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Alisdair Rolt - Turning Japanese? See page 11
The Blessed Virgin Mary & St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers

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REGISTERS FOR January 2014

Weddings - Braunston

December 28th 2013 - Rebecca Wheeler and Colin Morgan

Funerals - Braunston

January 31st - Thomas Hough
May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory
On seeing things differently

My husband is a wonderful present-giver; creative and generous. It is also fair to say that, thanks to eBay, once he gets onto a horse that looks like a winner he will (if the metaphor is not too unfortunate) milk it till it is exhausted. This year’s gift theme has been icons; pictures of Jesus such as you find in the Russian and Greek Orthodox Church tradition. The real ones are hand-painted on ancient wooden panels and plastered in real gold leaf. Those are not feasible purchases for the averagely salaried but I do now have a glorious array of factory-made substitutes, printed and pressed out for the faithful poor. I have hung them on a board to keep them together and stop them cluttering up the place (the icons, I mean, not the poor.) They look really beautiful and I’m very pleased to have them over my desk as a reminder of both the men that I love. In the centre is a po-faced traditional Jesus with a huge gold halo and a surprising little rosebud mouth. He has moody eyes and looks stern and uncompromising. His hand is raised in slightly grudging blessing, smallest two fingers meeting his thumb. Every so often I look up from my keyboard to find myself being scrutinised by his Mona Lisa eyes. He exudes a disapproving holiness that is perhaps some older people’s experience of the Church and I can quite see why some have turned away because judgement without love is appalling. I love him as a gift and an artwork although I’m not sure he represents a view of Jesus that I easily relate to. But yesterday I was preparing material for the Youth Church and was playing a CD of cheery worship music, some of which paints a quite different picture of Jesus - this time as everyone’s BFF (that’s ‘Best Friend Forever’ if you are over 25 and don’t watch Disney Channel). As I got down with the beat (!) I looked guiltily up at the stern icon and blow me, his eyes were twinkling and his fingers were not blessing but clicking in time to the music. It gave me quite a surprise I can tell you! Of course, you know and I know that paintings don’t really do that sort of thing. But it made me think how easy it is to judge things based on a very limited one dimensional view and it reminded me that Jesus is not as easy to categorise as we often pretend. He is power and love- not one or other, but both. And above all, he was born as one of us. Why wouldn’t he love boppy music? I’m always impressed by those who feel able to spout authoritatively on the dreadfulness of God or his church without knowing much about either. If you think that Christ’s Church is authoritarian and judgemental or hideously happy clappy but are prepared to look beyond the flat stereotypical mental icon which you or others have painted, look again. Church people might indeed be a bit funny sometimes but once you see Christ in three dimensions he is hard to ignore.

Every blessing, Sarah
Not shown in the December BVN …
23rd November - Mum (Gillian). Missing you more each year. Lots of love Tina, Keiran, Mark, Kayleigh, Jack, Sophie, Harry, Laurraine and John

December's floodlighting so far …
3rd December - * In Loving Memory of Our Mum
6th December - Remembering Judith
7th December - Remembering Sheila
14th December - * Lit for Lily Fairclough, loving mum & granma, forever in our thoughts. Love from all the family.
18th December - * Remembering Ron Tait with much love. Helen
19th December - For Gertie Brinkman: Remembering Nan with love on your 99th birthday and always
20th December - In memory of Alison Thomas from the Thomas and Jennings families
20th December - * For Alan Powell in loving memory from Gill and family
23rd December - * The birthday of my late wife Pamela. From Harold, a daughter Sally & son Roger
24th December - Carl Grant. Birthday memories. Sharon, Kyle, Siann and family xxx
25th December - Lit by Lynn + Jim for Glad Owen. Always in our hearts, so sadly missed.
25th December - Remembering Alf & Sarah Bodley, also Shirley Aldrige at Christmas. Val & Roy.
25th December - Remembering Lucy Joe & Cliff Allcott at Christmas. Val & Roy.
25th December - In memory of Stephen and Mark Hounsell
26th December - For Fran on your birthday. Love Mum and Dad.
30th December - * Peter & Chris Grossart’s Wedding Anniversary
31st December - Remembering Mum and Dad on their wedding anniversary. With fondest love and affection from all the family.

January’s floodlighting so far …
1st January - * Lit for Pam and John Rose-Casemore celebrating 60 years of marriage
1st January - For Shirley Aldridge with much love from Henry, Sally, Tracy and families
6th January - Good luck to Rebekah Holloway and Aaron Dunkley on their engagement. From all the family.
7th January - For George & Barry & David
8th January - * Lit by Bryan & Janet Stuart, to Commemorate our son Jonathan
11th January - * Brian Wallis, died Jan 11th 2012, always in my heart, Jennifer.
22nd January - Birthday memories for Glad Owen. With us always, our dearest friend. Love Lynn and Jim
23rd January - For Beryl Sampson, much loved and sorely missed by all her Grandchildren.
28th January - * Remembering Eric Alsop and Ted and Audrey Flower. Wonderful parents

February's floodlighting so far …
9th February - In memory of Bill. Love Iris.
10th February - * In memory of Mansel Davies
10th February - To Cedric with love on your 90th birthday from Betty
19th February - * In loving memory of my brother Rowan on his birthday. Miss you loads. Duncan x
22nd February - John and Rosemary Harding. We made it to our golden wedding anniversary!
23rd February - * Happy birthday Zoe.  Love, Mum & Dad

* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

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

DAVENTRY HEALTH WALK SCHEME
Help yourselves get fit by joining in our 30/40 min Health Walks around the village.
Walks in February will take place on Thursday 20th and Thursday 27th from outside The Cake Slice Tearooms, in the High Street. at 2.pm
All are welcome (no charge) but please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be over fields.
Leader Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)
NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.
Volunteers have continued to work hard over the winter period. Clearing up jobs have been undertaken and leaves have been raked up. On our work morning we hope that we can have a bonfire and continue with the upkeep of this wonderful village amenity. Dennis has also worked extremely hard cutting down the reeds in the garden area and clearing hedgerows. He has also started to plant a hedgerow at the bottom of the field along the brick wall. We hope to plant small trees in the bottom corner of the field as a copse for future generations!
The sheep did a magnificent job clearing the field and many people have made very positive comments about how good the area looks! The volunteer team look forward to achieving more over the whole Pocket Park area in the spring and summer. A big thank you to Peter for driving the tractor and saving us a lot of hard work!
The Allotment holders, under the able direction of Bob Cluett, moved vast quantities of horse manure from the field in the Greenway to the allotments. A great team effort! Thank you to the owners of the horses and particularly Sally - Ann Longworth who coordinated the exercise. Also thank you to vehicle drivers Paul and Dennis.
Don't forget! If you want to become a "Friend of Jetty Field" and help us with a donation and membership - contact Pat. Herlihy - 890590. If you want to help in the volunteer work ring either Brian 899262 or Andrew 890826 - we would welcome you to the group!

The Dick Herne Braunston History Society.
Our first talk of the new year is on **Tuesday 18th February at 7.30 p.m.** in the Village Hall. Members free, non members £2. The title for the talk is "**The Kitchen Front. Wartime food and the kitchen**"
All are very welcome to attend, it should be a highly entertaining evening!
We have an "**Open Archive**" meeting on **Tuesday 18th March at 7.30 p.m.** in the Village Hall. Again, all are welcome to come along to talk and use the archives.
Our **A.G.M.** is on **Tuesday 15th April at 7.30 p.m.** in the Village Hall.
Do come along to renew memberships and to collect your new cards. These will contain our new and interesting programme for 2014 - 2015.
For more information about the History Society please ring **Mrs. Chris. Pardoe (Chair.) 890448** or **Mrs. Annie Rogers (Secretary) 891179.**
BRAUNSTON PARCELS

Braunston's parcels continue to be sent to our troops either serving in Afghanistan or to those onboard HMS MONTROSE which is currently on patrol in the Gulf. To date 1,334 parcels have now been sent and my thanks go to every single one of you who continue to contribute to "the box." Thank you!

Just before Christmas I received two letters from HMS Montrose. One was from the captain, Commander J M B Parkin and the other from Leading Medical Assistant Chris Godwin as well as a Christmas card from the entire crew. The Christmas card was on display in the village shop throughout the Christmas period and I do hope that many of you were able to see it. Photocopies of the two letters are now on display in the shop and once again, I hope that you will take the opportunity to read them.

Both letters tell how much our parcels are appreciated and the contents enjoyed. Apparently, there are 7 mess decks on board HMS Montrose and as the parcels arrive so they have been shared between each deck. Sometimes, the contents are even used as prizes for various charity events held onboard! Commander Parkin also said that he enjoys reading about the village as copies of the B.V.N. are sent in the parcels each month and he seems to know Braunston quite well!

Once again, my thanks for your continuing support and I do hope that it isn't too late to wish a Happy New Year to all the readers of the B.V.N.

Val Worrall

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BRAUNSTON CHRISTMAS MARKET

Braunston Christmas Market on December 7th raised £150 for the Friendly Club. Thank you to all the helpers, stall holders and customers for making it work and adding to our Saturday morning experience!
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Braunston Scout Group are pleased that Alisdair Rolt has been selected to represent Northamptonshire Scouts at the World Scout jamboree in Japan in 2015. The jamboree will be held on the southern island at Kirara-hama, Japan. Further details can be found on the Scout Association website www.scouts.org.uk

When asked Alisdair told us how excited and privileged he felt to have been selected. He now has the task of raising the £3000 to fund the trip, part of the overall cost is used to subsidise Scouts from poorer nations. Alisdair also explained that he has set himself a personal goal of raising significantly more as he also wishes to donate funds to the Air Ambulance and to a Japanese children’s charity.

Current fundraising plans include Bag Packing at supermarkets, a concert to be held locally in Braunston and he is also proposing to do a sponsored hair cut. He hopes to have further details available for the next edition of the BVN. If you wish to help Alisdair in any way please contact via his dad (steve@rolt.net or 07956 682733) Steven Roltm: 07956 682733 e: steve@rolt.net

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CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA 21 December 2013
-withe Dunchurch Silver Band

Christmas Carols enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to all who attended and helped to make it so enjoyable and successful.
£501 was raised for Church Funds
I am sorry but I haven’t been able to contact anyone about the Youth Club opening dates

Jenni Burton

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**Hope and Homes for Children**

**Funds Raised since last shown in BVN**

- Money raised from Penny Pots since last shown: £209.04
- Donations: £20.00
- Stall at Church Autumn Fair: £28.25
- Christmas Coffee, Croissant and Crafts Morning: £500.00
- Making the Total raised since 1st March 2012: £2,031.91

Many thanks to those who supported or helped at the Autumn Fair;
Many thanks to those who came, helped, had a stall; at the Christmas Coffee Morning,
And thank you for your continuing support via Penny Pots and donations

Thank you all so much
Brenda Hobbs on behalf of
Hope and Homes for Children
Tel 01788 899086
The Royal British Legion - Braunston & District Branch

Again, a big thank you to all who contributed to the Annual Poppy Appeal which this time raised £2020 in Braunston out of a total of £6805 in the district; also thanks to the local businesses and our team of collectors who made this possible.

Another very enjoyable band concert was held at the Community Centre (Daventry) on December 14th with Daventry Brass, 497 (Daventry) Squadron ATC and approximately 150 people including our M.P. and 20 local dignitaries in attendance. This annual concert is our main money making activity of the year for the area which gives support to the Band and particularly RBL for our local welfare work and especially for various projects at Galanos House at Southam - our local RBL residential home.

There was an omission in the December/January issue - Brian Cockerill, having lost his wife last October generously offered to take on the vacant secretary's position caused by the recent death of Mick Abbott.

Our January meeting was held at Barby Sporting Club where we enjoyed a very interesting talk by Michael Stretton about his experiences as a long serving fighter pilot during 'The Cold War' when East/West relations were stretched to the limit and aircrews only got 2 minutes notice to be airborne.

We are hoping to have Michael back later in the year for another talk chosen from his wide repertoire. 2014 will be a very important year for the RBL as we approach the Centenary of the start of the 'Great War' so we have asked the Parish Council to help us by ensuring the Braunston War Memorial is 'brought up to standard' after many years of weathering. There is currently a national drive with grants available to ensure that our Memorials are being looked after.

The monthly lunch will be at The Boat House on February 19th from 12.00 and our next meeting will be held at The White Horse - Welton on February 11th at 8pm. All are welcome at both events.

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A Braunston woman has given £10,000 to the Friends of All Saints in memory of her late partner Brian Wallis.

It's the second major donation from a private individual to boost the appeal launched by the Friends of All Saints. The gift, from Jennifer Coy, has swelled the fund to more than £70,000.

The vicar, the Rev Sarah Brown, described it as "A phenomenal bequest".

All the more so as Jennifer is not a believer. Though Brian, says Jennifer, "Liked to keep his options open".

She decided to make the donation because she and Brian had always loved the church as a building. They discovered it some 40 years ago on their first canal holiday. "Whenever we returned by boat, the church was a landmark for us," says Jennifer. "The church spire was always a beacon that drew us in."

So who was Brian Wallis, who has inspired such generosity? He was born in the small West Yorkshire town of Holmfirth and brought up by a single mother - not an easy situation all those years ago. It was there that he met Jennifer. A blunt plain-speaking Yorkshireman to some, to Jennifer "Brian was my rock". He built up a haulage business before moving to Braunston where his enthusiasm for the canals led him to invest in a boat hire business.

Eventually he and Jennifer bought their own home in Brindley Quays and were able to enjoy the view of the church every day.

Then some eighteen months ago, Brian died suddenly and unexpectedly. They had been together for 43 years. Friends and neighbours, says Jennifer, offered great comfort and support. She decided to make donations to local charities in his name, some in his home town of Holmfirth. In Braunston, it was to the appeal to save All Saints.

The gift follows another of £20,000 from Peter Andrews, who also lives in Brindley Quays. Together, the two donations account for almost half of the money raised so far.

"There is something extraordinary that so much money has been given by people who live in that one place" says the vicar, "There must be something about the fact that they look at the church day in and day out."

But it will take more than just these two gifts to save the church. Almost £180,000 is still required to safeguard the building. So more donations are urgently needed.
UP, UP...AND SAFELY DOWN AGAIN
It was a tall story at the village church last month. 
So tall that it needed a specially-hired ladder. 
The vicar was on hand as assorted brave souls prepared to ascend Nearer my God to Thee. 
The occasion was a visit by English Heritage to inspect the crumbling masonry of the church. It's the latest stage of the project to restore the building and make it safe for generations to come. Special arrangements were called for to ensure that the state of the roof could be inspected at close quarters. Gutters, downpipes, slates and stonework are all in a parlous condition. Not all of it is properly visible from ground level, so the intrepid explorers were invited to put their hearts in their mouths, their faith in an exceptionally long ladder, and reach for the sky. 

English Heritage was represented by Amanda White, Historic Buildings Surveyor extraordinary. She was one of those clambering up the hundred or more rungs of the monster ladder, together with Stephen Oliver, who has been appointed as architect by the Friends of All Saints, and two roofing experts. 

And as if once was not enough, they had to repeat the death-defying feat again and again to inspect different sections of the roof. 

Now the Friends have to wait for Amanda White's recommendations on whether the church should receive a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Even if it qualifies, any assistance will depend on available funds. Backing the application is a report drawn up by Stephen Oliver, who has already done a fully-costed assessment, complete with photographs. It shows that £250,000 is required. 

Meanwhile, fund-raising continues locally and so far more than £70,000 has been collected - almost a third of the total needed. 

The biggest contributions have come from two private individuals who between them have contributed about half of the total raised so far. 

Because of the competing demands for lottery funds, more donations are urgently needed. Contributions large or small will be gratefully received. Those who wish to help can join the Friends, purchase mugs, pens or shopping bags, or simply make a donation. Full details are on the church website.
Little Saints is coming to Braunston !!!

Starting Monday January 13th in the Village hall at 3:15pm and 4:15 pm

A weekly play session for 2-7 years olds intended to help develop their fundamental movement skills through interactive play and structured games and activities, whilst being centered around a rugby based theme. Teaching them the basics of kicking, running and passing.

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Claire Harrison's lambs "swept the board" at two shows over the Christmas period. Her lambs were placed SUPREME CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION at Rugby Christmas primestock show. She also won the points trophy for the highest points gained overall!

If this was not enough of a success, Claire also carried off the SUPREME CHAMPION AWARD at the Newark and Nottinghamshire primestock show 2013.

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Claire Harrison with Andrew Fyfe
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BRAUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY

At Stoke Bruerne in Dec it was a pleasure to receive an award on behalf of all our members. The Canals and Rivers Trust South East Region, make an award each year to the Volunteer Group that, in their view, has made the best overall contribution in the region during the year. This not only recognises our work effort but also the groups recognition of Health and Safety issues, our paperwork and our general performance. This recognises all the contributions members have made and I was proud to accept it on their behalf. The wet weather is not helping our work plans but there is much to be attended to as soon as possible. In recognition of the Anniversary of WW1 Daventry District Council is having a promotion for wildflower planting, CRT has agreed that we can develop a small wildflower meadow area in the Stop House Garden and we are hoping to commence this in the spring. We will have held our AGM by the time this appears, several changes are likely to be made but all these will be to improve the groups efforts for the future.

Chris Burton - 891546

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Dear resident
if you are interested please send me an email

STREET WATCH

Local Policing Teams are invited to launch Street Watch schemes across your Sectors and Districts. Street Watch is a Community Patrol Initiative designed to tackle low level issues that impact most on our communities. Street Watch members are ordinary citizens with no police powers. Groups are organised by a co-coordinator and run by the community for the community. They work closely with the police to prevent crime by improving security, increasing vigilance, creating and maintaining a caring and cohesive community and reducing opportunities for crime by increasing crime prevention awareness. Schemes assist the Police by communicating with us and reporting local concerns.

Volunteers are asked to patrol in pairs, wearing a marked-up high visibility jacket, for a minimum of two hours per month and engage but avoid confrontational behaviour or conflict.

Regards
Kev

PCSO Kev Thompson
Kevin.Thompson@northants.pnn.police.uk
The Braunston TIMELINE.
The Timeline is now in place at All Saints' Church. We had a wonderful unveiling ceremony that was attended by a large number of guests and local people. It was also publicised by The Daventry Express and Radio Northamptonshire. The church is open every day from about 9.00 a.m. to dusk; do go along and see the completed work! If you have not seen it, it is a record of Braunston from A.D. 43 to the present day on the top section and this is reflected in important parts of world history on the bottom section. The whole display is over five metres long and over a metre high, printed in colour on aluminium. It is a permanent display. We are very grateful for the financial support from a number of groups and individuals. The whole project cost over £2,500 pounds and was paid for by donations and grants from organisations and individuals. Their names are recorded on a small board near the Timeline.

We are particularly grateful to Neil Bannister and Liz. Orton. It was their vision and artistic talent that has brought the whole project to life. Without their commitment we would not have the magnificent Timeline in our church as a permanent record of some of our local and world history.

Andrew Alsop, Neil Bannister and Liz Orten

Photo courtesy of Cedric Wasser
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Braunston Walkers  
Walk Saturday 16/11/2013

The weather was cloudy but thankfully dry as seventeen intrepid souls set off from the church at Flore onto the Nene Way, across a meadow and downhill (yippee!!) to a bridge over the River Nene. We crossed the busy A5 and then went first over the canal and then the main railway line. We then started over fields to reach our first uphill bit (groan!!) up alongside magnificent lakes to reach Church Stowe with its commanding views over the Nene Valley. We paused at the top to catch breath and suck on sweets kindly supplied by Judith and Nigel before passing the old stone church and following a road to join a footpath next to the old stone, ornate, school house. We passed a field full of Tamworth pigs that either recognized their equals or were seeking food as they rushed over to greet us. We walked downhill (yippee!) and then steeply uphill (groan!!) to reach Upper Stowe where we passed the Old Dairy Barn teashop. Our route followed the road through the village and then turned right at the fork in the road and soon reached the A5. Taking great care we crossed the busy road and took the path off right before reaching a motor cycle scramble field behind Mount Farm then over fields to our first (but sadly not the last) stile. We reached a footbridge over the railway line as Virgin trains hurtled by enroute for London. The path crossed another field and reached a building shown on the map as The Old Crown which is now a private house and no longer a pub. We reached the canal and followed the towpath left passing a huge newish marina to reach the Furnace Road that leads into Nether Heyford and our lunch stop at The Olde Sun pub. A magnificent old stone pub with lots of interesting bric a brac, some lovely old enamel adverts, and more importantly great food and Banks beer. They were very welcoming when we arrived and we had barely sat down when the food arrived. Fantastic and of course highly recommended. Fully refreshed we set off along the road and over the A45 along the path which is the Midshires Way which goes 225 miles over the shires, Bucks, Northants, Leicester, Notts and Derbyshire. We had been following its route since we had joined the canal prior to lunch. Our path thankfully, skirted the 142 metre Glassthorpe Hill and with distant views to the church tower of Nobottle we cautiously walked by a huge but thankfully benign bull. We arrived at a crossroads of paths and joined the Macmillan Way over muddy fields back to Flore. There is a lot more to Flore than the A45 bit that we normally drive through enroute to Northampton and we enjoyed the lovely old Northamptonshire stone buildings as we walked back to the cars and home for a reviving cuppa. A great walk and close to home. We normally meet at 10 at the village hall. Come and join us.
Fundraising

January 2014
Sat. 25th. 7:00pm - Burns' Night - Village Hall

March 2014
Twinners Craft Fair

April 2014
Car Boot Sale - to be confirmed

May 2014
Sat. 17th. Quiz Night - Village Hall

June 2014
Sat. 7th. 12:00noon- 4:00pm Braunston Church Fete on the Green

July 2014
Car Boot Sale - to be confirmed

August 2014
Fri. 1st. Car Treasure Hunt - All Saints Church

September 2014
Sat. 13th. Proms Night - Dunchurch Silver Band - All Saints Church
Sat. 27th September - Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day

October 2014
Mon 6th. Harvest Supper
Sat. 18th. Quiz Night - Village Hall

November 2014
Sat. 15th. Autumn Fair - to be confirmed

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?
Ms Mandy Cook of Braunston and Mr Victor Brown of Coventry have begun collecting plastic bottle tops (see below) on behalf of the Birmingham Children's Hospital.
Please could you bring them into the local store where the Management have kindly agreed to act as a drop off point.
One of the above persons will then collect them to be taken to Coventry for weighing and selling.
Thank you for your help.
(plastic milk bottle tops, juice, water, cordial and soda bottler tops and any other similar shape and size, thank you.)
Abigail Campbell
District Councillor

Wheels of fortune: in his autumn statement George Osborne announced a £10 million prize fund for a town or city to be a test-site for driver-less cars. Daventry District Council is proposing to make a bid to this fund. The proposal focuses on 'the town of Daventry and an "adjacent rural area"'.

This could have significant implications for the future of local transport – especially for people without a car, or with mobility problems. I'd be interested to know what you think of the idea – please get in touch with your comments.

But I can't help thinking that George Osborne might have done better to direct £10 million towards rural transport in the here and now. Across the country bus routes are being withdrawn, and bus subsidies reduced or cut completely by cash-strapped councils. It's the young and elderly who are particularly affected.

We'll see if Daventry is successful in its bid. But in the meantime I'll keep up the pressure to improve everyday transport services - an evening and Sunday bus service, for example, and a bus which gets young people to school/college at a sensible hour, at a reasonable price and on a straightforward route.

I'm part of a small group at DDC investigating the Council's role in developing rural transport. And I'm close to being able to launch Braunston's own, pioneering, community car scheme. The first general meeting for the Community Car is on Thursday 20 February at 7pm in the old library of the Village Hall. Please come along to find out how you might help out with it, or make use of it.

National Voter Registration Day is on 5 February 2014. The aim is to sign up 250,000 people to the electoral register (especially the young) in one day. Only half of young people are registered to vote, and only half of those use that right at the ballot. In the 2010 general election, only 44% of 18-24 year olds voted, compared with 76% of those aged 65 and over. Just being registered to vote gives you influence. If you aren't on the register you're invisible. See www.aboutmyvote.com and www.bitetheballot.co.uk to find out more.

Braunston Timebank is meeting in the library of the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 6 February, for those already involved and anyone who'd like to be.

email acampbell@daventrydc.gov.uk or call 01788 891782
Braunston Cinema Club
Braunston Village Hall

Saturday 22 February 7.30pm

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CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Braunston Church Fete
is on
Saturday 7th June
If you can make any items for sale on the Handicraft Stall, they will be greatly appreciated.
**Braunston Women’s Institute**

Next meeting -
Tuesday 4th February
- in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Why not join us for an insight into "Working at the BBC", a talk by Margaret Cassidy.

The challenge is an article from an old newspaper, and the tea hostesses are Joan Wood and Sylvia White.

Barbara on 01788 890452

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**Friendly Club**

Next Meeting -
10th February

Pat Streeton will be demonstrating how to make small boxes for us to decorate

24th February - Gill will bring along one of her Picture Quizzes. Both meetings start at 2.30 in the Village Hall

Gill Powell 890763

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**Braunston Fishing Club**

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

G Donald 891264

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**Rainfall**

No information received
PAEDIATRIC NURSE'S BABY WEIGHING & ADVICE SERVICE
AT BRAUNSTON TODDLER GROUP (Located in Village Hall):

Tuesday 25 February from 1.30pm

Come along and have a chat with Jason who is very happy to help with any questions you may have/advice you may require regarding your baby - This special service that has been provided by Jason giving up his spare time so please come along to Toddler Group and take advantage of his experience/knowledge. Jason has given up his spare time for the last year, for free to support parents/carers on the performance/development of their babies but now has to take a step back due to work commitments so come along and say thanks, goodbye and good luck in Jason's new position.

We are currently in talks with local groups to secure the services that Jason has provided via other health support services as we know how vital this is at the group so please continue to attend as there will be lots of new exciting activities being held as well as the health service returning.

Just a reminder also that help is always appreciated and required at the Toddler Group so if anyone is interested in volunteering for maximum of 2 hours every Tuesday in term time (longer in holidays) then please come along to the group and speak to Mandy Byrne.

Thank you once again for your continued support:
Village Website Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the new village website (www.braunston.org.uk), from creating your organisation profiles, uploading interesting photos and adding classifieds, to your kind comments and encouragement!

It has now been live for over 3 months and the number of Braunston organisations listed are still growing! Here are some interesting facts and information.

Did you know that Braunston has

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Have you seen it recently? Have you signed up? It’s free!

www.braunston.org.uk

Not based in Braunston? You can still be listed - see the website for more details.
Jenni's Jottings
Happy New Year everyone, we hope it is a good one for all of us. When I started to prepare the February issue of the BVN I didn’t think there would be much to include as there were no events happening in the month to come; however, as usual bits and pieces have been dropping into my inbox and through the letter box.

We have quite a few items of good news - Firstly the wonderful success at the Christmas Primestock Shows by one of our local farming families - see page 21, Secondly - A young man lots of you will know - Alisdair Rolt has been chosen to represent Northamptonshire Scouts in Japan in 2015 - see page 11. Next we have The Braunston Canal Society who received an award for making the most contribution in the South East region of the Canal and Rivers Trust - see page 23, congratulations to you all. Finally the Friends of All saints' Church were the grateful recipients of a fabulous bequest towards the roof fund - see page 18. I would like this celebration of good news to continue in future months, we hear so much doom and gloom that I would really appreciate any good news, celebrations, events etc that come your way. Just contact me in the usual way as shown on the back of the BVN.

I have been asked if all you dog walkers and runners/joggers could please wear something bright or reflective during these dark mornings and evenings. Even with the street lights it is often difficult to see you when driving past. I sometimes get told that the BVN is mainly a church magazine for church people. This absolutely not the case, it is and always has been a Village magazine and we can only put into it what we are given. Nothing more to say except that Chris and I hope you enjoy this issue of the Braunston Village News. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see in YOUR magazine please let us know and we will do our best.

Jenni & Chris Burton
p.s. Chris has just pointed out to me that I haven’t left room for the Clubs & Societies - next month I promise!

CRIMES REPORTED - BRAUNSTON

Theft from motor vehicle - Church Street --vehicle entered -shopping bags taken from boot

Ashby road - insecure vehicle - lap top and bag taken
Burglary to shed - Archer avenue - copper pipe taken
Theft from Narrow boat moored by Stop House - various items taken

It is a good time to review your home security.
Apprenticeship and Job Fairs 2014
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- Offer practical 'have a go' activities for young people at the two Skills Shows.
- You will have a stand to provide information about your business and suitable vacancies.

You are invited to attend all 7 of the following events to support our local young people into positive progression:

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How to get involved and book your place:
For further information please call the PLPS Team on 01604 620033 or email events@connexions-northamptonshire.org.uk
Sorry, no information of events received please see pub for details of what’s on in February

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BVN Deadline - March 2014 Edition
The next newsletter will be published on 1st March 2014. Please leave material at the Post Office before NOON on the 20th February or by Email to the Editor Jenni Burton jenni_burton@btinternet.com Tel: 01788 891546