Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Please vote at the Village Hall on 16th February

After four years of consultation and planning the Braunston Neighbourhood Plan has reached referendum stage. The referendum is run by DDC like all other elections. If supported by the electorate the Plan will help decide planning applications up to 2029.

Full details are on the village website and paper copies are in the Community Café, Braunston Village Stores and All Saints’ Church.
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REGISTERS FOR JANUARY 2017

BRAUNSTON

Funeral 18th January  Gladys (Joan) Nurser

May she rest in peace and rise in Glory

Commissioning of Parish Nurse

22nd January Maggie Murray
Parish councillors: -

- Alan Mawer                     t: 01788 890340
- Chris Johnson (vice chair)     t: 01788 891597
- Gemma Adams                   t: 07526 251604
- Graham Newman                t: 01788 890143
- Jason Pritchard              t: 01788 891833
- Jo Longworth                 t: 07951 926579
- Laura Cooper                 t: 07759 537836
- Peter Biggs                  t: 07828 064906
- Richard Patchesa             t: 01788 899212
- Sandra Ashford (chair)        t: 01788 899287
- Sue Harrison                 t: 07769 589459
- Lizzy Iddins                 t: 07904 061548

**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

- 6th February                  Full Council Meeting
- 6th March                    Full Council Meeting

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website  
www.braunston.org.uk/bpc
December’s floodlighting
3rd December - * In Loving Memory of Our Mum
5th December - * Remembering with love my darling wife Thelma on her birthday – Bob
6th December - Remembering Judith
7th December - In memory of Sheila
9th December - * Have a happy 70th birthday Jane. What a wonderful Sister you are. Our love, Denise and Peter
9th December – Happy birthday Alan. Love Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt x
9th December - In Memory of Gordon Denner Brown on his birthday
18th December - In loving memory of Ron Tait with much love from Helen xx
20th December - * In loving memory of Alan, from Gill and family
23rd December - * The birthday of my late wife Pamela. From Harold, a daughter Sally & son Roger
25th December – Alan, always in our thoughts, missed so much. Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe and Matt x
25th December - Remembering our wonderful, beautiful mother Gladys Elizabeth Wood. Always in our thoughts
27th December - * In memory of Philip Hutchinson
27th December - Happy Birthday Fran on your Special Day. Love Mum and Dad
29th December - * Remembering Pat & Dave’s Wedding Anniversary
30th December - * Peter & Chris Grossart’s Wedding Anniversary
31st December - Remembering our wonderful parents with all our love and affection.

January’s floodlighting
1st January - In loving memory of Shirley Aldridge from Henry, Sally, Tracy and families.
3rd January - Denise- 1st anniversary. How we miss you but you are always in our thoughts and hearts. Much love, Jane, Maurice, Katrina and Paul
8th January - * Lit by Bryan & Janet Stuart, to Commemorate our son Jonathan
22nd January - Birthday memories for Glady Owen. Always in our hearts. Love and miss you dearly, Lynn and Jim xx
23rd January - “Treasured memories of Bob on your 90th birthday. Love June.”
28th January - * Remembering Eric Alsop and Ted and Audrey Flower. Wonderful parents

February’s floodlighting so far …
10th February - * In memory of Mansel Davies
12th February - * Gordon & Helena Lane Anniversary
14th February - * Show the Love. Wear a green heart and talk about climate change.
18th February – Happy 80th Birthday Robert. (Bob) Love from Barbara and all the family
19th February - * In loving memory of my brother Rowan on his birthday. Miss you loads. Duncan x
23rd February - * Happy birthday Zoe. Love, Mum
26th February - * To celebrate the 21st birthdays of the Herlihy grandchildren – Kristian and Anne
* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – 18th January 2017
On being less like a skunk.

I guess that most of you have never met a skunk. We all know that they are striking black and white mammals with long tails and that they can be a little whiffy when under threat but I can tell you that skunk in theory and skunk in practice are two very different things. As one who has been literally on the receiving end of a badly frightened skunk who had attempted to cross a road just in front of me, (fear not, I am no skunk murderer. We all survived) I can speak with absolute authority when I tell you that the emetic stink of defensive skunk is one that I will never forget, pumped as it was through the air con of my car and pungently contaminating upholstery, my sister’s wedding dress and everything for days. I have never known a smell so eye-watering, nauseating and choking. I nearly drove into a tree. As defensive weapons go it is supreme. The human ego is similarly incredible. I never cease to be amazed at its skunky capacity for self-defence - and I’m not JUST talking about mine here! One of my favourite book characters is Aunt Ada Doom from ‘Cold Comfort Farm’ by Stella Gibbons. She tyrannises her family and refuses to take any responsibility for her own unhappiness because as a child “I saw something nasty in the woodshed.” We never learn what she saw but she protects herself from criticism and any thwarting of her will by constant reference to that experience. I bet you all know people like that; who blame their inadequacies and misfortunes on something or someone else in order to avoid facing up to the truth and changing their circumstances. The ego is there to protect our vulnerabilities and can lead us to do terrible things when it comes under attack.

A sense of injustice or unfairness can get the ego fluffing up like a skunk’s tail ready to strike back at the threat. So can blistering ingratitude from someone you have loved or tried to help with all your strength. So can fouling up very publicly. So Kaboom! We protect ourselves with a shot of skunk juice in someone else’s direction and comfort ourselves by blaming them. I’ve just been on the receiving end of a mighty dose of it from someone I’ve been trying to help for months and I confess that my instinctive response to the foulness was to want to protect my own ego, lift my tail and shoot right back. But we are meant to be better than that. Skunks are skunks but Christian people are called to demanding love. The famous prayer of Ignatius Loyola is an antidote to skunkiness.

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do your will.

Tails down funky skunks.

Sarah
Happy New Year!

We are very excited at what 2017 holds for Jetty Field. We have plans in place already once the weather warms up a bit! We have 105 trees arriving from the Woodland Trust in March, a bog garden to create and a wildlife area to cultivate. As well as all the general maintenance like mowing, weeding, pruning etc. that comes with the warmer weather.

Our next work day will be held on:

**Saturday 11th March 9am to 12**

At this we will be planting 105 Wild Harvest trees donated by the Woodland Trust. These are a mixture of rowan, hazel, blackthorn, crab apple, dog rose and elder. So, fingers crossed in a few years Braunston residents will be able to come and pick from these to made their own sloe gin, crab apple jelly, elderflower cordial or wine, dog rose syrup and collect hazelnuts.

Please come and volunteer on this day and help us to plant these trees. All adults and children are very welcome!

Also, if you would like to join our Jetty Field committee we are always looking for new members. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 9th February**. Anyone is welcome to join us and input into our 2017 plans.
Happy New Year everybody. Such a build up then over in a flash! I hope it was enjoyable for you all, and that 2017 is your best year ever. I don’t usually make new year resolutions as I never keep them. However, this year I am making a big effort to be positive. It is so easy to get depressed with all the gloom about but I read a really thought provoking poster recently which I would like to share with you:

“The Seven Wonders of the World”

1. to see  
2. to hear  
3. to touch  
4. to taste  
5. to feel  
6. to laugh  
7. and to love

If we have any of these we are truly blessed. I am going to really try to find at least three ‘happy’ things each day, it could be a smile, a bird singing his heart out, an unexpected phone call etc. So, if you see me with a grumpy face please give me a punch (gentle of course) By the time you read this our wonderful Community Café will have reopened after the Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you there.

Please look at page 26, there are already a few planned dates entered so get your diaries out so we can avoid any ‘double ups’ like last year.

If you are sending items for the BVN could you please use Arial font (unless you are sending a poster or photo). I am changing the cut off date for items for the BVN to the 18th of the month. This is so that I can ensure the magazines are collected from the printers and delivered to you by my trusty band of volunteers before the 1st of the month.

Enjoy February, Spring is on the way!

Jenni
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To all Braunston residents
From Braunston Women’s Institute

Braunston Women’s Institute would like to inspire you to join with them to SHOW THE LOVE on Valentines Day.

On FEBRUARY 14TH, or a date near to this, we would like Braunston residents to make a GREEN HEART and wear it, eat it or display it around Braunston or at work or out shopping.

WHY? – People across the country will be showing the love for all the things that are affected by climate change through the power of green hearts. This is a chance to start a conversation about the things we love that climate change threatens and the opportunities for a world powered by clean and secure energy.

Braunston Women’s Institute supports this campaign and is asking others in Braunston to show that they do too.

Braunston WI will help with making green hearts on Mondays 10am to 12pm in the Parish Room at the church. Just call in.

Politicians can't deliver on the ambition without the public saying 'We need you to do this.' Amber Rudd MP

Please let us know what hearts you make by contacting Kate Mawer mawerk@hotmail.co.uk If possible take a photograph and send it to Kate. Then we can put The Braunston “Show the Love Campaign” on the map or at least in The Gusher.
For more information about Braunston WI contact Barbara Bury 01788 890452

For more information about the Northamptonshire Federation of WI’s Campaigns and Concerns committee contact Kate Mawer 01788 890340.
Or go to the WI and “Show the love” websites.
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# Team Alice
hosts

A night of pub games
At the Wheatsheaf Pub
on Saturday 4th February 2017 from 7pm

For a night of fun and laughter, we would love it if you could join us. £5 entry per person.

For more info and tickets, ring Alice on 07411638428 or email james@hibbslupustrust.org
Some availability to join in on the night.

Thank you
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living with lupus

the Hibbs Lupus trust

We support people affected by lupus to make sure that no one faces lupus alone.
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During February we hope that you are enjoying the snowdrops and managing to plan for the coming year in your garden. The BVGA’s events start in March, but don’t forget to plan your pre orders from the Garden Store.

**Thursday 9th March 7.30pm**
Village Hall – **Planning Meeting** – all welcome

**Sunday 12th March 11am to 12pm and every Sunday until June. Village Hall - Garden Store OPEN** – all welcome.
Please come along and buy your garden composts, canes and much more.

**Thursday 23rd March 10am to 12pm**
Village Hall – **Community Gardening** – all welcome – our focus will be the Jubilee Garden, Herb Garden and the Village Hall car park borders.

**Tuesday 28th March 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Tickets will be £3**
Speaker – Christine Vick from the National Herb Centre, Warmington, Banbury.
Talk title – Growing and Using Herbs
There will be plants for sale.

**2017 OPEN GARDENS** – please contact us if you would like to take part this year. We plan to hold the event in July. We like a wide range of gardens, all shapes, sizes and styles to show off the variety of gardening taking place in Braunston. The event raises funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Contact Kate Mawer  mawerk@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01788 890340
**Buy garden and allotment supplies in the village**

The Braunston Village Gardens Association store will sell composts, fertilisers and canes at the Village Hall. The small sizes are ideal for those who only need a little or do not have space to store large bags. You can also buy larger sizes. We are open every Sunday 12th March to 28th May from 11 till midday.

No need to order these items. Just turn up and buy:

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Fertiliser - Fish Blood & Bone 1LB 60p 7LB £3 14LB £5  
Fertiliser – Bonemeal 1LB 60p 7LB £3 14LB £5  
Fertiliser - Growmore 1LB 80p 7LB £5 14LB £8  
Fertiliser for roses 1LB 80p 7LB £5 14LB £8  

Pelleted Chicken Fertiliser 4LB £2.20

**Pre-orders for large bags**

Please cut out below or write your order on a separate note. Put this in an envelope with the cost of the items (cash or cheque to ‘BVGA’) and put through the door at 65 High Street by 15th February. Indicate number required. Collect from Village Hall on 12th March or later. Please ask if you need delivery.

In addition to those listed below our wholesaler is able to supply most other products for gardens. Please let us know if there is anything you need.

- **Fish, blood and bone 25kg** Organic, powdered fertiliser to feed flowers and vegetables £15
- **Growmore granular 25kg** All-purpose general garden fertiliser. £19
- **Bonemeal 25kg** Sterilised, organic fertiliser for bulbs, shrubs, planting of trees and as a dressing on vegetable patches. £17
- **Rose Fertiliser 25kg** Specially formulated granular fertiliser £21
- **Pelleted Chicken Fertiliser 20kg** Sterilised, organic and safe to use £10
- **Garden Lime 20kg** Use to increase the pH of soil £5

Name .......................... Address .......................... Phone ..........................
THE DICK HERNE HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 21st February in the Village Hall, 7.30pm

A talk by Mark Vance

“Medieval Medicine”

A talk to chill the blood and make us all glad to be alive today and thankful for the NHS.

Mark is an excellent and very knowledgeable speaker so please come along and support your local history society.

Members free, Guests £2

HEALTH WALKS

All welcome to join in our Health Walks in the Village.

Walks are on Fridays the 2nd and 9th of December and will last approx 30/40 minutes starting and finishing up at our Community Cafe.

There will be no Health Walks in February

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

Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)
BRAUNSTON AT ITS BEST
We want to celebrate all that is good about our village and the contribution that our groups and organisations make to our village life.

On 7th May we are sponsoring BRAUNSTON AT ITS BEST at the village hall and are inviting all those groups and organisations who make so much difference to our lives to take part.

So far we have 25 who have agreed to participate. If you have not been contacted so far and would like to join in please Email me, Fred Barnes, at fredcarol@boatshopbraunston.co.uk

There is no charge, we want all our hard working groups to take part, please get in touch, I look forward to hearing from you.

Quote of the month
We can’t help everyone,
But everyone can help someone

Ronald Reagan
Walk 19/11/16 Brinklow
This walk is one of many circular walks around Coventry taken from a book by the Coventry Way Association. This one is entitled The Limestone Trail as it passed various Limestone quarries where fossilized remains of prehistoric animals have been found although we never found any. There were 12 of us meeting up at the village hall on a crisp, cold, sunny day. If Carlsberg arranged Autumnal walking weather it would probably be like this.

We drove to Wolston and found the church where we parked up. The walk took us through a housing estate, which been open fields when my book was published, and then up to Wolston Priory an Elizabethan house where a company of printers were based during the reign Of Elizabeth the 1st. We left the village along Coal Pit Lane and crossed the Fosse Way then after 100 yards or so we struck off left on field paths over increasingly wet and muddy fields as the sun thawed out the frost and our boots gathered mud, to reach Rookery Hall. Lovely views from up there with trees clad in golds, yellows, reds with only hint of green left. Lots of leaves strewn all around and bare canopies denoting the late Autumn season. One field housed an army of skittish young, yobbish, bullocks and we all passed through avoiding their stampeding runs. They did pick on Judith at the back but she managed to control them with a sharp word and charmingly offered sweeties to help us through the trauma.

We turned along a metalled track before leaving on a footpath to reach the road bridge over the railway just before Church Lawford. We walked past the pub, the Old Smithy, as it was a little too early for lunch. Apparently in stables at the rear of the pub is the Frankton and Bagby microbrewery so it may be worth a visit. Just down the path on the right of the pub is a lovely old thatched cottage reminiscent of our Somerset weekend and then fields passing St Peters church and through another wooded copse to reach a path that leads over
the River Avon. They are currently repairing the footbridge here so we took the diverted path to reach the road and then walked over the gently flowing Avon and up into King's Newnham passing fish pools where monks once kept fish. Legend has it that there is a plug hole in the lowest pond so that they could let the water out to get to the fish! At the top of the hill stands a beautiful old Manor House and a disused church tower. The last time it was in use was 1730. Our path left the road and followed fields past All Oaks Wood where a shoot was on, to reach Brinklow ready for lunch at The Bulls Head, despite being told "we don't take bookings" several times even though they already had, we were soon ensconced over foaming pints of Doombar and really good food. I had a bit of faggot envy sitting opposite Andy although my chilli was also very good. Highly recommended. All too soon we had to redon soggy boots and start towards Wolston. The way back follows a delightful hollow way which wends its way through a corridor of multicoloured trees parallel with the Fosse Way and my guidebook says that it predates the Roman road.

After a bit of route confusion at Bretford and assistance from Andy, who usually only sees this from the air, we joined a small permissive path alongside the busy road and then strolled alongside the Avon. On the recce for this walk we had come across a large Bull and his ladies with calves on this bit and they had eyed us warily and proceeded to block the gate we wanted to pass through. After a bit of gate rearrangement by the side of the river, hanging on to branches and swinging Tarzan like we had managed to extricate ourselves without too much drama so I was very apprehensive as to their reaction to a crowd but need not have worried as they were in a different field and seemed indifferent to our progress. We went under the railway and arrived back at the priory in Wolston and the cars ready to drive home for a nice cuppa. An excellent walk, great pub and all very close to home.
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“TOOTSIE” 1982

Oscar winning film with Dustin Hoffman as Michael Dorsey, an unsuccessful actor, who disguises himself as a woman in order to get a role on a trashy hospital TV soap.

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New Year rosemary for remembrance.

I only have a tiny canal-side garden but still manage to grow few culinary herbs. One of my favourites, and one that does really well in Ann’s potted herb garden beside the front door is Rosmarinus officinalis, commonly known as rosemary. It is an amazing plant. It does so well that neighbours help themselves to some when roast lamb is on the menu. It works well in stuffing and particularly for roast lamb. But it is actually just as good with pork, chicken and turkey.

Nicholas Culpepper in the 1650’s, like the ancient herbalists before him, believed that rosemary improved the memory: “It helpeth a weak memory, and quickeneth the senses.” This reputation for improving memory is probably why it has been become a symbol for remembrance during war commemorations and funerals. Mourners would throw it into graves as a symbol of remembrance for the dead. Shakespeare has Ophelia telling us "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance."

Culpeper also recommended rosemary against indigestion, flatulence, and jaundice. Smoked in a pipe, dried rosemary was supposed to “helpeth those that have any cough, or phtisick, or consumption.”

The Virgin Mary is said to have spread her blue cloak over a white-blossomed rosemary bush, and the flowers turned blue. Hence the shrub became known as the Rose of Mary. According to legend, it was also draped around the Greek goddess Aphrodite when she rose from the sea. In the Middle Ages it was thought to be a love charm. Brides would wear a rosemary headpiece and the groom and wedding guests would all wear a sprig of the herb.

Rosemary grows wild in the Gallipoli peninsular in the European part of Turkey scene of a huge WW1 battle. That is why in Australia sprigs of rosemary are widely worn on ANZAC Day rather as we wear a poppy.

During the English Revolution - the Civil War - the Levellers, a group of early socialists campaigning for civil rights and religious tolerance in Cromwell’s Army identified themselves to each other by wearing a sprig of rosemary. The met in an Islington alehouse that is still open called the ‘Rosemary Branch’. Three of the Levellers were shot in Burford Church in the Cotswolds on 17 May 1649. Each year a commemoration day is held in Burford and many of those attending still wear a sprig of rosemary. I always do.

Traditionally rosemary was given to neighbours and friends as a New Year Gift. Happy New Year from Frosty.
Braunston Village Gardens Association has linked up with Danetre Rotary Club to plant 5000 purple crocus bulbs around Braunston for the Purple4Polio campaign.

We hope that they are growing and flowering for the village to enjoy.

Thank you everyone for your help.

Look for crocus flowering in Jetty Field, the playing field, the scout hut garden, the village hall car park, The Green, the churchyard and other gardens around Braunston.
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Braunston Women’s Institute
Next Meeting:-
Tuesday February 7th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Our talk tonight is all about The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute. Mary Martin talks both interestingly and informatively on this subject. I shall look forward to seeing you all and catching up with everybody's news. Visitors and new members will be very welcome.

Contact. Barbara on 01788 890452

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Braunston Friendly Club
Next Meetings:-
13th at 2pm Film—Ladies in Lavender

27th at 2pm—Meeting
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RAINFALL— 2016/2017
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Information provided by Rob Buckley
Braunston Twinners
Ideal for Families Like Yours

Team Sabin enjoying a day Disneyland Paris with our hosts

And that's not just because Q-V is only a 30min direct bus ride from Disneyland Paris!

What is Twinning?
Braunston has been twinned with Quincy-Voisins, a small town on the outskirts of Paris, for over 30 years. Once a year, for a weekend in May, people from Braunston and the surrounding area either host or visit France. 2017 will be our turn to host with our next visit to QV being in 2018. Visitors stay with a host family and the hosting Twinning Committee arrange free trips and entertainment (fundraising events cover the cost of these). So it’s a bit like an all inclusive mini break with paid excursions when we go there!

What will my family get out of it?
Apart from the obvious things such as meeting new people whilst enjoying a great weekend, being part of a community and experiencing one in another country; what it does, which is fantastic for children, is put learning and speaking French into context. It makes it something tangible, real, and provides a real-life opportunity to actually put to use what they are learning in the classroom. When our children go to secondary school they will start learning French in earnest so having a French Twinning family and experience of communicating with them, even at a basic level, will be of great benefit to them.

But we can’t speak French! I learnt at school but that was years ago!
It’s surprising how much does come back when you start using it again. You will also be amazed as to how easily you can communicate using a combination of simple words, hand gestures, a dictionary and if all else fails use Google Translate! Twinners on both sides of the Channel vary in their abilities to speak the other language from fluent to virtually non-existent but we all manage and have a brilliant time. This year our coach driver spoke no French and stayed with a non-English speaking host yet is desperate to take us again next time because he enjoyed himself so much!
We are starting informal French speaking nights at the Wheatsheaf soon to help us practise what French we do have and encourage learning more (which will of course be useful in helping with the kids' French homework too!) And did you know that 45% of English words come from French?!

Learning each other’s clapping games

The children bond and play games like it’s the most natural thing in the world.

So we would have to put up strangers in our house?  
Strangers is too strong a word. These are people coming over to visit us within a group, most of who have been coming for years, as we often build up strong, lasting friendships with our hosts. The benefit of joining now is that you would get to meet your family on your own turf as, although it is scary receiving a family for the first time, it must be no where near as scary going to another country to met a host for the first time!

Clare Sabin, mum to Lily 11 and Poppy 9 says “This is how I sold it to my nervous and unconvinced children and husband last year – ‘worst case scenario is we have an awkward weekend of not being able to communicate, we don’t enjoy it and we never do it again. However, best case is that, like many fellow Twinners, we have a fab time, laugh and joke and become life long friends’. I am very happy to say that it wasn't just something in the middle, for us it has turned out best case – we love our French family, cried when they left us here and didn't want to leave when we visited them. Neither of us speak the other's language particularly well but then we both make the effort to try and will continue to learn”

Ok, so what's next?  
Now is the perfect time to get involved. We have a year to plan and fundraise for our counterparts' visit to us next year. That's a year of dipping your toes into having some fun with us here at our fundraising events (Brain of Braunston is 12th November), brushing up on or start learning French at our French nights at the Wheatsheaf and deciding if it's for you. Email us via twinners@braunston.net or complete the form attached and we’ll get in touch with more info.

Small print – you are under no obligations to receive a family if you do wish to or do not have the room (perhaps a family member could help out), nor to visit France. Registering an interest does not commit you to anything.
Smart Meters

I am pleased to announce that Northamptonshire ACRE and our partners in the ACRE Network are working with Smart Energy GB to raise awareness about the benefits of smart meters.

Did you know that even though you are off mains gas you can get a smart meter for your electricity supply?

A smart meter will enable you to see exactly how much energy you’re using, as you use it, and what it is costing in pounds and pounds and pence. Once you have a smart meter, you’ll only get accurate bills from your energy supplier, just as you do with your phone bill. This means the end of estimated bills. No more strangers coming into your home for meter readings. No more having to read the meter or trying to work out your bill.

Smart meters will replace the traditional meters we currently have in our homes; they take regular meter readings and share these wirelessly, through a secure network, with your energy supplier. You don’t need Wi-Fi in your home for it to work and it won’t use your Wi-Fi if you have it, and even rural locations will be covered by the network which covers 99.25 per cent of Great Britain.

Everyone in Britain will be offered a smart meter by their energy supplier by 2020 as part of a national upgrade to our energy system. In the future, smart meters will make switching between suppliers, or between credit and prepay, quicker and easier. If you are a prepay customer, you will also be able to top up online or via mobile phone. If you would like any further details feel free to contact us on 01604 765888.

Dawn Howard
Wellbeing Fieldworker
Rural Wellbeing Service
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As Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, my primary aim is a simple one: to make Northamptonshire safer.

In order to ensure that everyone is working towards the same shared goal, I’ve already undertaken a great deal of work to ensure that Northamptonshire Police will play a central role in both the development and delivery of the new Police and Crime Plan for the county, rather than this simply being a strategy set by my team and I.

This is why - for the first time - a joint workshop for members of staff from the Force and my Office was held to develop ideas for a joint strategy. I want the force and my team to deliver the Police and Crime Plan, but I also want everyone to want to deliver it.

Northamptonshire is a large place. It’s home to nearly a quarter of a million people, there’s over 300,000 domestic properties and 268 parishes, which are joined together by a network of over 2500 miles of highways. Our current budget for policing Northamptonshire is around £122million. Although this might sound a lot, given the size our county and ever increasing challenges we face, it means we’ll have to make some difficult decisions on how our limited resources are allocated.

This is why the opinions and experiences of every single person in the county matters. Please do head to www.YourPCC.co.uk and let us know what you think.

Finally, can I wish you all a Happy New Year and should you need any help or assistance, please contact me at: commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk.

BEST VILLAGE IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COMPETITION 2017

In 2016 Braunston won the Best Large Village in Northamptonshire.

If you would like to help in any way with our entry for 2017, please contact Sue Harrison. 07769 589459 or 01788 890538.
The results of the 2016 Poppy Collection have now been finalised and it is another record year. The Braunston Village collection has amounted to £2869 which compares with the previous highest amount of £2189 in 2015. For the District as a whole the collection amounts to £8624 which is an increase of over 16% on 2015. The Legions thanks to all who generously contributed and to the organisers and collectors.

The Christmas Band Concert planned for last December had to be cancelled at the last moment and we apologise for any disappointment this caused.

Our plans to hold the January to March monthly meetings in the afternoons have had to be changed slightly. The 14th February and 14th March meetings will now both be held at the George Hotel, Kilsby, and will start at 1.30pm. Thereafter we will be back to evening meetings starting at 8.00pm.

We have been invited to attend the next meeting of the RAF association at the ex-servicemens club, Hilmorton, on 7th February at 1.30pm when a talk will be given on Submarines. They will be pleased to see visitors.

The February luncheon will be at the George Hotel, Kilsby, on the 22nd at midday. No need to book, just come.

Our Branch of the Legion started in 1928 when the first meeting was held on the village green. The standard was dedicated the following year. In the past there has been a very strong membership but in recent years it has very much declined and we are very much in dire need of new active members. Anyone can join and any past or present member of the armed forces or their dependents can call on the Legion for help and support. There is still a very big demand for this as demonstrated by the fact that the Legion annual budget is in excess of £60M, much of which is raised from Poppy day.

Tony Saunderson
Tel. 01788 890797
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**Pre-School takes place Monday-Friday – braunstonpreschool.org.uk**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE**

A huge ‘THANK YOU’ to The Braunston Players and to all of the people who attended their performances of ‘What's Next?’ in November for raising £767.00 towards the upkeep of our Village Hall – what a great effort.

The Gallie Room is available most weekday afternoons from 1.30pm, it has a kitchen attached to it which makes it ideal for events and meetings.

If your child attends Braunston Pre-School or Braunston C. of E. Primary School you are entitled to Braunston resident’s rates when hiring the hall even if you do not live in the village.

Would you like to start a group in the Village Hall? Do you have any ideas for activities in the Hall? Contact Leyla on 01788 899138
Hello everyone
It is fair to say 2016 has been another successful year for LNBP at Braunston. With 50 bookings slots taken up and 20 Community Days filled, we have taken over 600 people from a wide diversified range of groups out on the canals in and around Warwickshire and Northamptonshire this year and welcomed new guests to our client list. Our annual attendance at the Crick Boat Show over the Spring Bank Holiday was another great success and supported by a strong team of LNBP staff. Once again we were privileged to be the show’s official Charity Partner and ran the trip boats during the course of the weekend. The Crick venue for our AGM has also proved to be popular and will again be the location for next year. Equally our presence at the Moira Canal Festival (in May) and Kent Scouting’s Inspire event (in November) were successful and productive with meeting potential new clients and introducing them to what we do and can offer to community groups, uniformed organisations and schools.

This year also saw the 35th anniversary since LNBP at Braunston was first formed. Our celebrations in October were not only marked by a special birthday cake but also rather aptly with the donation of new £5 notes...just how the project all started back in 1981! As always, our sincere thanks go to the all our skippers, our face painting team and support team members for giving their time and expertise throughout the year. Although it is officially the ‘close season’ for our boating season, preparations are already well in advance for next year. As always our advice to all groups that are interested in trips with us is to book ahead well in advance. Booking forms and full details of current availability are available on our website www.lnbp.co.uk, or you are welcome to contact Nigel Smith, our Bookings Officer, by e-mail at bookings@lnbp.co.uk or by telephone on 07967 406 875.

With a new year also comes the chance for new opportunities and beginnings. Many members of the LNBP at Braunston team have been dedicated to the project's aims now for over 25 years...and some of us are not getting any younger! To ensure that we can continue to provide opportunities for young people, community groups and those who are disadvantaged with the enjoyment of canal boating, we are currently seeking new members to join the Executive Team. If you would like to join us or explore and find out more how you can become involved, please

In signing off for 2016, I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to the project during the last 12 months. On behalf of everyone at LNBP at Braunston, may we extend our very best wishes to you and your families for a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year.

Derek Edwards, Chairman
LNBP at Braunston
(London Narrowboat Project)
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