Amelija Tadaraviciute enjoying her first snowman on The Green
As Ashby & Braunston are currently without a Vicar, If you need one, please contact Canon Michael Webber, Team Rector of Daventry on 01327 876893 Or Email him on michaelc.webber@btinternet.com

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REGISTERS

BRAUNSTON

Baptisms: 10th December Aaron Dunkley 16th December Dexter Ive

Funeral: 5th January Pat Streeton

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

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Lizzie Iddins t: 07904 061548
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The council currently has three vacancies, please contact the clerk if you are interested in being co-opted to the council

Forthcoming meetings

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

5th February Full Council Meeting
5th March Full Council Meeting

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc
Oranges and eggs

It’s behind you! Christmas, that is, for another year anyway. Having said goodbye to Rev Sarah on Christmas Day we look forward now to the arrival of our new vicar Rev Natalie (Nat) White at the end of April. We hope you will join us in welcoming her to the Village. In the meantime all the usual services and Church activities are carrying on as usual.

Christmas already seems like a long time ago. No doubt some bright spark will know how many shopping days are left until the next one. The Easter Eggs were in the shops on New Year’s Day this year – a record? I don’t know about you but I’ve still got four chocolate oranges to get through before I start on the eggs! When I was a child the end of Christmas was not signalled by the arrival of Easter Eggs in the shops but by the annual family outing to a pantomime. It was exciting and magical, and I didn’t know at the time that most of the jokes weren’t meant for the kids. It’s a funny old thing pantomime in which convention is usually tipped on its head. A woman plays the principal boy, a man plays the dame and two people pretend humorously to be a horse. Audience participation is encouraged, and everyone is urged to “Boo” the villain. If you are lucky a few custard pies will be flung and there will no doubt be a celebrity guest star. (Although if you have to ask who they are does that count? Or is that just me being old and out of touch?). No matter what the story, pantomime presents a tale of good battling against evil and emerging triumphant. Danger and despair are overcome. The chocolate eggs have put in an early appearance because Easter falls early this year with Lent beginning on 14th February. Christians observe the 40-day period as a time for reflection, prayer and penance. It is common these days for believers to surrender a particular vice such as favourite foods (I’d better finish those chocolate oranges quick).
Whatever the sacrifice it is a reflection of Jesus’ deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-denial and self-discipline. Lent recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus’ crucifixion. As Jesus rides into Jerusalem to a cheering crowd the mood changes quickly and becomes alarmingly dark. Before long the crowd are whipped up into a frenzy of hate, clamouring for Jesus’ death. Danger and despair are very much in evidence as Jesus is captured, flogged and nailed to a cross to die. At Easter all is made right as we celebrate His resurrection. Is this the ultimate tale of good battling evil and emerging victorious, where hope and love triumph forever? Oh yes it is!

Anne Parker-Tyler & Pat Milner (Churchwardens)

It is with heavy heart that I report the death of Peter Andrews.

Peter had been ill for a few months and spent his last days in a Daventry nursing home.

Peter was a well-known figure in Braunston especially around the canal and the Marina.

He spent many hours litter picking around the area and will be remembered for his summer and winter hats and shorts! Seriously we will miss his knowledge of so many things

Rest in Peace old friend, you will be missed.

Peter’s funeral is on Wednesday 7th at Rainsbrooke Crematorium at 11.30 followed by refreshments at All Saints’ Church, Braunston

Jenni B
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 - Remembering you on your birthday Alan. Miss you every day. Love
Jacqueline, Amanda, Phoebe & Matt xx
17th December – In loving memory of a special mum, always and forever in our thoughts and
hearts. Cay and Bill
18th December - In loving memory of Ron Tait with much love from Helen xx
19th December - Gertie Brinkman, sending our love on your birthday as always, Lesley,
John, Amelia, Matthew and the three girls
20th December - * In loving memory of Alan, from Gill and family.
23rd December - * The birthday of my late wife Pamela. From Harold, a daughter Sally & son
Roger
25th December - For Glady Owen. Love and miss you. Always in our hearts. Lynn and Jim
25th December - Remembering our dearest mother at Christmas time. Forever in our hearts
25th December - Treasured memories at Christmas of Alan Cope love Jacqueline,
Amanda, Phoebe & Matt xx
25th December – Top bloke, John Bartley sadly missed this Christmas. Love all your family
25th December - In memory of Chris Ford who would have been 60 on Christmas day. We
miss and love you so much. Fiona, Gwen, Kelly and Amanda
27th December - * In memory of Philip Hutchinson
27th December - Love and birthday wishes Fran, from Mum and Dad
30th December - * Peter & Chris Grossart's Wedding Anniversary
31st December - Remembering our devoted parents with love and affection
31st December - In loving memory of a wonderful sister, always and forever in our thoughts
and hearts. Cay and Bill

January’s floodlighting
1st January - For Shirley Aldridge with love from Henry, Sally, Tracy and families
8th January - * Lit by Bryan & Janet Stuart, to Commemorate our son Jonathan
13th January - * In memory of Peter Wenham, friend & ringer
23rd January - In memory of James Smith from his children Autumn and Danny

February’s floodlighting so far …
10th February - * In memory of Mansel Davies
12th February - * Gordon & Helena Lane Anniversary
18th February – Treasured memories of Eric Kibblewhite, forever in our hearts. Laura and
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
Happy New Year everybody. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and avoided these dreaded bugs going around. I know lots of people have been poorly and I wish you well as soon as possible. The weather doesn't help either does it?

I have a funny story for all those who remember Benny Hill and his ‘chase’ at the end of the programme. I was walking with Bramble quite early one morning on the towpath as usual. Ahead of us was a creature, too small for a dog and too big for a rabbit. I was just about to call Bramble to me when the creature launched itself at Bramble’s head. It was a very large cat. All you Lurcher owners know when I talk about the Lurcher scream of death! It doesn’t mean that they are hurt but just that they might be going to get hurt. Anyway she shot off down the towpath being chased after by the cat! A gentleman wearing a rather natty dressing gown and flip flops appeared from a boat and started shouting “Lionel come back now Sir” He joined in the chase with me puffing and panting behind him. It must have looked so funny. He managed to grab the cat by the scruff of its neck as we all reached the ladder bridge. He turned to apologise about Lionel and realised that he had no cord on his dressing gown and had to cover his modesty with said cat who by this time was spitting in fury. Poor chap screamed louder than Bramble!!!

I hope you enjoy this months magazine, lots happening, the Café opening complete with new kitchen floor. The Gongoozlers Rest opening after the refit and lots more.

I note that there is to be a Craft Fair in the Church in October, don’t leave it too late if you want to get involved.

Now for a plea for help!

We have lost some of our dedicated deliverers of the BVN this year and desperately need some more. Please get in touch with me if you can help. If more people help the rounds will be much smaller. As a last resort we will have to leave piles of the magazines in various places to be picked up.

With my other hat on, we, as some of you know, display local crafts in the café and I am starting the rota for this year. Again, if you would like to display (and hopefully sell) your work please let me know and I will book you a ‘slot’.

Stay safe and warm and see you in March

Jenni xx
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Pre Primary Balleto (7-9 yrs) 5:45pm-6:30pm
Primary Balleto (10-12 yrs) 6:30pm-7:15pm
Gracia 1 Balleto (12 yrs) 7:15pm-8:00pm
Gracia 2 Balleto (11 yrs) 7:45pm-8:30pm
Adult Balleto (no age) 8:15pm-9:00pm

Tuesday
Acting, Performances & Singing (all ages) 5:45pm-6:45pm

Friday
Gymnastics all ages 6:00pm-6:30pm
Street Dance A, B, C (all ages) 6:30pm-7:00pm
Pre Primary Balleto (7-9 yrs) 7:00pm-7:45pm
Primary Balleto (10-12 yrs) 7:45pm-8:30pm
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VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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

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

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Tuesday 6th  W.I. : Beavers
Wednesday 7th  19.00 Yoga

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Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday  9th  Mobile Library:
Monday 12th  Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts

Tuesday 13th  Beavers: Royal British Legion Meeting at the George Hotel
Wednesday 14th  19.00 Yoga

Thursday 15th  13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Fishing Club Bingo

Saturday 17th  Bring & Buy Coffee Morning at the Church
Monday 19th  Explorer Scouts
Tuesday 20th  Beavers: History Society

Wednesday 21st  Royal British Legion Lunch: 19.00 Yoga

Thursday 22nd  13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Fishing Club Bingo:

Saturday 24th  Cinema Club
Monday 26th  Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday 27th  Beavers:
Wednesday 28th  19.00 Yoga
BRAUNSTON CHRISTMAS POST BOX

A big thank you to all those who used the Braunston village Christmas card delivery service and those who volunteered to distribute the cards?

We raised £50 this Christmas, delivered over 300 cards and the donations have been given to Alice for the Lupus Trust. I will run the scheme again next year so I hope as many people as possible use it.

Keren Andrews presenting the proceeds of the village Christmas post to Alice Pointer for the Lupus Trust
Craft Fair

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th October 2018

We are starting to plan the 2018 Braunston Arts & Crafts Festival

The festival is to show people the talents of those who live in Braunston and surrounding areas, to open our iconic church to people from near and far and to celebrate community life in our wonderful village.

We expect to have more contributors this year so if you wish to display your art or crafts please register your interest NOW to avoid disappointment.

For details please contact Sheila Parr
Tel: 01788 890932 Email: Sheilaparr@hotmail.com
BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday Feb 20th 7.30pm Village Hall

“Barlow’s, Blue Line and Braunston”

This should be a very interesting evening for us, a talk by Christopher Jones a descendant of the Barlow’s Family.

Look forward to seeing our members and thank you for supporting your local History Society. Guests welcome £2 on the door.

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In December for our last walk in 2017 we set off through the village and along Nibbits Lane to the canal where we slithered along the icy towpath, frozen solid after the recent snow. We never lost any walkers in the canal and there were still seventeen of us when we reached the A45. We walked across to Wolfhampcote and then towards Flecknoe in high spirits and eager anticipation for lunch which was to be had at Daxa and Bharat’s house.

After a 5.7 mile walk we were soon enjoying Daxa’s excellent Biryani, three different offerings covering Spicy, non-spicy and veggie. Along with a super salad, some great Chillis and homemade apple chutney to die for as well as some very nice Apple Brandy. Fantastic, I think that theirs was the best pub lunch all year! It was in aid of the charity Pulmonary Thrombosis and Daxa raised £150. So, the end of another excellent years walking and time to enjoy the festivities before we start again in 2018.

Happy New Year to all our Walkers and on Saturday 20/1/18 we walk 4 miles to Ashby St Ledgers along the lane up to Barby known as Barby Road then take the path opposite the garden centre that leads around the Crown Estate land passing the magnificent lake that was in the grounds of, what must have been a substantial stately home now sadly demolished. We walk across the A361 and take lunch at the Old Coach House with a short 3 mile back to the village. It’s an excellent walk.

If you wish to join us, you will be most welcome. We meet at 10 o’ clock on the third Saturday each month at the village hall and the really good news it’s free!

Our next 5 Walks are as follows:
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The Royal British Legion Braunston & District

We go into the new year with the future of the Branch in doubt. Our membership has declined to a very low level as we have been unable to replace membership losses due to natural causes with new recruits. Anyhow, we will carry on and see what happens.

The good news is that the 2017 Poppy Appeal has equalled the previous years record amount for the district at £8,599. It is good to know that people are still prepared to support this worthy cause.

The Legion supports a great many ex-servicemen and dependents. For example, it helps many homeless ex-servicemen – 22% of all homeless people are ex-service. The branch is able to give welfare support and anyone needing help should contact our welfare support officer Sue Dobson on 01788 822 523.

The first meeting of the Branch this year will be held at the George Hotel Kilsby at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 13th February.

The monthly luncheon will be at the Sporting Club Barby on Wednesday 21st February at Midday. All are welcome
Tony Saunderson
Tel. 01788890797

The Friends of All Saints Church Braunston

The Friends, eager to cast their net wider, would like to hear from anyone willing to join as members and even help by being on the committee. Non Church goers would be most welcome. We need to come up with fresh ideas to raise funds for the continual restoration of this Church. If you think you can offer something please give me a ring.
Pat Milner
01788 899157
Spring is sprung

Sat at my living room table seeking inspiration for my next nature notes a single bright yellow but tiny tete-a-tete daffodil has just popped into bloom. The small pot of bulbs was a present from next door neighbour Heather. On the window-cill is our regular gift from daughter-in-law Jane. It is an amaryllis and it is just unveiling its pale pink lacy petals. Out and about few spring flowers, some early spring blossom and even a young bird or two are bringing the reassuring news that Spring is just around the corner.

As a new year opens it is perhaps a good time to take stock of some of changes in British wildlife. Climate Change is just one major factor radically reshuffling Britain’s wildlife. Up and down the country some species are disappearing but there is some good news too with new migrants and old friends returning to make their home on our shores. The climate changes are also causing wildlife to modify crucial timings of their lives.

Average temperatures in the UK have increased by almost one degree Centigrade in recent decades and familiar birds like swallows, which migrate to Africa every autumn, have responded by leaving up to four weeks later. Others, such as garden warblers and whitethroats, are also enjoying warmer British weather for longer. Migratory birds are also arriving and breeding earlier in the spring than in the 1960s. Even permanent residents, like the great tit is laying its eggs 11 days earlier than 40 years ago. Increasingly warmer and wetter winters mean some short-distance migratory birds to give up their journeys entirely and remain here all year round. For instance breeding numbers of blackcaps and chiffchaffs have both more than doubled since 1970.

In August last year a flock of the extremely rare bee-eaters made a brave attempt to breed in a Nottinghamshire quarry. Sadly all three nests failed to produce viable chicks. Bee-eaters have only attempted to breed five times in the past decade. A combination of poor weather leading to a lack of insects to feed the fledglings, and predators such as sparrow hawks, kestrels and foxes all contributed to the sad failure.

Peter Frost
Spring is just around the corner

With Spring just around the corner, we are looking forward to our Saturday work mornings again.

Our first will be held on Saturday 10\(^{th}\) March starting at 9am (the finish time will very much depend on the weather!). During this work morning, we will be tidying up broken branches or anything damaged by the recent winds, removing some tree guards that are no longer required, replacing lost bark and aggregate to keep the paths in the field safe.

Please come along and join us if you’re available. Just bring gardening gloves and garden shears and we’ll provide the coffee and cake.

If you would also like to attend any of our Jetty Field meetings this year here is a list of all the dates. These meetings are held in the library room in the village hall at 7.30pm.

Thursday 8\(^{th}\) March
Thursday 5\(^{th}\) April
Thursday 10\(^{th}\) May
Thursday 7\(^{th}\) June
Thursday 5\(^{th}\) July
Thursday 6\(^{th}\) September
Thursday 8\(^{th}\) November
Hope and Homes for Children

How the Charity Started
On 1994, Mark Cook, a retired British Army Officer read about the plight of a group of children struggling to survive in Sarajevo’s main orphanage at the height of the Bosnian War. He and his wife, Caroline, visited the Bjetlave orphanage. The building was in a terrible state. It had been almost completely demolished from mortars and heavy weapons. The teenagers who lived there had been left to live in a semi-feral existence in the ruined building. The babies were down in the basement crammed, without running water or light. The Cooks visited the orphanage and promised the children that they would find a way to rebuild their home. Mark says we wanted to give them hope, hence Hope and Homes for Children. However Marl and Caroline soon realised that rebuilding a large institutionalised orphanage was not the answer. Instead small “family” type units were the answer. Now Hope and Homes for Children work with governments and civil society organisation in 30 countries to dismantle institutionalised orphanage base care systems, but replace them with smaller units, or helping children return to their families.

How Braunston got involved
All Saints Church had saved funds to be spent to celebrate the new Millennium, Barry Thompson and his wife Gillian had been to one of Hope and Homes Conferences. They were both very active at the Church. The Parochial Church Council for All Saints were considering the best way to spend the funds to commemorate the new Millennium. One suggestion was to buy a replacement window, required at the Church. Barry convinced them to donate the money to Hope and Homes. It was agreed with Hope and Homes that if £15,000 was donated from the Church, this would enable them to build and set up a house in Sudan which would provide a house and home for 10 vulnerable girls it was agreed, and the house was called “Braunston Home”. Not only did the money enable the house to be built but covered the initial running costs, and the costs of providing two “guardians”

Why Brenda got Involved
After the sad death of Gillian Thompson, the charity lacked leadership in Braunston. After a year or so, the Vicar at the time, Claire, asked Brenda if she would take on the role. This she did having numerous handicraft sales, plant sales, Folk Nights, sponsored Walks, Cycle rides etc. The most lasting were the Penny Pots. Initially it was hoped to get children to decorate these, with the logo “Made by Children, for Children. Over the 13 years Brenda has been involved she has seen the Villagers of Braunston and Ashby raised over £30,000 for Hope and Homes.

What Next
After 13 years now is the time for Brenda to stand down from Hope and Homes. As yet we do not have anyone to continue in the role. So is this the end of Hope and Homes here in Braunston and Ashby. It’s up to you. If you can take on this fundraising role contact Colin Allen on 01788 890 988.
### FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

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The mobile Sight Unit will be in Daventry
Wednesday 21st February
Between 10 am—1pm

Helpline: 01604 719193
www.nab.org.uk
Sat Feb 24th 7.30pm in the Village Hall

“DUNKIRK”

2017 12A

With an ensemble cast of 1000’s of well known and unknown actors.

May 1940. Allied soldiers from Britain, Belgium and France are trapped on the beaches of Dunkirk and are evacuated using every available naval and civilian vessel. 330,000 soldiers were safely evacuated

Homemade refreshments are for sale. Bring a bottle & a glass

Tickets £4.50 members
£6.50 non-members
Book in advance or tickets available on the door
Tel: 01788 890508 or:
batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com
Monday 12th February 2pm to 4pm.
Film at the Village Hall
We will be enjoying "High Society" kindly shown to us by Braunston Cinema Club in the main hall.
There will be no trolley raffle this week.

Monday 26th February 2pm to 4pm
Childrens' Books at the Village Hall
Please bring along one or two of your loved or favourite children's' books. These may be yours or ones you read to your children or grandchildren. There will be a trolley raffle and a normal raffle this week.

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

RIDING THROUGH THE GLEN!
The Friendly Club went to the woods on a cold evening in January. They checked “behind them” for ghosts, cooked up a slapstick cake, slapped a few thighs in green tights and “oh yes it was” a great night.
No, they didn’t go for a walk, but to see the production of Robin Hood, this year’s pantomime at Rugby Theatre. The characterisations were very skilled, especially Weasel and Stout. The singing was both beautiful (Robin, Maid Marion and Will Scarlet) and funny (The Dame, Sheriff of Nottingham, Little John). The children’s dancing routines was a great hit with Friendly Club members. Overall a show full of energy, engaging with the audience from the first minute right through to the end. A fantastic amateur performance in all aspects; musicians, costume, lighting, staging, box office and front of house. We had a great evening – because - someone
said during 2017 “We could go to the pantomime”. That’s how the Friendly Club works. Members give us suggestions and we try and make things happen. Why not ring us up to find out more.

The Friendly Club is for those who would like to get out of the house on a Monday afternoon, sometimes to hear about things going on in the village from a speaker, sometimes for a tea and chat, other times for a trip out for a meal or a visit to a local place of interest. For example in January we had an interesting talk by Annette and Julie, from Braunston, who walk to raise money for charity. Then this month we will meet up to see a film put on for us by the Cinema Club.

Come along to the Village Hall at 2pm on the 2$^{nd}$ and 4$^{th}$ Mondays of each month. We provide tea and cake too. If you are not able to walk to the Village Hall and the bus does not go along your road we are able to arrange lifts. Ask Kate for more information about this. **Kate – 890340 or Jenny – 890186**

*PS If you have children or grandchildren be sure to book next year and take them to Rugby Theatre Pantomime. The children there last night had a great time.*

The funeral of the late Larry McMamee of Archer Avenue took place in Ruislip.

The family would like to thank all those from the village who attended.

£400 was raised for the Air Ambulance Fund
Braunston Women’s Institute

Next meeting:-
Tuesday 6th February.
We are delighted to welcome
Maggie Murray to our meeting.
Maggie is our Parish Nurse and is
making a very valuable contribution
to our community. Come along and
find out more about her role in the
village and the variety of things she
can help with.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the
village hall.

Any queries, contact Barbara on
01788 890452

TO BOOK THE
VILLAGE HALL
CALL:-
Mrs Leyla Clayson
62 High Street
Braunston
leylaclayson@gmail.com
01788 899138

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

Braunston Friendly Club

SEE PAGE 28/29 FOR
FRIENDLY CLUB
ACTIVITIES IN
FEBRUARY

RAINFALL— 2016/2017
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Information provided by Rob Buckley
A LETTER FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Dear all,
I just wanted to take the opportunity to wish everybody a Happy New Year.

It has been a privilege to assist people in the village as your District Councillor with the required integrity, honesty and enthusiasm that any elected official must demonstrate. I have been fortunate to witness, as Parish Councillor and member of various village committees, the dedication and commitment demonstrated by various individuals and groups within the village. This is all done with determination, and with a gentle injection of humour on occasion. This dedication demonstrated by previous Parish councillors has ensured that the village is maintained and developed in line with its heritage and the wishes of residents.

We now have several vacancies and I would like people to express their interest in becoming a Parish Councillor, the more diverse and representative of the village, the better. Could be a New Year’s Resolution!.

Best Wishes,

Jason Pritchard

District Councillor for Braunston and Welton.
THE FINAL DAY

The Christmas Day service in our beautiful Village Church was a happy but sad occasion. Amongst all the lovely flowers and folks dressed up in their Sunday best a silent tear rolled down more than a few faces. This was to be the last service our wonderful Reverend Sarah would take in Braunston. She managed to give a lovely service in her own imitable fashion and dispensed chocolate money and candy canes to all and sundry. She and her family served refreshments to the large congregation.

How we will miss her smiley face (sometimes a steely face) but our loss is definitely Peterborough's gain. We all wish you well Sarah and hope that you, Richard, Alice and Edward enjoy your time in Peterborough.

Richard, Alice, Sarah and Edward Brown

Photograph by kind permission of Cedric Wasser
Angela Finch 1938 - 2011
Beloved wife, grandmother, golfing enthusiast, and like many of her shots, sadly missed.

We think burial means celebrating the life someone has had and the things they enjoyed.

At Greenhaven you can have the burial you want, but at a fraction of the cost of a conventional one. And for those left behind a beautiful woodland sanctuary where life goes on and memories linger.

Visit us at: www.greenhaven.org.uk
email on: nichargreaves@hotmail.com
Or call Nick on: 01788 860 604

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woodland burial ground
A little piece of heaven on earth
Hello again everyone,
I hope this short seasonal greeting finds you in good health, and suitably prepared and excited for the festivities to come.
In signing off for 2017, I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the continued successful running of LNBP during the last 12 months, and also to the many of you who continue to promote and champion what we do and can offer.
On behalf of everyone at LNBP Community Boating at Braunston, may we extend our very best wishes to you and your families for a happy and prosperous and healthy New Year.

We look forward to seeing and welcoming you aboard Lancelot and Guinevere in 2018.

With all the very best wishes for the season,

Peter Page
BRAUNSTON COMMUNITY CAR IS FOR YOU

Available to ALL residents to make a short journey in or out of the village.
To visit friends, shopping, hospital, dentist, doctors, appointments
JUST CALL 07984 412921 (24HRS NOTICE PLEASE)

Any payment is by voluntary contribution.

We really need more volunteer drivers. If you are interested in joining the team, or in helping with the scheme in any way, please let us know.

A new TV programme is looking for Grandparents who want to spend more quality time with their Grandchildren

Are you a Grandparent?

Do you have three or more Grandchildren aged over 18?

Do you wish you saw them more often?
Would you like to help them out?

If so, a new Documentary would like to hear from you!

If you are interested please email us on shivercasting@shiver.tv
OR CALL US ON: 0207 157 4588

Please get in touch as soon as possible!
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 4th March to 27th May from 11 till midday.

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

- Compost – multi purpose 40 litres £3.60
- Compost – Peat Free multi purpose 50 litres £5.00
- Compost – Ericaceous 40 litres £4.00
- Compost – John Innes No.2 or No.325 litres £3.80
- Growbag For 3 plants £2.30
- Bamboo Canes 8 ft 55p
- Tomorite 1.0 litre £4.00
- Doff Slug Pellets 350g £2.00
- Bark Chips 75 litres £6.00
- Fertiliser - Fish Blood & Bone 1lb 60p 7lb £3 14lb £5
- Fertiliser – Bonemeal 1lb 70p 7lb £3.50 14lb £6
- Fertiliser - Growmore 1lb 90p 7lb £5.50 14lb £9
- Pelleted Chicken Fertiliser 1lb 50p 7lb £3 14lb £5

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 11th February. Indicate number required. Collect from Village Hall on 4th March or later. Please ask if you need delivery.

Any other garden items
Ring 01788 890340 and we can send you our supplier’s trade catalogue. Please ask for prices.
- Fish, blood and bone 25kg Organic fertiliser for flowers and veg £15 ___
- Growmore granular 25kg All-purpose general garden fertiliser. £20 ___
- Bonemeal 25kg Sterilised, organic fertiliser for bulbs, shrubs, planting of trees and as a dressing on vegetable patches. £18 ___
- Pelleted Chicken Fertiliser 20kg Sterilised, organic and safe to use £11 ___

Any other garden items ........................................................................................................
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Name ........................................ Phone ...................................................... .....

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GONGOOZLERS REST CAFÉ BOAT

The Gongoozlers Rest Café Boat will reopen on Thursday 1st February following a refit.
Avril, Jackie, Fiona and Crew
look forward to welcoming old friends and new

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Braunston Village Charities for their Gift at Christmas. After spending six months in hospital it was very much appreciated.
Yours truly
Brian Williams
Greenway

Quote of the month

Your life is your own,
Never be afraid to lead your journey.

Julie Leadbetter
DTP
Campbell ad (Cow )