

# BRAUNSTON NEWS village

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**REGISTERS FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY**

No Registers to report

**CHURCH NOTICES**

If you can sing and hold a line the Church choir would love to hear from you. All voices welcome to help us lead worship – some trad and some modern music. If you might be interested call Sarah on 890298. An enquiry does not commit you to a life-sentence!

**“NO LABELS WORSHIP” 6pm 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

An opportunity for all sorts of Christians to come together over what we have in common and praise God and pray together. Last Sundays of the month in All Saints Church Braunston at 6pm. Not instead of your normal church- just another opportunity to praise in community. Musicians welcome to join small core band. Begins February 22nd



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## Forthcoming meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the following meetings. Unless indicated meetings are held in the Library at Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Feb	Full Council Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Jetty Fields Sub Committee (5 Mill Close)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Neighbourhood Planning Sub Committee
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mar	Full Council Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Neighbourhood Planning Sub Committee
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Apr	Jetty Fields Sub Committee (5 Mill Close)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Full Council Meeting

## CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2014 / 2015

### **Not shown in November's floodlighting**

28th November - Birthday Memories of Gladys, Also for Tony, re-united with her. Love Marian.



### **December's floodlighting not previously shown**

6th December - For Beryl Sampson with love

31st December - Remembering Mum and Dad with our fondest love and affection, from all the family.

### **January's floodlighting ...**

1st January - For Shirley Aldridge. Missing you always from Henry, Sally, Tracy and families.

6th January - In loving memory of Barry, George, David. Happy Memories, Margaret.

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

22nd January - Birthday memories for our dearest friend Gladys, always with us, love and miss you dearly, with love Jim and Lynn x

28th January - \* Remembering Eric Alsop and Ted and Audrey Flower. Wonderful parents

### **February's floodlighting so far ...**

1st February - \* Congratulations and best wishes to Michelle as you start your new role as Vicar of St Andrews Wellingborough

10th February - \* In memory of Mansel Davies

19th February - \* In loving memory of my brother Rowan on his birthday. Miss you loads.  
Duncan x

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 - 20<sup>th</sup> Janu

## On not being Charlie

It is a truth universally acknowledged that walking into an office full of people and shooting them dead one by one is not a socially acceptable thing to do. In the days after the Charlie Hebdo massacre in Paris pencils were held aloft in defiance to show that the terrorists would not win and that free speech is non-negotiable. The writers and cartoonists whose lifeblood seeped into the floorboards of their office were mourned and became instant martyrs. A slogan emerged: “Je suis Charlie” said the world defiantly.

Unless you are a paranoid tyrant (and I like to think I’m not) there is no question that freedom of speech is an excellent thing and that it must be defended against those who threaten it with intimidation of any sorts, whether in the form of villagers ganging up on each other online or armed Islamist terrorists in an office or supermarket. Nonetheless, I refuse to stick my pencil in the air. Je ne suis pas Charlie. Here is why.

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.*

*(1 Corinthians 13:4-7)*

People who murder and plan terror don’t fit that definition. They show no love for humanity, are ruled by anger and don’t care who they hurt. They have no respect for the lives of others

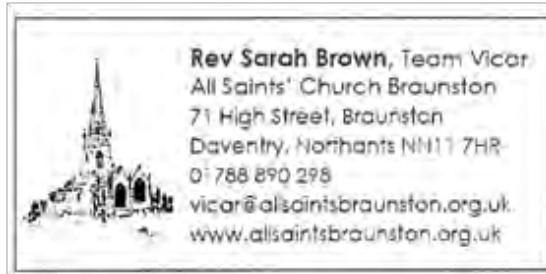
Charlie Hebdo is not exactly a shining example of love either. Its stock in trade is to dishonour others, to delight in offending millions of people and stirring up trouble - and thanks to events this month it now has the capacity to do it on a global scale. The magazine shows no respect for the lives of others and no sense of responsibility for its actions

Satire is a friend to democracy. Free speech is a sign of a civilised and vibrant society. So is love. And there is no doubt which should prevail. Free speech gives everyone the right to say anything. Love knows that just because you can does not mean you should. Free speech without love is Charlie.

I am not Charlie because I am a follower of Christ, who requires that his followers love God and other people as they love themselves. It’s a tough call. Christianity is not for wimps and most of us fail at this love business a good deal of the time. But it should be the basis for all our decisions about all we say and do regardless of our rights.

**Don’t be Charlie. Be love.**

Best wishes



## **NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.**

January, and the winter in general, is usually a quiet time..... but not this year! 2015 has started off very positively and a great deal has been achieved. Thanks to the superb work by “The Friends of Braunston Pocket Park” committee earlier last year a considerable amount of grant money was received . This meant that we have been able to complete far more tasks. The tree guards are now in place around all the young lime trees in the avenue down the middle of Jetty Field. The stock fencing has been erected between the back of the Archer Avenue houses and the Conservation/Wild Area and the hedge laying has taken place down the right hand side of the main field. The lockable storage space has been constructed in the old boiler house at the back of the village hall. (All the jobs in the field and at the village hall were completed by Braunston village businesses.) Thank you to the Braunston Gardeners for allowing us to share the storage space with them. Dennis now has an area to store tools and keep items that help him do his job. Volunteers can also use this facility.

There are, of course, a number of tasks still to be undertaken in the coming months. If **YOU** have any suggestions for how the Jetty Field area can be improved do contact one of the committee or the clerk to the Parish Council.

### **JETTY FIELD WORK MORNING.**

#### **Can YOU give a few hours on a Saturday morning?**

If you can then please contact Andrew on 01788 890826 or come along on SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY AT 9.00 A.M. We meet by the allotments at the top of Jetty Field. We will be working in the Conservation/Wild Area and the Garden Area. Work clothes, boots and gloves are essential. Bring tools and a wheel barrow if you can – don’t worry if you cannot as we can supply tools!

Refreshments will be provided and a warm welcome - of course! Even if you can only spare an hour or so, please

## **Jenni's Jottings**

Well here we are at the beginning of a new year, and first of all I must say a very Happy New Year to you all.

December wasn't a good month for us with the sad loss of our dog Scrumpy (12) and then our cat Riley (23!!). We also lost our very good friend Prim Berriman whom I know was known by many. Hopefully with the turn of the year things will improve. There are already signs of Spring with snowdrops raising their brave little heads and even some early daffodils showing colour. There is a very interesting article about snowdrops and the Crimean war by Frosty on page 34.

You may have noticed that this issue is the 500<sup>th</sup> and congratulations on all those who have edited, provided pictures and stories and of course the advertisers who make the publication costs much easier to bear.

I have all copies of the BVN right from the very first although in a very different format. Let me know if you would like to see them at any time.

Issue 1 was printed in January 1970 and was called The Parish of Braunston News Sheet and cost 3d in old money! It was edited by Duncan Gallie who lived on the High Street. The edition was two foolscap sheets long and was mainly about happenings in the Church i.e. 70 people from church went to see the Sooty Show in Northampton. The Mothers' Union met at the Rectory and had a talk by Mr Andrew Langley. The W.I. were entering their Jubilee Year and had 'an interesting and varied programme planned.

What a lot has changed! The magazine is now 40 pages long and is full of interesting & informative (hopefully) articles and information.

Please remember it is YOUR village magazine and if you would like to see anything different or additional items please do let either Chris or myself know. Meanwhile keep warm and carry on looking for signs of spring in our beautiful village and here's to the next 500 editions!!!

### **Quote of the month from Julie**

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- 5.00pm - Pre-Syllabus Ballet (5-6yrs)
- 5.45pm - Pre-Primary Ballet (7-8yrs)
- 6.30pm - Primary Ballet (8-yrs+)
- 7.15pm - Grade 1 Ballet (10yrs+)
- 7.45pm - Grade 2 Ballet (12yrs+)
- 8.15pm - Adult Ballet (no age req)

#### Acting, Performance & Singing

Tuesday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

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

#### Dance, Gym & Ballet

Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

- 5.00pm - Gymnastics (all ages)
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A new year and a new programme is being prepared for the history society! We now have many more members and the numbers attending our talks and meetings are growing noticeably. If you would like to join or just come to individual meetings then do come along and talk to one of the committee at the beginning or end of a meeting. ( Members are free, non-members pay £2 for each talk that they attend.)

Our next talk is on **TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.** The talk is by a local authority on narrow boat restoration, **Peter Boyce.** The talk is entitled **“The restoration of wooden narrow boats”.** Members and friends attended a guided tour of Peter's yard last July and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The talk on 17th February is one not to be missed!



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We wish all of our members a happy and healthy new year.  
Especially a number of our members who have been ill in the last few weeks, several of whom have been hospitalised.

The Branch Poppy Appeal in November was extremely successful. Within Braunston Village the collection amounted to £2213 (revised figure). The district collection amounted to £7511. These figures show an increase of about 10% compared with 2013. Again our thanks to the generosity of the villagers and to the collectors who made the door to door collections.

The monthly luncheons will resume on Wednesday 18th February at midday at the George Hotel Kilsby. All are welcome at this popular event, booking not required.

The next meeting of the Branch will be at The White Horse, Welton, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm. Illness has cut the attendance at recent meetings and so would all able bodied members do their best to attend.

**Tony Saunderson - Tel No. 01788 890797.**

A black and white advertisement for a quiz. On the left, there's a cartoon illustration of a person wearing a bowler hat and glasses, looking thoughtful with a speech bubble that says "HEL...LOOO?". To the right of the illustration, the text reads "Give your brain a SPRING CLEAN at our SUPER spring quiz!". Below this, it says "BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm SATURDAY 7th March". Further down, it lists "£7.50 a head Max 6 to a team", "Prizes! Supper included!", and contact information: "Tel 01788 565617 or email: eric.baker@sky.com". At the bottom, there are small icons for the Union Jack flag, the Braunston Twinners logo, and the BBC logo.

## **BRAUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL INTRODUCTION TO A COUNCILLOR**



**Alan Mawer**

I have lived in Braunston for nearly 18 years. We chose to move here because it is a village with facilities – shops, a bus service, clubs and activities. I stood to be a councillor to promote the sustainable development of the parish. Four years ago we successfully defeated a proposal to merge our ward with others stretching to Lilbourne and West Haddon, ensuring we maintained local representation at District Council level. I am pleased to chair the steering group that is guiding the parish towards achieving its own Neighbourhood Plan. The consultations on housing, transport and other issues, along with the working groups that we set up, have given more people the opportunity to influence the future of the parish. The final outcome will bring decision-making about Braunston to parish level.

I find it rewarding being part of an active team. As well as taking part in meetings, councillors volunteer with community activities. It is always interesting to find out more about the work of volunteers whose dedication assists our village in working as a community. One example is Julie Jarrett, our Neighbourhood Watch volunteer who can be seen at events and always wants to hear about concerns we have (01788 899162). I have also learnt how much PCSO Kev Thompson does, for example with his regular patrols in the village. He is keen to hear about all incidents, no matter how trivial they may seem. We can all report these on the Police 101 number.

## **200 Club Results 2014**

Date	Number	Winner	Prize
06.11.14	045	F. Hall	£50
13.11.14	087	P. Hobbs	£10
13.11.14	017	C. Burton	£5
20.11.14	022	D. Baker	£10
20.11.14	021	S. Duddington	£5
27.11.14	031	D. Rogers	£10
27.11.14	068	B. Bunn	£5
04.12.14	065	J. Cooper	£50
11.12.14	036	O. Davies	£10
11.12.14	032	A. Wren	£5
18.12.14	073	G. Taylor	£10
18.12.14	131	J. Cox	£5
25.12.14	136	I. Griffin	£10
25.12.14	112	C. Martin	£5

## **BRAUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL JETTY FIELD ALLOTMENTS**

The running of these allotments is now officially carried out by Bob Cluett. If any resident of Braunston would like to be put on the waiting list please contact me by Email mail-to:[robert.cluett@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.cluett@btinternet.com) and I will send out the appropriate documentation to enable you to register your interest.

**CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FEBRUARY 2015**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sun 1	09:15 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion & Junior Church Br 18:30 Evensong - Br
Mon 2	19:00 Ashby PCC 19:30 Church Choir
Tue 3	09:00 Morning prayer - Br
Wed 4	12:30 Peace at lunchtime
Thu 5	19:30 Bell Ringers
Sat 7	17:30 Youth Church
Sun 8	08:00 Holy Communion Br 09:15 Morning Prayer Ash 11:00 Family Service Br
Mon 9	19:30 Church Choir 19:30 Healing Service
Tue 10	09:00 Morning prayer - Br
Wed 11	12:30 Peace at lunchtime 19:45 PCC Braunston
Thu 12	19:30 Bell Ringers
Sat 14	17:30 Youth Church
Sun 15	08:00 Holy Communion Br 09:15 Holy Communion Ash 11:00 Holy Communion & Junior Church Br 13:30 Baptism Boddington
Mon 16	19:30 Church Choir
Tue 17	09:00 Morning prayer - Br
Wed 18	12:30 Peace at lunchtime
Thu 19	19:30 Bell Ringers
Sun 22	08:00 Holy Communion Br 09:15 Breakfast Service Ash 11:00 Family Communion Br
Mon 23	19:30 Church Choir
Tue 24	09:00 Morning prayer - Br 19:30 MH Lent course
Wed 25	12:30 Peace at lunchtime
Thu 26	19:30 Bell Ringers
Sat 28	17:30 Youth Church

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FEBRUARY 2015

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14.00 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 W.I.
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10am Nearly New Sale – Village Hall
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10am Braunston Bakes in the Wheatsheaf
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	14.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts: Youth Club
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 20.00 Royal British Legion – White Horse Welton
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 Dick Herne History Society
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga: Noon Royal British Legion Lunch at George Hotel
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	1am Twinners Tabletop Sale
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	14.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Jetty Field Work Morning

## Watch out – there's a thief about!

BVN readers should be aware that there have been a spate of petty thefts in the village over the last few months, mainly involving items being stolen from resident's gardens and sheds. As we go to print, thankfully it's been a few weeks since a theft was last reported.



Following the most recent incident in early January, Andy Lowe, Andre Gibson and Sue Barrie met with local PCSO Kev Thompson and Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Julie Jarrett to find out how the problem was being addressed and crime prevention activity in the village promoted. A number of thefts were reported on the Facebook page ('Braunston Bugle') and it was clear from comments posted that some residents felt frustrated that thefts were continuing unchallenged and more proactive action was needed to deal with the problem. The meeting was positive and with more visible proactivity and co-ordinated activity, things should improve.

Three key messages came out of the meeting which are shared below:

Firstly, if you are the victim of a crime or witness a criminal act being committed (including theft, vandalism or anti-social behaviour), you should report it to the police. For a genuine emergency, dial 999; for a non-emergency, dial 101. PCSO Kev Thompson is also happy to be contacted on 07557 778147. Of the 14 separate thefts reported on the 'Bugle' since the end of October, less than half were reported to the police. If crimes go unreported, the police can't deal with them and it makes building a case for a proportional response by them challenging.

Secondly, as most thefts are opportunistic, there are things we can do to make life difficult for the thief! These include making sure that tools or valuables stored in garages, sheds and gardens are properly secured, regularly checking out-buildings, installing security lights or alarm systems, and looking out for our neighbours, particularly the elderly. Please be EXTRA-vigilant and report anyone or anything that looks out of character or suspicious.

Lastly, the 'Braunston Bugle' is a great way of keeping everyone who uses it informed, up to date and aware of the comings and goings in our village. Whilst sharing information like details of thefts is welcomed, it isn't a substitute for contacting the Police to report a crime.

If anyone would like any more information on our village Neighbourhood Watch scheme or would like to get involved, please contact Mrs Julie Jarrett on 07952 858418. Let's all do what we can to eradicate this petty problem from our lovely village once and for all!

## BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Jan at 7.30pm in the Village Hall  
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The money raised will help tremendously towards helping the poor orphaned children in Sierra Leone. 10,000 have lost their parents to EBOLA. They need our help. Please continue to collect your pennies.

Thank you all so much  
Brenda Hobbs on behalf of  
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Tel 01788 899086

#### CHRISTMAS POST

Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Card Delivery Service.

We raised £67.20 for the Community Café, which was three times more than raised last year. Thank you of course to all the 'deliverers'

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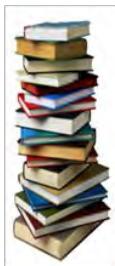
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## THE MOBILE LIBRARY

**The Mobile Library will be at the Village  
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17.10 to 17.50**

## FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
<b>February</b>		
2nd	Full Parish Council Meeting	
7th	Braunston Bakes	10 - 1 in Wheatsheaf
7th	Nearly New Sale	
21st	Table Top Sale (TBC)	Twinners
<b>March</b>		
7th	Spring Quiz	Twinners
14th	Cake Stall	Scouts
<b>April</b>		
<b>May</b>		
2nd	Cider Festival, Hog Roast and Braunston Bakes	
<b>June</b>		
6th	Visit to RHS Garden, Wisley	BVGA
6th	Summer Fete	All Saints Church
<b>August</b>		
8th	Musical Festival	The Admiral Nelson

I found this article from 1835 when looking through the BVN Archives and thought it might be interesting:-

“Asiatic Spasmodic Cholera

This disease was thought to have come to Britain from Hamburg by way of Sunderland and the sea ports on the coast.

It was brought to Braunston by boatmen on the canal during 1834.

A bed from an infected boat had been left with a lady to be washed. The poor woman caught the disease and died. At that time with all the precautions taken there were no further outbreaks. Sadly a little over a month later another outbreak appeared in the low part of the village. There were 19 deaths, about 70 cases and the cost to the parish was £460. In a small village of Braunston, beautifully set upon a hill, surrounded by most salubrious air on all sides, containing a population of about 1400 souls it is not usual for us to witness much sickness, and scarcely ever to suffer from contagious diseases.”

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2<sup>nd</sup>. Braunston Scout Group  
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Day  
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## Abigail Campbell District Councillor

Knowledge is power, as they say. So I thought I'd start the New Year by sharing some facts about where we live. The data comes from different sources and there's lots more I haven't had room to include, but I recommend that anyone with an interest in finding out more about information takes a look at [www.datashine.org.uk](http://www.datashine.org.uk), discovered by Alan Mawer in his sterling work to develop Braunston's Neighbourhood Plan.

### Health facts

Our local area (Daventry North) has a younger population than the county average, with one in five people aged 15 or under.

However, the age profile is likely to alter significantly. The population is projected to increase 7.3% to 84,204 by 2021. There is expected to be a 28.2% increase in those aged 65+.

One in four of the adult population here smokes and we have a higher rate of premature deaths from cancer.

Our area has a high number of deaths from suicide and is ranked among the worst 25% of districts in England.

Across the District 6.6% of children in reception, 15% of children in Year 6 and 23.7% of adults are obese.

### Housing facts

74% of homes in the District are privately owned; 14% are social housing; and 12% are private rented.

There are just over 700 people on the housing register for social housing, managed by Daventry District Council.

### Economic facts

13.9% of households in Daventry District are in fuel poverty.

15.9% of children living in Daventry District are living in poverty; in Braunston the figure is 17.5%.

The adult unemployment rate in the constituency is 1.1% and youth unemployment is 1.6%.

.....  
My next **Ward Walkabout** will be on Sunday 1 February 2-3pm along Church Road.

With best wishes for a happy and healthy 2015, Abigail

PS Thanks to all those who completed bus surveys. We'll analyse the results and share the findings in the next BVN. We're also meeting with Northamptonshire County Council to discuss the results.



**ALL SAINTS' HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
FEBRUARY 2014**

We did not receive the English Heritage final technical approval of our detailed specification and drawings for the restoration works until the end of November. As a result, the tendering period for the works has been prolonged by the construction industry's standard two week shutdown for Christmas/New Year. We are promised the return of tenders by 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Hence we are being kept in suspense for a little while longer to see if the tenders match our budget figures. Following receipt and analysis of the tenders we will be in for a busy period in completing the documentation for our Second Round Grant Application. In addition, if the tender figures exceed our budget then we will need to examine revisions to specification and/or seek further funding. Once the tenders are available we can get back in touch with several Grant Authorities who will only consider applications based on current tender figures.

Providing the above potential problems can be resolved then we should obtain our Second Round Approval sometime in February/March which will allow orders to be placed for work to commence after Easter this year.

In the meantime we are compiling the Final Payment Request/Completion Report to the Heritage Lottery Fund for this Development Phase.

Also, congratulations are due to our architect who has just been appointed architect to Peterborough Cathedral. We are obviously in good hands!

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## CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

### Braunston Women's Institute



#### Next Meeting:-

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.**

This evening Andrew Alsop will guide us through the judicial system of the Magistrates Court. Following this we will have a 'Mock Trial' and will have to decide Guilty or Not Guilty!

Barbara 01788 890452

### Braunston Friendly Club

#### Next Meeting:-

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30**

Will be a Beetle Drive

**23<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.30**

To be announced.

Janet McCarthy 890336

### Braunston Fishing Club BINGO Every Thursday throughout the year 8.00pm in the Village Hall Non members welcome

### TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL CALL:-

Mrs Jac Morris  
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### RAINFALL— 2014

May	71.1 mm
Jun	45.7 mm
July	37.6 mm
Aug	46.7 mm
Sep	7.6 mm
Oct	68.2 mm
Nov	43.5 mm

Information provided  
by Rob Buckley

**Braunston Village Gardens Association (BVGA)**  
**Summer garden visit - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015**  
**RHS Garden Wisley, Surrey**  
**Free entry to gardens. Pay for the coach only.**  
**Visit this wonderful RHS garden at a great price!**

RHS Garden Wisley offers a beautiful and relaxing experience where you can take in the majestic beauty of The Glasshouse, the stunning Rock Garden or the Mixed Borders. It offers the chance to view alpine plants at close quarters in the Alpine Display Houses, and glean planting, design and cultivation ideas for smaller gardens from the demonstration and model gardens. Planting varies from the herbaceous plants of the famous Mixed Borders to the lower-maintenance, prairie-style planting in the Glasshouse Borders.

**Visit details**

Travel by coach, leaving at 8.30am from the Village Hall to arrive between 10.30 and 11.00am.

Leave RHS Garden Wisley between 3.30 and 4.00pm to return for 6.00pm.

**Cost** will be between £24 maximum and £13 minimum (The final price will be confirmed nearer the time depending upon numbers that wish to go. Maximum of 33 people and a minimum of 14 people).

**Please contact Kate Mawer 65 High Street, Braunston, 01788 890340 by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015, with a £10 deposit if you would like to reserve a place on this visit.**

If you are reading this in March just contact Kate first to check whether seats are available.

**Braunston Open Gardens**

Braunston Village Gardens Association will be organising an Open Gardens event in the village this summer. This is a biennial event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and usually takes place on a Sunday at the end of June or beginning of July.

Recently we have had about 12 gardens open, ranging from the very large to the small and many in between. Hopefully many of these will open again, but our visitors always enjoy gardens that they have not seen before. If you are a keen gardener and would like to open your garden, please let me know by phoning 01788 890515 or by email at [dibben@btinternet.com](mailto:dibben@btinternet.com).

## **BRAUNSTON HAS ITS OWN DEFIBRILLATOR!**

Thanks to the financial support of The British Heart Foundation, Braunston Parish Council and a fund administered by our County Councillor, Malcolm Longley we have been able to place a DEFIBRILLATOR outside the village shop. We must also thank Jay Odedra for allowing us to have it there and for supplying the electricity to the box that the defibrillator is stored in. (The actual machine has to be kept warm in cold weather if it is to work properly.) You do not have to have any training in order to operate the device, a voice message leads the person using it through each stage. We have had considerable help and advice from Mandy Lowe of the East Midlands Ambulance service and from Staci Courtney of the Northamptonshire Fire Service. The whole project has cost a considerable amount of money but we all realise that if it saves just one life it will be well worth it!

## **BE EXTRAORDINARY!**

If you would like to learn how to **save a life** in just two hours then ring Andrew Alsop (01788 890826) and see if there are any places left on the **HEART START** courses being run in the village. There is no cost for the course BUT places are limited! One course is already FULL and the other has only two places left. If there is a demand for more places the organisers of the training, THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION, will be approached to see if this is possible. The initiative shows you what to do in life-threatening emergencies. It's hands on and teaches you the simple skills that saves lives.

Almost **3 million people** of all ages have taken a **HEART START** course and the British Heart Foundation believe that they have all done something **extraordinary!**

### **FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES**

The Crimea has been back in the news recently. Not much to do with nature in Braunston you might think but the drifts of snowdrops that are starting to paint the winter woodlands white at this time of year have an amazing link with the disputed Black Sea peninsula.

For me the delicate nodding white flowers herald the arrival of spring. Others declare them to be the last flower of winter. Would you believe there are over two thousand different types of snowdrop, or galanthus growing wild in our countryside and in our gardens. There are even snowdrop clubs and snowdrop societies and today rare and exotic bulbs change hands for huge sums of money. In 2012 Thompson & Morgan, the seed company, acquired the world's most expensive snowdrop *Galanthus woronowii* 'Elizabeth Harrison'. They paid £725 for a single bulb of this spectacular variety with a golden yellow markings.

Many of the more interesting snowdrop varieties were introduced to Britain during and just after the Crimean War. Out of the horror of war has come this tiny but beautiful addition to our native flora.

These pretty and delicate flowers flourished in the harsh Crimean snows.

Snowdrops grew wild near the terrible blood stained battlefields and British soldiers, homesick for their gardens collected the tiny bulbs to bring home or to slip into letters to their wives and sweethearts.

You find them today planted on the graves of soldiers of the Crimean War. Specialist lists of snowdrops still have varieties named after fighting men of that war. The returning soldiers planted the tiny bulbs and enough survived to change the nature of our countryside forever. Officers, as well as enlisted men, brought home the bulbs too and many a stately home has its drift of the tiny white flowers transplanted from the shores of the Black Sea.

Coton Manor has a great show at this time of year and the village and churchyard of Leamington Hastings just ten miles from Braunston is worth a visit.



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## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS



**Braunston Church Fete  
is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

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for sale  
on the Handicraft Stall, they will be  
greatly appreciated.

### **Braunston Walkers - Saturday 20/12/14, Local 6 Mile Walk**

In the midst of all the preparations for the big day we took time out and met at the village hall and 15 of us tramped along the High Street and into the Old Plough. Not for pre walk drinks, although that is a thought for next year, but to order lunch. We then walked along Nibbits Lane and through Jetty Fields and onto the towpath to walk to yet another pub, The Admiral Nelson but as it was still too early we reluctantly left both pubs and walked uphill on the Jurassic Way, which runs 88 miles from Banbury to Stamford in Lincolnshire. We crossed the A45 and followed field paths, increasingly muddy, down to the quagmire that is Braunston Covert. This dip is even muddy in the height of Summer and is a real swamp in December. It was cold but dry with some sunshine. Super walking weather. After a pause to eat Nigel and Judith's Ba Humbugs we walked past Berryfields farm where birds wheel overhead just like the Alfred Hitchcock movie. We walked over the Miry Bridge, the border of three parishes, towards Flecknoe with super views of Braunston and the church spire, ever present, a few miles away over the fields but never getting any closer. Terry handed out Foxes glacier mints when we reached the disused Great Central Railway embankment. Happily sucking on mints we made our way into Flecknoe and paused to talk to the pig there then took the track over to Wolfhamcote and more pigs hiding in bales of hay, until our arrival, then back to the Plough where we were soon ensconced over pints of an excellent beer called Chilly Dog brewed in nearby Cathorpe and enjoying an excellent Chilli served the only way, half rice and half chips. A thoroughly enjoyable lunch with lots of chat and laughs.

In the article last month we asked a couple of questions and Ben Berry and others pointed out that the Mere covers the walk up towards Barby, along the road and down Ashby Lane back to the village. The other question was the origin of the 4 Crosses ex pub in Willoughby and if you take a look at the village info in the little park by the pub all is explained when a certain Dean Swift stayed at what was then the Three Crosses Pub he fell out with the publicans wife. He scratched a 4<sup>th</sup> cross on the window suggesting it should be used for her. Hence Four Crosses. Nice guy.

### **Walk Saturday 24/1/2015**

Happy New Year All. This walk to Staverton via Flecknoe was planned for 17/1 but the pub The Countryman was shut for a refurb so we delayed a week. On the recce we set off over the fields, on yet another perfect day for walking, past Wolfhamcote and then joined the Oxford Canal down to meet the bridle way that takes you through Nethercote and on to Flecknoe. Plenty of water and mud as we trudged along. A path leads out of the village down a field to cross the old railway tracks and then on past fields of elephant grass for biofuel not elephants, on to the bottom of a steep cardiac hill up to Staverton . Lovely views from here and some fantastic old stone cottages. We passed the pub, disappointingly shut, and then followed Braunston Lane over to Berryfields and back over sodden fields to reach Braunston and a refreshing cuppa and some food. Since we had no lunch this was even more welcome than usual!!

Our next walks, all around 9 miles, are as follows: 21<sup>st</sup> February Norton , 21<sup>st</sup> March Fawsley,

25<sup>th</sup> April Weston and Helmdon, 16<sup>th</sup> May Compton Verney, 20<sup>th</sup> June Adlestrop



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### Friends of All Saints' Braunston

We continue our efforts in 2015 to raise the money necessary to preserve Braunston's most distinctive building. There will be events such as a Folk Evening, a Barn Dance and others too.

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**The beautiful granddaughter of a Braunston Resident suffers from this horrid disease.**

### **The Phoebe Research Fund**

The Phoebe Research Fund is a local charity set up to help fund research towards a cure for sufferers of Epidermolysis Bullosa. EB as it's known for short, is a devastating and at times life threatening skin disease which causes the skin to blister and shear at the slightest touch. Everyday tasks become challenging and just a simple fall can shear off three layers of skin, leaving the sufferer in huge pain and discomfort for weeks.



The effects are that of a third degree burn and yet become a normality as it can be a daily occurrence. My daughter Phoebe has undergone three throat stretches in just 10 months as the build up of scar tissue makes it impossible for her to eat let alone the dangers of potentially choking. Phoebe has just turned 5 and will undoubtedly be in and out of Great Ormond Street hospital for all of her life as she will have to undergo frequent surgery.

The disease is not only cruel, but relentless. No child should suffer so much pain doing everyday tasks such as simply eating, playing or even going to the toilet. My heart breaks when I see her fall knowing how much pain she will be in and yet within a short period my daughter shows such strength and courage and carries on. I'm so proud of her, yet feel so helpless knowing that aside from making her comfortable and comforting her there is little that I can do.

Phoebe has just started at a wonderfully supportive school with the aid of a teachers' assistant and with myself on emergency standby, their job is to constantly access risks to Phoebe and to make life as normal as possible for her.

I have set up The Phoebe Research Fund charity as EB is such a rare disease with many sub categories I believe that if there is to be a chance of a cure for the type of EB that Phoebe suffers from, then 100% of funds raised need to go into Research. Medical advances are happening all the time, but it takes funds to facilitate this. Through stem cell therapy carried out by Professor John McGrath there is a possible light at the end of the tunnel.



I would like to raise awareness of this cruel disease, and support from the local community will make this possible.

Please contact me through Twitter and/or Facebook if you feel you would like to help.

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