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REGISTERS FOR December 2015 / January 2016

BRAUNSTON

Funerals:-

22nd December—	Ronald Hough
7th January—	Derek Webb
12th January—	Denise Thom

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



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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.

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the
Braunston Website

1st Feb Full Council Meeting

7th March Full Council Meeting

Floodlighting 2015 / 2016

* = Friends of All Saints – [A huge Thank You](#)

December's floodlighting

1st December - In loving memory of John and Della. Together again. From Sarah

3rd December - * In Loving Memory of Our Mum

6th December - Remembering Judith

7th December - Remembering Sheila Rowley RIP. From all who respected and loved her.

9th December - * Have a happy 70th birthday Jane. What a wonderful Sister you are. Our love, Denise and Peter

12th December – **To celebrate Richard & Linda's Silver Wedding Anniversary**

17th December - Remembering Mum on her birthday and at Christmas. Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts. Cay and Bill

18th December - * Remembering my dear wife Primrose and sixty-three years of happy marriage

18th December - Remembering Ron Tait- with much love from Helen xx

19th December – Gertie Brinkman – Thinking of you with much love on your birthday and always. Lesley, John, Amelia, Mathew and girls xx

20th December - * In loving memory of Alan, from Gill and family.

22nd December - In memory of Ron Hough. With love.

23rd December - * The birthday of my late wife Pamela. From Harold, a daughter Sally & son Roger

23rd December - * **Bob and Thelma Cluett's Wedding Anniversary**

24th December - Carl Grant. Birthday memories. Love always, Sharon, Kyle, Siann and families

25th December - Remembering my Mum and Dad (Lucy and Joe Allcott) and brother Cliff at Christmas. Roy and Val

25th December - Remembering my Mum and Dad (Sarah and Alf Bodley) and sister, Shirley at Christmas. Val and Roy

27th December - * In memory of Philip Hutchinson

27th December – Happy Birthday to our Daughter Fran, Love Mum & Dad

29th December - * Remembering Pat & Dave's Wedding Anniversary

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

31st December - Remembering Mum and Dad with all our love and affection

31st December – Remembering Jackie on her Birthday and at Christmas. Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts. Cay and Bill

January's floodlighting so far ...

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

6th January - Congratulations to Plum and Matthew on the birth of Thady Raymond in Australia

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

8th January - Cliff Allcott. Five years passed. Sadly missed and loved by his wife, children and grandchildren.

12th January - Lit for my 90th birthday. Iris

13th January – Aubrey Berriman 90 years young today – much loved Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad

22nd January – Birthday memories for Gladys Owen always in our hearts, love and miss you dearly. Love Lynn and Jim*

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

February's floodlighting so far ...

7th Feb - * Congratulations All Saints on completing the repair of the Church Roof- warmest best wishes, Revd Claire

10th February - * In memory of Mansel Davies

12th February - * Gordon & Helena Lane Anniversary

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

23rd February - * Happy birthday Zoe. Love, Mum



Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – 20th January 2016

On giving the church back to its rightful owners.



Occasionally- when it is being particularly leaky, cold, expensive or unfit for purpose I have briefly considered marching in to see the Bishop, throwing the church keys into his lap and announcing that he can have the jolly building back because the congregation is going to meet in a nice, warm, flexible space instead! Of course I would never do it because the building is a visible reminder of God's worship and work in this place and it is meaningful as part of our community identity. But it does make me think about who the church is for. The worshipping congregation rightly maintain it and make decisions about what to change and what to retain because its purposes are worship and mission and it must not be a museum. But God is for everyone and so is the gospel and by extension (flawed and all too human though it is,) so is the Church.

Time and time again I am told how, in its recent history, All Saints unwittingly alienated many in the community. Some worshipped as children and young adults- got baptised and confirmed by the score in the 1960s and 70s- but then got disillusioned or fed up or busy as it gained a reputation for being very formal, high church and frankly, a bit arrogant and snobby. It is truly none of those things now but there is no smoke without fire and it breaks my heart when people tell me they haven't set foot in the place for 30 years because some stupid vicar or judgemental busybody said something unchristian! Sometimes taking umbrage at the church and refusing to forgive is just an excuse for rejecting God but sometimes there has been real grievance and I'm sorry for that. The tragedy is that all too often alienation from the church can sometimes mean that God no longer features in people's lives- and that is a tragedy because I firmly believe that He loves and wants to bless and save every single man woman and child in our community and if the church has been an obstacle to that then the church has effectively robbed people of God.

I can't undo the past- If I were Superman and could fly fast round the world to turn the clock back then I would have done it by now. Sadly, I'm just a vicar here and now and all I can do is make sure that you all know today that All Saints' is your church because God is your God. I want to help give God's church back to God's people so that everyone remembers who He is and how He can transform lives. Some won't want to know of course but I want everyone to clearly understand that the invitation is there.

Let me start by inviting you back to your village church on February 7th at 11am for a celebration of the completion of major work to the roof. We shall thank all who have helped and sing some well-known "songs of praise" to celebrate our building and our God. I'd love to see you there.

Blessings,
Sarah

NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.

After a mild start to the year we are now experiencing some really cold mornings and heavy frosts. Daffodils are beginning to push up and some are already in flower! Work has continued in the Pocket Park, the leaves have been cleared off the grass in the garden area and the hedge alongside the fence beside the allotments has been cut back and the area cleared. We are getting closer to the realisation of water being provided for our water feature.

Thanks to the great financial support from “The Friends of Braunston Pocket Park” we will be able to make further improvements in 2016. If you have any suggestions about how we can do more, please contact our chairman, Pat. Herlihy - 01788 890590.

OUR NEXT SATURDAY WORK MORNING IS ON 13TH FEBRUARY 9.00 UNTIL 12.00. MEET AT THE ALLOTMENTS. YOU WOULD BE MOST WELCOME! REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED. STRONG GLOVES AND BOOTS REQUIRED. (Children accompanied by parents are welcome!)

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For further information and to apply, email Lesley Griffin or call 07540673818

JENNI'S JOTTINGS

Well here we are at the end of January and it doesn't seem two minutes since I wrote the December Jottings!

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas, and I wish you all a peaceful and healthy 2016.

Although we have had some bad weather we have been so lucky haven't we. My heart broke watching the poor people coping with the floods. We have lots of boating friends and touch wood they are all ok. It was so lovely to see the snow last weekend and I particularly enjoyed seeing the snowmen around the village. I love the picture of the happy little girls on the front of the magazine.

It is interesting to read in Abigail's 'spot' about the courtesy car being able to take residents to local health centres. This will be such a help to so many people.

Winter seems to be the time to say goodbye to people and apart from all the 'celebrity' deaths we have lost some local residents. We have a tribute to Derek Webb in this issue and I have just received a tribute to Ron Hough written by Tim Coghlan which I will put in the March edition.

On a brighter note it was great to celebrate two 90th birthdays in the village. Iris Griffin and Aubrey Berriman. Aubrey came into the café for coffee and cake on his birthday and I put some candles in his cake and managed not to set fire to the place!

May I remind you about the Food Bank collection box in the back of the Church. Any dry goods will be warmly received. The box is emptied regularly and currently is rather short of goods. Please if you can spare anything at all it will be such a help to people in need. It seems so unbelievable that in 2016 there are still people in dire need.

That's all for now folks except to ask if anyone would like to be a permanent BVN 'distributor' as I have lost a couple (careless of me) give me a ring if you can help.

See you next month

Jenni



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5:45pm - 6:30pm

Primary Ballet (9 yrs+)
6:30pm - 7:15pm

Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+)
7:15pm - 7:45pm

Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+)
7:45pm - 8:15pm

Adult Ballet (no max age)
8:15pm - 8:55pm

Friday

Gymnastics (all ages)
5:00pm - 5:30pm

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Abigail Campbell

District Councillor

Maple Close extension

At DDC's planning committee on 13 January, planning permission was granted for the Northamptonshire Rural Homes' proposed development of 12 affordable homes for local people at Maple Close. The vote in favour was unanimous. Only 116 affordable homes have been built across the entire District since 2011, just 13% of all new houses developed over this period.

Syrian Refugees

At the last Full Council meeting I proposed that DDC expressed interest in taking part in the Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement programme, funded through the International Aid budget. I also asked that the Council committed to working with local communities to help refugees seeking sanctuary. I'm pleased to say both proposals were agreed. If you would like to help, please let me know.

Library and Cinema

You might have seen that plans to build a new Library and Cinema in Daventry have been put on hold. Meanwhile, County Council funds earmarked for the Library have been diverted to a new Library in Moulton. I have requested a meeting with the Business Manager of DDC to discuss this further. Culture and Leisure is at the heart of all successful town regenerations; without it we are all so much poorer.

Parking

I have shared your concerns about parking on yellow lines with Parking Services at the County Council, and they have assured me they will be out to enforce restrictions, especially around the school. If you would like to get in touch directly, you can email parking@northamptonshire.gov.uk or call 0845 680 0153. In the meantime, Northants Highways have agreed to make improvements to the verge at the bottom of Ashby Road that is getting churned up as vehicles try to pass parked cars.

Cuppa with a Copper

On Thursday 25 February from 10.30-11.30 I'll be the Community Café with Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Julie Jarrett, and PCSO Kev Thompson. Do call by if you have any concerns or questions.

Ward Walkabout

My next Ward Walkabout will be around Eastfields, Welton Road and School Close on Saturday 6 February 4-5pm

Braunston Community Car



Thank you to everyone who has made use of or helped run the Community Car. It's been on the roads of Braunston for 6 months now, providing a community transport service to residents of the Parish of Braunston without their own transport and with limited mobility. People are using it to get to the hairdressers, village events, meet up with friends.

From 1 February we will additionally be making the community car scheme available for residents to access local health and well-being services outside the village.

The scheme is free but donations are warmly welcomed. Pre-booking is essential. Call 01530 518983 to find out more or make a booking.

To get in touch, please call 01788 891782 or 07989 421836
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BRAUNSTON ART GROUP

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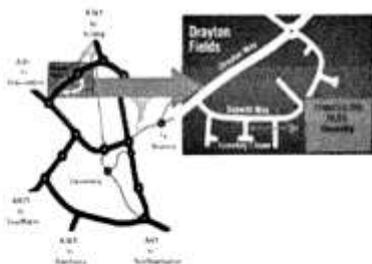
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PCSO update

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Fraudsters have been phoning victims telling them that they have been placed in the wrong council tax bracket for a number of years and are entitled to a rebate.

They normally say that this rebate should be worth about £7,000. Once the victim is convinced, the fraudster tells them that in order to receive the rebate they will need to pay an administration fee in advance.

The payment they ask for varies between £60–£350. The victim provides the details and makes the payment, but then is no longer able to make contact with the person they spoke to on the phone.

When they phone their council about the rebate and the fact that they are in the wrong tax bracket, the council will confirm that they know nothing about it and that they have been contacted by fraudsters.

Protect Yourself:

- Never respond to unsolicited phone calls.
- Your local council won't ever phone out-of-the-blue to discuss a council tax rebate. If you receive a call of this nature, put the phone down straight away.
- No legitimate organisation will ask you to pay an advanced fee in order to receive money, so never give them your card details.
- If you think you have been a victim of fraud, hang up the phone and wait five minutes to clear the line as fraudsters sometimes keep the line open. Then call your bank or card issuer to report the fraud. Where it is possible use a different phone line to make the phone call.
- If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone 0300 123 2040.

Phone calls from Daventry District Council will be displayed as 01327 871100.

You are warmly invited

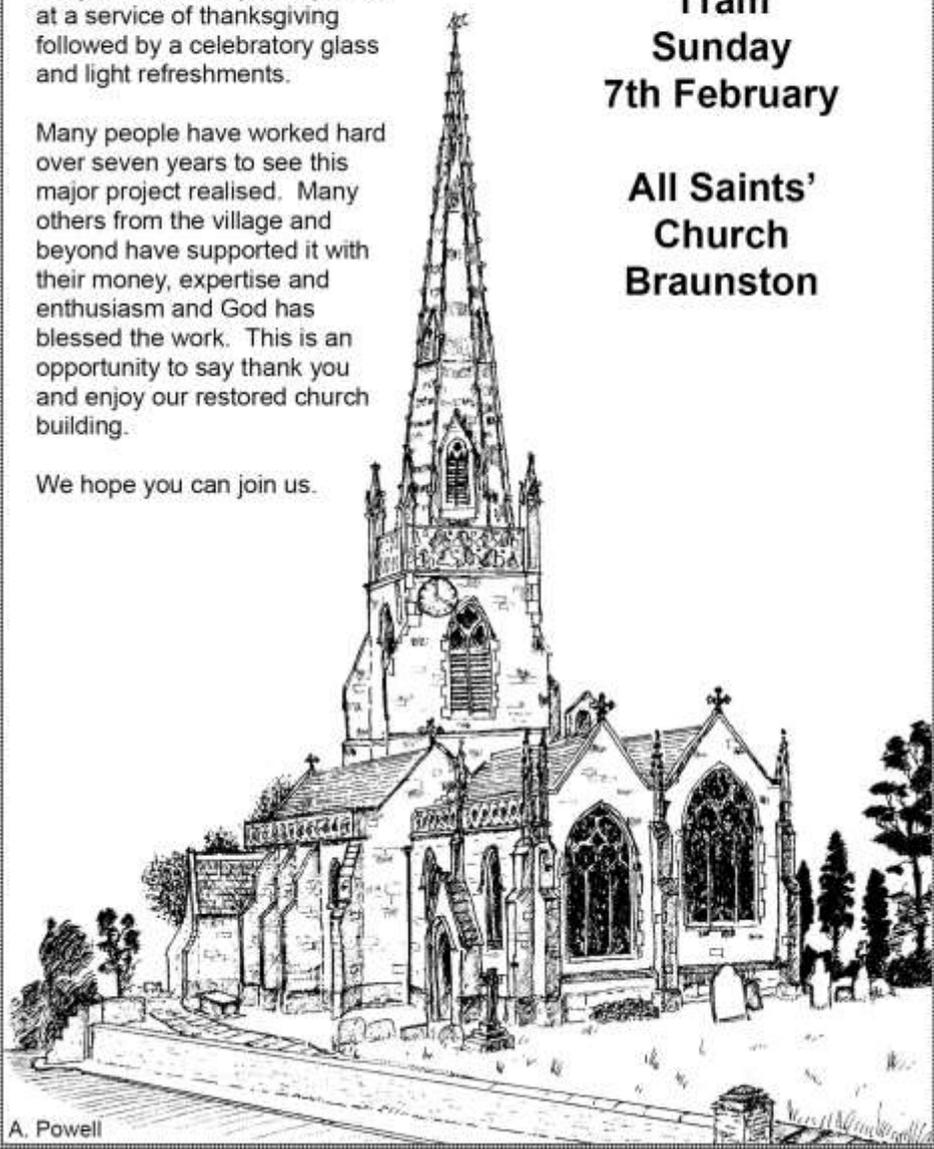
To celebrate the completion of extensive work to the roof and masonry of our village church the vicar and church council are delighted to invite you to join us at a service of thanksgiving followed by a celebratory glass and light refreshments.

Many people have worked hard over seven years to see this major project realised. Many others from the village and beyond have supported it with their money, expertise and enthusiasm and God has blessed the work. This is an opportunity to say thank you and enjoy our restored church building.

We hope you can join us.

**11am
Sunday
7th February**

**All Saints'
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A. Powell

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FEBRUARY 2016

Day	Time	Event A = Ashby B = Braunston
Tue	2	09:00 Morning prayer - B
		19:30 Bible Study Candlemas service
Wed	3	12:30 Peace at lunchtime
		15:30 WOW relaunched in school!
Fri	5	19:00 Sung Compline
Sat	6	17:30 Youth church
Sun	7	09:15 Holy Communion Ashby with Bishop John
		11:00 Thanksgiving Service for Roof Repairs B
		14:00 Baptism Salley
		18:30 Evensong - B
Tue	9	09:00 Morning prayer - B
Wed	10	12:30 Peace at lunchtime
		Team Ash Wednesday Service at Holy Cross
Sat	13	17:30 Youth church
Sun	14	08:00 Holy Communion B
		09:15 Morning Prayer A
		11:00 Family Service B
Tue	16	09:00 Morning prayer - B
Wed	17	12:30 Peace at lunchtime
Thu	18	14:00 Wedding Thomas/Wilson. Ashby
Sat	20	17:30 Youth church
Sun	21	08:00 Holy Communion B
		09:15 Holy Communion A with Bishop John
		11:00 Holy Communion & Junior Church B
Tue	23	09:00 Morning prayer - B
Wed	24	12:30 Peace at lunchtime
Sat	27	17:30 Youth church
Sun	28	08:00 Holy Communion B
		09:15 Breakfast Service A
		11:00 Family Communion B
		18:00 No Labels Worship

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FEBRUARY 2016

Monday	1 st	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	2 nd	13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers
Wednesday	3 rd	Braunston: Scouts :: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	4 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	8 th	14.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	9 th	13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers :Royal British Le- gion Meeting at Welton
Wednesday	10 th	20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga :Royal Brit- ish Legion visit to RAF Coningsby
Thursday	11 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	13 th	9am Jetty Field Work Party:
Monday	15 th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	16 th	13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers: History Society
Wednesday	17 th	Royal British Legion lunch at Barby: Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	18 th	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	22 nd	14.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	23 rd	13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers
Wednesday	24 th	20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga :
Thursday	25 th	10.30 Abigails' Cuppa with a Copper Your Café: Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	26 th	Mobile Library
Saturday	27 th	Cinema Club
Monday	29 th	Explorer Scouts

Health Walks

Just to let you know there won't be any walks in February , looks as if it will be April before they recommence.

Best Wishes, Rosemary

THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.

There has been a lot of activity in the society over the past few weeks. The book on the pubs and ale houses of Braunston, past and present, is progressing very well. We have identified 27 so far! It is hoped to publish the book in the autumn. If you have any written, verbal or photographic information on Braunston Public Houses then please contact our secretary, Annie Rogers on 891179. We are particularly interested in any details regarding pubs that are no longer in existence.

The new diary of events for **2016/2017** is being prepared and we have also arranged a day visit to Rugby School where we will be given a guided tour. Talks have been booked; the subjects range from “Medieval Medicine” to “Warwick in the 1790’s” and from “the story of Sonia Rolt and other famous boatwomen” to a talk on “Local, abandoned villages.” We now have 40 members of our society and many guests come along to individual talks and meetings. **All are welcome!** We usually meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall. Look out for posters around the village!

Our next talk is on **Tuesday 16th February at 7.30 p.m.** It is being given by **Malcolm Hancock**, a retired Station Manager, and it is entitled, “**The Rise and Fall of Rugby Radio Station.**” This covers an important period of British history between 1926 and 2007. Members are free and guests pay two pounds. Do come along - you will be made most welcome!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Laughter is like a windshield wiper,
It doesn't stop the rain,
but allows us to keep going.

The Royal British Legion **Braunston & District.**

The branch wishes all its members a happy new year. We have a number of sick members and we particularly wish them well. Attendance at meetings is very much depleted due to our aging membership and illness. Unfortunately, we have been unable to recruit new members to replace our losses and we are very much in need of new blood. It is difficult to see how the Branch can survive the decline in active members unless we are able to attract several new members.

The final figures for the Poppy collection have been confirmed. The amount donated in Braunston is £2189 and for the District £7460. This is very similar to last year. Thanks to all that supported the appeal and to the village collectors for their hard work with the collecting boxes and especially to the collection organiser, Tony Golding.

For anyone interested, Wellingborough Branch is holding a concert on 5th March given by the Band of the Royal Marines. Further information available from the undersigned.

Branch members and wives are joining the RAF Association, Rugby, for a visit to RAF Coningsby on 10th February. Tornados are stationed there as well as the Battle of Britain Flight.

The February luncheon will be at The Sporting Club, Barby, on the 17th at midday.

The next meeting of the Branch will be at The White Horse, Welton, at 8.00pm on 9th February.

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Badby Village Hall	– Wednesday 10am
Reach for Health Gym, High March, Daventry	– Thursday 5.55pm

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Jo Longworth

Parish Councillor

Hi my name is Jo Longworth and I am new to the Parish Council and I am the new Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee.



I was born and raised in our beautiful village and loved growing up here it really taught me the meaning of community spirit; I therefore understand the traditions that are important to the village whilst understanding the importance of moving forward with the times.

In my spare time I love being around animals and out and about around the village. I am also a member of the leadership team at 2nd Braunston Scouts and also 3rd Daventry Scouts where I help with the Beaver Colonies for the most part. I am also a volunteer driver for the community car. I love the fact that I am able to give something back to the village that has given me so much.

On a more sour note, there have been more complaints about dog owners not clearing up after their dogs especially in open fields where children might be playing and places that are unavoidable for wheelchairs.

Denise Thom Deceased 3 January 2016

Denise's family wish to convey the most sincere thank you to Reverend Canon Sarah Brown for such a beautiful service and to all her friends in Braunston who have supported Denise in every way throughout her life in the village.

The presence of so many attending her funeral was a wonderful source of comfort to us all and a great tribute to her.

Our love and thanks

Jane Newbold (Denise's sister)

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FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
2016		
February		
7th	Songs of Praise Roof Celebration	All Saints Church
March		
12th	Quiz	Twinnners
April		
23rd	Table Top Sale	Twinnners
June		
5th	French Trip	Twinnners
11th	Church Fete	All Saints Church
August		
6th	Music Festival	The Admiral Nelson
27th to 29th	Arts & Crafts Festival	All Saints Church
July		
24th	Jazz @ Bragbrough Hall	All Saints Church
September		
17th	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints Church
24th	Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day	



TRIBUTE TO DEREK WEBB

It was with great sadness that we heard that Derek had died at the end of last year.



He was involved in many aspects of village life during his stay in Braunston, as a member of the Parish Council, eventually, as chairman. During that time he was actively involved in the twinning of Braunston with the French village, Quincy-Voisins. He made many friends in Quincy (as did many of us), and he was instrumental in the interchange, not only of residents, but also the football teams and the schools. Sadly, those last two exchanges are no longer in operation, but the residents of Braunston and District still have happy reunions every year, since the Twinning began in 1984. Our friendship is so strong that four friends from Quincy came over to attend Derek's funeral. Derek and I also organised the twinning of Dunchurch with Ferriers en Brie.

One year, on a rainy day in Quincy, Derek and Sylvia Tatham opened a new road in Quincy - named, of course, Rue de Braunston.

Terry Tatham

SOMETHING TO CHEER ABOUT!

We had two exciting birthdays in January. Two of our Braunston residents became 90 years young!!

Ladies first — Iris Griffin

Iris moved to the village in September 1950 to get married. She and her husband bought the cottages next to The Admiral Nelson from the brewery. The cottages were condemned and needed a lot of work doing to them. Iris is still very sprightly and joins in lots of village activities.



Aubrey Berriman

Aubrey and his young family moved from Biddeford in Devon to work on one of the boat yards where the Marina now stands. Aubrey was involved with building the last wooden working boat to come out of Braunston

Braunston Walkers Saturday 16th January 2016 Nethercote (c.7 miles)

Trying to shake of the excesses of Christmas, Thirteen of us set off on a sparkling, frosty and sunny morning to walk along the High Street and turn down Nibbits Lane to reach the canal. Our lunch stop was the Admiral Nelson which nestles just East of the village so in the true tradition of our group we set off in a Westerly direction. After joining the icy canal and walking past the marina we soon joined the track over to Wolfhampcote. At our walk in December we had lunched at the splendid Old Plough but for this one we were going more upmarket and using the Admiral Nelson. We crossed the lakes that were the original canal and I was looking hard to spot a Kingfisher which I had seen on a previous walk but no luck this time.

We walked past Wolfhampcote Manor farm and spotted the first lambs of the year. A real sign of Spring but it certainly felt wintry as we traversed frozen puddles to reach and cross the canal to continue on almost to Sawbridge. Just before the village we branched off left over a couple of fields to emerge past a frisky horse on the road to Shuckborough. This whole walk was designed to avoid muddy fields and so far we had done very well. Pausing to eat Nigel and Judith's pears
Note from Ed. I can confirm that the pear drops were delicious and lasted ages! and to admire the fantastic new thatch on one of the houses we walked along the road before turning left onto another Bridleway which goes to Nethercote.

The path was made up of mostly frozen puddles with intermittent mud but as the sun melted the ice it began to get muddier. At Nethercote we joined the track to Wolfhampcote where we retraced our steps back to the canal and along the towpath back to the Admiral Nelson where we were soon tucking into fantastic food and quaffing pints of London Pride. The pub has only just reopened after a week for refurbishment but there was no need to worry the service was great and the food to die for.

Contenders for the best chips ever (well certainly best in 2016 anyway) Normally after a splendid lunch we have to continue walking but this time it was an easy stroll back home for a refreshing cuppa. This was a really good local walk with good friends through beautiful countryside with a super pub being the icing on the cake. We now have to find another twelve good walks and great pubs for the rest of the year. Some interesting walks planned in 2016 the walks are as follows:

20th February – Norton and Weedon,
19th March – Eydon,
16th April – Braunston Cleve,
21st May – Hook Norton, 18th June – The Stiperstones



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CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

Braunston Women's Institute Next Meeting:-



Tuesday, February 2nd in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Tonight's talk 'Where there's a will there's a way' is a light hearted look at Wills and Powers of Attorney with Timothy Williams. Confused about these important matters? Then come along and let Timothy clarify them for you.

Visitors very welcome

Contact Barbara 01788 890452

Braunston Friendly Club Next Meetings:-

Monday 8th February.

Valerie Schofield will give us a Poetry Reading

Monday 22nd February.

A picture Quiz with Gill

Please note both meetings will be in the Village Hall at our usual time of **2.30pm**

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Apr		14.1
May	71.1	45.2
Jun	45.7	24.5
July	37.6	47.8
Aug	46.7	43.5
Sep	7.6	33.2
Oct	33.5	47.9
Nov	68.2	61.3
Dec	43.5	72.2
All in mms		Total 2015 498.5mm or 19.6 ins!!

Information provided by Rob Buckley

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL. **KEEPING YOU INFORMED!**

Here is a progress report and a review of the improvements made to the village hall in 2016. Under the chairmanship of Graham Newman, the committee has managed to achieve a great deal to improve many areas of the hall.

The library has been completely refurbished. It has been redecorated, new carpet fitted and new lighting installed. The heating system has also been improved. The main hall has had new lighting and the lighting in the Gallie Room has been repaired.

The ladies' toilets have had the water leaks repaired, thus saving money on the water bill. A new compound for the bins was created; this means that the bin lorries no longer have to come into the car park.

The sloped entrance from the Ashby Road has been repaired and made safe. A fixed wiring test was undertaken and all the associated works that were flagged up dealt with so that the electric system complies with current regulations. The fire alarm system has also been serviced and repaired. A new, plastic water main was installed and leaks stopped. The Gallie Room was also redecorated.

The car park has been completely resurfaced and new exterior car park lighting installed. Repairs have also been made to the pre- school toilets.

The committee recognises that there is still much to do if our village hall is to be an even more attractive place for those people who hire the venue to use. The main hall needs redecoration and other areas also improved.

We are still looking for local people to come forward to be trustees on our committee. Do contact any present committee member if you want to find out more. We are always grateful for constructive comments and suggestions on how we can improve the village hall.

2nd Braunston Scout Group

**Mother's Day
Cake Stall**

Saturday 5th.March
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YOUR CAFE. 2016.

The Braunston Community Cafe has slightly changed the opening times.

Listed below are the opening and closing times.

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THURSDAY - 10.00 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M.

FRIDAY- 10.00 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M.

SATURDAY- 10.00 A.M. TO **12.30** P.M.

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ALL SAINTS' HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND DELIVERY **PROJECT** **FEBRUARY 2016**

By the time you read this article the remaining scaffolding will have been removed from around our church. The roof repairs are being completed as I write and the last of the replacement elaborate stone carvings is being fixed in position. A further donation from the Friends of All Saints allowed us extend the amount of slating on the roof valley slopes (taking advantage of the existing scaffolding) to ensure we have a sound roof for many years to come. This was why the contractor's work extended beyond the Christmas period.

Work started inside the church after Christmas on the replacement of plaster damaged by the previous rainwater leaks. The repainting of these areas is dependent upon the new plaster drying out which takes quite a while in these wintry conditions. Once this work is complete we can remove the protective covering from the old pipe organ and have a good clean-up ready for the 7th February end of project celebration Service (See separate advert in BVN for details and timing).

As much of the restoration work is not easily visible from ground level we will have a display of photographs at the Service showing construction progress. A lot of the activity work undertaken as part of the project such as the new church guide sheets and area information boards will also be on display at the celebration Service.

With project completion we can now apply for the final Heritage Lottery Fund payment and other already approved grants. As a result, this will be the last update on our restoration project. A great many people have contributed time and donated funds to ensure the success of this project and we wish everyone involved a very sincere thank you for all their contributions. Do come along on the 7th February to see the results.

A JAPANESE EXPERIENCE

I had the chance to visit Japan with the Northampton Scout contingent. I spent the last few years doing the mammoth task of fund raising £3000. I did all things from bag packs, bake sales, even shaving off my once long hair. I managed to reach my target of £3000 pounds through support of friends, family, Scout Group, Scout District and many other people who sponsored me, to all of you I would like to say thank you. I started my journey more than 3 years ago and it is now over. It was one of the best experiences of my life. We started on a rainy Friday morning on an M1 service station then finished 18 days later.

First I visited Tokyo, Japan's capital city. I visited the attractions including the Skytree which is the tallest building and also Japan's oldest temple which was surprisingly in the middle of the city. I met fellow Scouts in our accommodation from all over the world, there were 20,000 fellow scout staying in the Tokyo national hostel and I didn't sleep for a second. With all my talks and discussions with Scouts from all over the world.

We then went on the bullet train down to the jamboree site. It was incredible looking and seeing other scouts from around the world with their colourful uniforms filtering in to the entrances. While on camp we learnt about different cultures through learning faiths, cultures and the fun food trade day where each group makes food of their country. It was interesting watching people drink tea in 45°C. We were very lucky to get the chance to visit Hiroshima. I realised the scale of the destruction and what we need to learn from this horrible event. We said good bye to our home for 10 days. It was strange watching this whole site just disappear in one day.

The journey continued as we travelled to our home hospitality which was wonderful. Sharing the life of our hosts and experience the area and its attractions. I will stay in contact with all the friends I made and keep sending packages to my hosts. I am thankful for the people helping me to have this amazing experience and I hope to continue my scouting and have more of these chances.

Alisdair Rolt

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Pete Morgan
Chair. Braunston Parish Council

Frosty's Nature Notes. - Looking good in mink.

From time to time Braunston has visits from mink. Some even take shelter in unattended boats making a smelly mess. The mink that make their home beside our canal are a non-native species the American mink (*Neovison vison*), which originated from animals brought here for fur-farming. There is also a European mink (*Mustela lutreola*), This endangered species has never existed in the British Isles.

Some people believe that our huge wild population of American mink originated from mass releases from fur farms by animal rights activists in the 1990s. In fact mink farms had been established in the UK from the 1920s, by the 1950s there were 400 registered farms in the UK, and many backyard breeders. Escaped mink were first confirmed to be breeding in the wild in 1956. Mink farming was finally banned completely in 2000. The mink kept in modern fur-farms were very different from those of the 1920s, having been selected for ease of handling and exotic colours. Consequently, many of the mink released in the attacks of the 1990s were quickly re-caught and the remainder probably contributed little to the wild dark brown mink population.

Mink like to live near water and are seldom found far from riverbanks, canals, marinas, lakes and marshes. Even when roaming, mink tend to follow streams and ditches. They prey on fish and other aquatic life, small mammals, birds and eggs. They have been a major factor in the decline of the water vole. Mink are widespread all over England.

If you see an animal something between a small cat and a ferret beside on in the water it is probably a mink. They have a dense coat of deep brown fur, which often leads to cases of misidentification with our rather similar native otter. Mink are smaller and slimmer than otters. In addition otters are shy animals unlikely to be seen during the day - quite unlike their confident American cousins who are out and about at all hours.

The mink is extremely successful and, despite a vigorous trapping campaign numbers continue to grow.

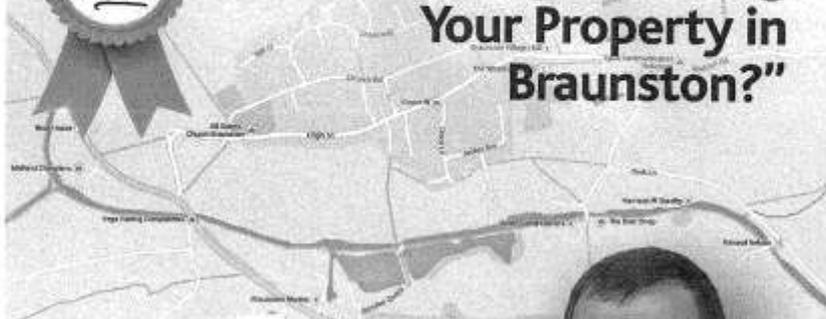
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