th January 2018
16.50—17.10
Sat Dec 16th 7.30pm in the Village Hall

“Their Finest” 2016 12A
With Gemma Atherton, Bill Nighy and a cast of British Actors

Catrin Cole, newly appointed as a scriptwriter for propaganda films during WW2, joins the cast and crew of a major production while the Blitz rages around them.

Sat Jan 27th 7.30pm in the Village Hall

“My Old Lady” 2014 12A
With Maggie Smith, Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott Thomas.

Mathias a penniless American inherits an apartment in Paris that comes with an unexpected resident and her daughter. His late father had acquired the property as a “life lease”, a typically French custom Mathias had never heard of. Not only can he not sell the property but he also has to pay the “Old Lady” a pension.

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The AGM was held on 14th November. Unfortunately, only a handful of members attended due to the low active membership. The future of the Branch was discussed without any real conclusion being reached. However, it was decided to carry on for the time being to see if matters improve in 2018. The only way forward would be to attract at least half a dozen new members willing to participate in the Branch activities and help in the running of the Branch. Is anyone interested in helping the Legion to continue the valuable work it carries out looking after past and present members of the armed forces and their dependents?

The meeting re-elected all existing officers to serve for a further year. Bill Musgrove was elected President to replace Ted Worster who died earlier this year. The Rushall Cup was awarded to Colin White as a mark of appreciation of the hard work he performs not only as treasurer but for the many other activities he covers.

You are reminded that the Branch has a welfare officer, Sue Dobson, who is available to give help and advice to all ex-servicemen and dependents. Do not hesitate to contact her if she can be of help on any matter. Telephone No. 01788 822 523.

The Poppy Appeal collection appears to have been well supported as usual. Thank you all who contributed. Counting is still going on and the results will be given in the next issue of the BVN.

The next monthly Luncheon will be held at midday on 17th January at the George Hotel, Kilsby. No need to book, just turn up. There will not be a Luncheon in December.

There will not be a Branch meeting in December. The first meeting in 2018 will be held on 9th January at 2.30pm at the Sporting Club, Barby. It is crucial that as many members as possible attend and anyone else interested in joining.

Tony Saunderson
Tel. No. 01788 890797
Monday 11th December 12.15pm
Christmas meal at Barby Gun Club.
We will be leaving at 12.15pm from the Village Green bus stop for our Christmas meal. Give your name and menu choices to Jenny to book your place. Remember to bring along one small, wrapped gift.

Monday 18th December 2pm to 4pm
Mince pies and Christmas cards at the Village Hall
We will be enjoying mince pies and a chat with just a week to go before Christmas.
Non-members are very welcome to join our meetings, so do come along. We look forward to meeting you.

We meet in The Gallie Room at the Village Hall.
For more information telephone
Jenny 890186

Monday 8th January 2pm to 4pm
Tea and chat at the Village Hall.
A lovely opportunity to start the New Year by catching up with everyone’s news. Non-members are very welcome to join our meetings, so if you are looking for something to do on a Monday afternoon then do come along we look forward to meeting you.

Saturday 20th January afternoon
Pantomime – Robin Hood at Rugby Theatre – all arrangements to be confirmed.
We will leave from the Village Green bus stop to be in our seats for the 1.30pm performance of Robin Hood. Give your name to Jenny to book your place.

Monday 22nd January 2pm to 4pm
A talk about walking to raise money for charity at the Village Hall
Annette Cunningham and Julie Boneham will talk about their fundraising walks to raise money for charities linked to Alzheimer’s.
This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear more about how Braunston families go the extra mile to support charity.
Non-members are very welcome to join our meetings, so do come along. We look forward to meeting you.

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Braunston Women’s Institute

Next meeting. Tuesday December 5th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tonight, we shall have our Christmas Celebrations and be entertained by the Braunston Singers. Hopefully a jolly festive time will be had by all. There is no meeting in January, instead we shall have a delicious lunch at the Admiral Nelson. This will be on Tuesday 16th, at 12.00 pm. The cost is £14
Contact Barbara on: 01788 890452

Braunston Friendly Club

SEE PAGE 29 FOR FRIENDLY CLUB ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Braunston Fishing Club

BINGO
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Mrs Leyla Clayson
62 High Street
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leylaclayson@gmail.com
01788 899138

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Information provided by Rob Buckley
Parish Council – Information about the new bus shelter

Following the previous change to the bus route we have been concerned that there is no shelter for passengers waiting at any of the bus stops. Last year the council allocated part of the budget to provide a new shelter close to the two most frequently used stops. We also asked which of the two available sites you preferred. Following this and discussions with the bus company, NCC highways and the Village Hall committee it was decided to site a new shelter just inside the car park adjacent to where buses towards Rugby stop and across the road from the Daventry direction stop.

Volunteers have finished laying a concrete base. The number of parking spaces has been maintained. The company constructing the shelter, which will be made of wood, will have it ready by about February. At this time we will remove a 1 metre section of the railing to form the entrance to the shelter.
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**Friday 15th December**
7:45pm **Christmas Extravaganza** at All Saints’
Carols & Christmas Music with City of Coventry Brass

**Sunday 17th December**
6:30pm **Nine Lessons and Carols** at All Saints’
Traditional choral service of scripture, carols & music

**Sunday 24th December**
4pm **Crib Service** - Really Festive and Cheerful
Energetic nativity fun for everyone and particularly for young children.

**Sunday 24th December**
11:00pm **Christmas Midnight Mass**

**Monday 25th December - Christmas Day**
11:00am **Christmas Family Service** with Communion

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BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION

The BVGA AGM will take place on Thursday 14th December 7.30pm AGM. Library, Village Hall.
SOMETHING UNIQUE happens in the isolated, redundant and beautiful C13th church of St Peter in the lost village of Wolfhampcote at 4 pm on the second Saturday in December of every year!

Some people come from all over the country to experience and take part in what has become a popular local tradition.

Villagers, dressed warmly and bearing candle lanterns, get together and entertain themselves in a pre-Christmas winter festival. The sight of this ancient church lit purely by hundreds of candles is quite breath-taking both to adults and children alike.

Carols and Christmas songs are interspersed by volunteers reciting either comic or serious poems, monologues and readings and sometimes by a solo instrumentalist.

This informal get-together on 9th December is a truly wonderful start to the Christmas festivities and if you have never attended you have missed out on something very rare and rather beautiful!
GONGOZLERS REST CAFÉ BOAT

We are very proud to let you know that together we raised £722 on our MacMillan Coffee Morning.

Thank you all.

The café will be closed from Sunday 17th December and reopening on Thursday 1st February for a refit of the kitchen and maintenance work.

We would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Avril, Jackie, Fiona and Crew.

THANK YOU

I would like to say a huge thank you for all the lovely cards, phone calls, and emails received following my recent heart valve replacement surgery at Glenfield Hospital in Leicester. The support has been amazing.

Thank you all
Joy Pittam
Ashby Road

Quote of the month

From home to home and heart to heart, from one place to another, the warmth and joy of Christmas brings us closer to each other.
DTP