

# BRAUNSTON NEWS Village

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Amelija Tadaraviciute enjoying her first snowman on The Green



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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 PAGE

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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](http://www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc)

# CHURCHWARDEN'S LETTER



## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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*

## FLOODLIGHTING 2017



### 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 Gladys 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

## JENNI'S JOTTINGS

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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Prima Ballerinas 2 (9-5 yrs) 4.30pm - 5.00pm	
Pre Syllabus Ballet (5-6 yrs) 5.00pm - 5.45pm	<b>Friday</b>
Pre Primary Ballet (7-8 yrs) 5.45pm - 6.30pm	Gymnastics (all ages) 5.00pm - 5.30pm
Primary Ballet (8 yrs+) 6.30pm - 7.15pm	Street Dance & Modern (8 yrs+) 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+) 7.15pm - 7.45pm	Grade 3 Ballet (13 yrs+) 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+) 7.45pm - 8.15pm	Grade 4 Ballet (15 yrs+) 7.15pm - 8.15pm
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**PLEASE GET INVOLVED AND RING LEYLA FOR AN INFORMAL CHAT ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP ON 01788 899138.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.**

## VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### WEEKLY

			CONTACT	
Monday	Pilates	6.45pm	Sam	07593 913686
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Tuesday	Pop Mobility	2.00pm	Lorraine	01788 890846
Wednesday	Braunston Art Group	2.00pm	Alan	01788 890164
	Yoga	7.00pm	Sheila	01788 891831
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	1.45pm	Alan	01788 890011
	Bingo Club	8.00pm	Harry	01788 890396

### FORTNIGHTLY

Monday	Friendly Club	2.00pm	Jenny	01788 890186
Friday	Youth Club	7.00pm	Leah	01788 891833

### MONTHLY

Tuesday	History Society	7.00pm	Annie	01788 891179
	Women's Institute	7.30pm	Barbara	01788 890452
Thursday	Gardens Association	7.30pm	Kate	01788 890340
Saturday	Cinema Club	7.30pm	Arthur	01788 890508

**Pre-School Monday-Friday - [braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com](mailto:braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com)**

### Hall hire charges

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## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Fri	2 19:00	Sung Compline
Sun	4 09:15	Holy Communion Ash
	11:00	Parish Communion Br
	18:30	Evensong - Br
Tue	6 09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	7 12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sun	11 08:00	Holy Communion Br
		Holy Communion or Family Service
	09:15	Ash
	11:00	Family Service Br
Tue	13 09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	14 12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	17 10:00	Bring & Buy Coffee Morning
Sun	18 08:00	Morning Prayer Br
	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
	11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
Tue	20 09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	21 12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sun	25 08:00	Holy Communion Br
	09:15	Breakfast Service Ash
	11:00	Family Communion Br
	18:00	No Labels Worship
Tue	27 09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	28 12:30	Peace at lunchtime

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FEBRUARY 2018

		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	1st	Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	5th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	6th	W.I. : Beavers
Wednesday	7th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	8th	Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	9th	Mobile Library:
Monday	12th	Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
		Beavers: Royal British Legion Meeting at the George Hotel
Tuesday	13th	
Wednesday	14th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	15th	Fishing Club Bingo
		Bring & Buy Coffee Morning at the Church
Saturday	17th	
Monday	19th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	20th	Beavers: History Society
Wednesday	21st	Royal British Legion Lunch: 19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	22nd	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](mailto: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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## BRAUNSTON WALKERS

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 Biryanis, 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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17/3 Borough Hill

21/4 Harbury

18/5 Broughton

16/6 Carsington in the Peak District

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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 13<sup>th</sup> February.

The monthly luncheon will be at the Sporting Club Barby on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## FROST'S NATURE NOTES

### 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**

## NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD

### 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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Mark 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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
<b>FEB</b>		
17th	Bring & Buy Coffee Morning	All Saints' Church
<b>MAR</b>		
17th	Braunston Bakes	
<b>MAY</b>		
12th	Quiz	All Saints' Church
<b>JUNE</b>		
9th	Summer Fete	All Saints' Church
<b>AUG</b>		
3rd	Car Treasure Hunt	
<b>SEPT</b>		
8th	Ride & Stride	All Saints' Church
22nd	Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day	
22nd	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints' Church
<b>OCT</b>		
6th	Quiz	All Saints' Church
13/14th	Craft Fair	All Saints' Church
<b>DEC</b>		
1st	Christmas Fair	All Saints' Church
14th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints' Church



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 Wednesday 21st February  
 Between 10 am—1pm**

**BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB**

**Sat Feb 24th 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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## THE BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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## CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

### 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

### Braunston Friendly Club

**SEE PAGE 28/29 FOR FRIENDLY CLUB ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY**

### TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL

#### CALL:-

Mrs Leyla Clayson  
62 High Street  
Braunston  
leylaclayson@gmail.com  
01788 899138

### RAINFALL— 2016/2017

All in mms

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Jan	53	72	55
Feb	31	37	47
Mar	25	79	54
Apr	14	43	12
May	45	33	71
Jun	25	68	32
Jul	48	8	54
Aug	44	60	53
Sep	33	43	72
Oct	48	16	11
Nov	61	74	29
Dec	72	21	92
<u>Total</u>			
mm	499	554	592
ins	20	22	23

Information provided by Rob Buckley

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

## **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

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**Angela Finch 1938 - 2011**  
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**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

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# BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> 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.3	25 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 .....

Address .....

## **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 )

## **BVN Deadline - March 2018 Edition**

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