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Vicar’s letter

How do you solve a problem like Maria?

I wonder if you watched ‘The Sound of Music’ this Christmas? Often an old favourite for many families. Mother Superior is faced with the challenge of knowing how to guide a novice called Maria as she navigates her calling to become a nun and balancing the needs of the monastery and its traditions and routines. Maria doesn’t quite fit and the other nuns sing that she’s a ‘A flibbertigibbet! A will-o'-the wisp! A clown!’

However, when life became difficult and she faced heartbreak, Maria returned to the place she knew that she would be loved and accepted, a place where she could work through her pain and heartache: the monastery. Later on, the monastery is the place where Maria is married and the family sought refuge from the Nazis, it became like home.

But of course, it wasn’t just the place, it was the people that mattered. Despite Maria being described by her fellow nuns as being, ‘Unpredictable as weather, she’s as flighty as a feather, she’s a darling! she’s a demon! She's a lamb!’ They loved and cherished her and were there for her when she needed them most.

The church too is often criticised for putting its traditions and routines first and many people don’t feel they fit in. But my hope is that the church is a place that is accessible to all. And more than that, it is a place where people matter more. A place where anyone can come with their doubts, questions, heartache and find people who will offer acceptance and love in the name of Jesus. I hope that when people come, they will see how we love and care for one another and find a place where they belong. So even if you feel like you wouldn’t fit in or even that you are a problem like Maria, may you know that you will be welcome!

Happy New Year!

Rev. Nat
Church Floodlighting

Not shown in the December BVN

25\textsuperscript{th} - Remembering our wonderful mother at Christmas, Gladys Elizabeth Wood – your loving family

27\textsuperscript{th} - Happy Birthday Fran (Haynes) on 27\textsuperscript{th} December. Love and best wishes from Mum and Dad

January

5\textsuperscript{th} - * In memory of Eileen Berry. Graham, Karen & Family

6\textsuperscript{th} - Ron Clegg birthday memories. Audrey, Dave, Jane, Sharon & families.

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

13\textsuperscript{th} - * In memory of Peter Wenham, friend & ringer

23\textsuperscript{rd} - Remembering our Daddy, James on his birthday. Autumn & Daniel.

31\textsuperscript{st} - * Sybil and Pat celebrate the 21\textsuperscript{st} Birthday of their Granddaughter Lizzie

February’s floodlighting so far …

10\textsuperscript{th} - * In memory of Mansel Davies

12\textsuperscript{th} - * Gordon & Helena Lane Anniversary

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

21\textsuperscript{st} - Happy 80\textsuperscript{th} birthday to my wonderful Mum. Love Amanda, Matt, and Phoebe xx

23\textsuperscript{rd} - * Happy birthday Zoe. Love, Mum

25\textsuperscript{th} - Happy Birthday Pete! With all our love; Val, Rachel, Pete and Mosella

26\textsuperscript{th} - * In memory of Les & Thirza Pittam

*= Friends of All Saints– A huge Thank You.
### Church Diary for February

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Parish Nursing

Maggie Murray, our Parish Nurse is to be commissioned by Bishop Donald at a special thanksgiving service for Parish Nurses within the Diocese. The service is on Sunday 16th February at 3.30pm followed by refreshments in Peterborough Cathedral. For more information please contact Rev Nat.

Tiny Treasures

Parent / Carer Toddler group
For pre-school age children
Tuesdays (in term time)
9:00-11:00 at The Rectory
High St. Braunston
For more details contact
Rev Nat 01788 890298

Tiny Treasures will be meeting with Pre-School in the Village Hall on the following dates -
25th February and 24th March.
Entrance to Pre-School is round the back of the Village Hall.
The session will run from 9-12pm but you are free to come and go.
There will be snack time for the children at the usual time. Refreshments for the grown –ups as usual.
A donations pot will be available, and the proceeds will go to Pre-School.
We look forward to seeing you there!
Parish Council Information and News

Clerk: Steve Rolt  
c/o 82 Greenway, Braunston, NN11 7JT  
07956 682733  clerk@braunstonpc.org

Parish councillors and areas of responsibility:

Alan Mawer, Archer Avenue and Cross Lane  t: 01788 890340  
Chris Johnson (Chair), Greenway and Closes  t: 01788 891597  
Graham Newman (vice chair), Marina, London Road, Hill Row, Old Road  t: 01788 890143  
Joanna Longworth, High Street from Old Plough to The Green  t: 07930 263113  
Lizzie Iddins, High Street from A45 to Old Plough  t: 07904 061548  
John Pomfret, Eastfields  t: 07817 234727  
Vacancy, Ashby Road  t: 07956 682733  
Robert Davey, Spinney Hill and Closes  t: 01788 891591  
Sue Harrison, Dark Lane  t: 07769 589459  
Sandra Stapley, Welton Road, Maple Close  t: 01788 890475  
Tom Sabin, Church Road, Barby Road  t: 01788 891797

Forthcoming Meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend meetings. Unless indicated, they are held in the Meeting Room at Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

- Mon 3rd February: Full Council Meeting  
- Mon 2nd March: Full Council Meeting  
- Mon 6th April: Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are on the Braunston website: www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc

and on the Parish Council notice board at The Green.
Posts on the Village Green

Additional wooden posts are being put around sections of the village green similar to those already in place to protect The Green from vehicle damage.

Speedwatch

We have four volunteers to be part of this scheme, but for Police training and for it to go ahead we need a minimum of eight people. So four more people are needed. If you are interested in helping to make the village a safer place please volunteer by contacting Graham Newman 01788 890143.

Changes at the Parish Council

After five years of service as both District and Parish Councillor, Jason Pritchard had planned to leave both roles in May to coincide with the elections for the parish and for the new West Northamptonshire Unitary Authority that will initially shadow, then take over the functions of DDC. As there were two volunteers for the Parish Councillor vacancy that occurred in 2019, Jason resigned from the PC in January so that both applicants can be co-opted to the PC. Jason will continue to attend Parish Council meetings in his role as District Councillor. More information will be given in the March edition of the BVN.

Parish Council Land

We would like to remind everyone that in the interest of safety the Parish Council does not allow the flying of drones in Jettyfield or the playing field in Barby Road.

Dogs are not allowed in the playing field.

Dog owners are also asked to ensure they pick up after their dogs in all public places as well as on footpaths and bridleways across farmland and other areas. Jettyfield is an area also used by school children and pre-school children.

Parish Precept

The precept for 2020/21 will increase by 3%
Village Diary 2020

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BVGA Gardens Competition - enjoy keeping your front gardens ready for this village competition this summer.

More details such as times and venues for these events will be in future BVNs.

Look out for walk dates on the Braunston Walkers page 22.

The cricket fixtures will be in each month’s BVN once the season starts.

We will update the diary in the July issue. Please let us know if you have events planned.
Could you fit this chair?

It would be great if you could help us out.

We represent the many and varied organisations that use **Braunston Village Hall**. We make up the **Village Hall Committee**.

Our organisations, as well as the businesses that use the hall, work with the volunteer Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Bookings Officer to coordinate its day to day running.

**We are a friendly and welcoming group of people. We embrace change and like to look at new ways of doing things.**

This year, after many years’ service, our Chair and Secretary are stepping down and we are looking for people from the village to fill their places on the committee. **We think this could be you.**

If you would like to help the Village Hall move forward into the 2020s contact one of us or come along to a meeting to find out more about the role. We would value your response to our request, whether you are a long-time resident or new to the village. **So go on, get in touch today.**

**Speak to anyone on the Village Hall committee or contact**

Liz Fraser (Bookings Officer) and Ron Hunt (Treasurer) via [villagehall@braunston.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@braunston.org.uk) or telephone 07890 072487
We host nearly 20 regular users at our hall and many other functions, including parties and meetings.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege for us to be Chair and Secretary and we are only stepping down due to other commitments.

Please respond to the BVN advertisement, you will so much enjoy working with our superb committee to keep this great village facility at its best.

**Hall hire charges**

If you want to hire our hall please visit the website. Your bookings mean that we can keep improving the hall for your enjoyment.

For all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply.

See our website: braunstonvillagehall.org.uk,

email villagehall@braunston.org.uk

or phone 07890 072487.

Details of special events can also be found on the website.

If your child attends Braunston Pre-School or Braunston C of E Primary School you are entitled to Braunston resident’s rates even if you do not live in the village and you receive an extra 10% off hall hire charges during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

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Contacts for regular activities in the Village Hall

Some clubs take a break during school holidays. Please check with the contacts.

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**Pre-School Monday-Friday** - 01788 891891
braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com
January saw the start of Braunston C.E Primary School’s new community project. All children have drawn a picture that they feel represents our community of Braunston. Lilly has the difficult challenge to ensure that all the drawings come together to celebrate life in Braunston. The artwork will cover the wall outside Reception and Year 1 classrooms and will be visible from the external pathway. We will let you know when it is finished and you are very welcome to come and see it.

Our children love to engage with the local environment and are enjoying playing an active part within the local community. We have made regular visits to Peace at Lunchtime and are excited to be starting Forest Schools at the end of the month and thank the Jetty Field - Pocket Park committee for their support.

We are delighted to receive so much support from volunteer readers, help with our gardening and joining us on our visits. The lives of our children are enriched by these experiences. If you are able to offer any help, please feel free to contact us through the school office on 01788 890494.
Braunston Friendly Club

We meet in The Gallie Room at the Village Hall, 2pm to 4pm.

Members enjoy tea, cake and a variety of activities that are organised through the year. Please come along and join us to find out more about what we do. We have extra cups, cake and chat all ready for people looking to come along to their first meeting.

Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} February NO MEETING

Monday 17\textsuperscript{th} February – Film- Prompt start at 2pm please. 2pm to 4.30pm

Braunston Cinema Club are kindly showing us the film, Downton Abbey, in the Main Hall of the Village Hall. No trolley raffle.

Monday 24\textsuperscript{th} February – Making mini notebooks – Laura Sturrock - 2pm to 4pm

Laura will bring examples of the notebooks she makes. She will tell us about her hobby and we will try making a notebook too. Do come along and join us. Trolley raffle.

For more information telephone

Jenny 890186 or Kate 890340

Fishing Club

Braunston Fishing Club meets every Thursday at 8pm throughout the year for Bingo in the Village Hall. Non-members are welcome.

Harry 01788 890396
Learn to Crochet Group

Beginners welcome. Do you want to learn a new skill and be able to make great handmade presents for people?

Do you feel inspired to make items for your house but don’t know where to start? This is the crochet group for you.

We will start you off on a six week programme to cover the basics and then you can join the main group working on some larger projects.

Based in Braunston Village Hall Meeting Room every Tuesday 10-12pm

Cost is £3 per person per session which includes yarn, printed pattern and refreshments.

Find out more at www.evenrobotsneedblankets.com and sign up at https://www.meetup.com/Braunston-Crocheting-Meetup-Group/

Braunston Cinema Club

Sat 29th Feb 2020  7.30pm in the Village Hall

DOWNTON ABBEY    2019 cert: PG

Maggie Smith, Michelle Dockery, Hugh Bonneville

And others from the TV series.

The continuing story of the Crawley family, wealthy owners of a large estate in the English countryside in the early twentieth century.

Homemade refreshments are available to buy, please book tickets/food in advance to help with catering. Bring a bottle & a glass

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Film only: £4.50 members/£6.50 non-members

Some tickets may be available on the door

Tel: 01788 890508 or: batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com
FAB FEB FAIR!
Braunston Village Hall
Saturday
29th February
From 10.00am – 2.00pm
CRAFTS
COFFEE + CAKES
+ our famous BACON BUTTIES!
A Wide Range Of Interesting And Beautifully Made Items
Enquiries: 07890 072487 or Twinners@Braunston.Net

Give your brain a SPRING CLEAN
at our SUPER SPRING QUIZ!
Braunston Village Hall 6.30 for 7.00 PM
Saturday 4th April
Max 6 to a team
Hot meal included!
£10 a head
Prizes!
Book your table now!!
Email: Quiz@Braunston.net

Braunston Twinners
Jetty Field – Braunston Pocket Park

More saplings have been ordered from the Woodland Trust. The plan is to use the saplings to develop hedging to encourage wildlife to thrive. Species include dog rose, hazel, hawthorn, crab apple and dogwood. We will be planting them on the next workday on Saturday 21\textsuperscript{st} March.

Other tasks planned for the workday include general tidying and weeding in the Pocket Park, continue the laying of a dead hedge in the Nature Reserve and planting wild flowers in the bog area. Please feel free to join us, tea and cake will be provided. More details in next month’s BVN.

There has been some interest in individuals taking responsibility for the upkeep of particular areas of the Pocket Park. This could include keeping a small flowerbed neat and tidy and can be done at any time and not necessarily at the organised workdays. If you would like to be involved please contact Zara at zaracorbin9@googlemail.com

There is likely to be at least one allotment plot becoming available in April. If you are interested in growing your own fruit and veg and having some exercise at the same time please contact Jenny at jenny.tibbles@gmail.com

Some of our tree planters
Braunston Paddock Cricket Club

Following their successful acceptance to the Northamptonshire Cricket League, the club have just been notified of their opposition for the 2020 season which starts in April. The First team have been placed in Division Nine and their nine opposition clubs will include Wollaston, Little Harrowden, Irchester, Kettering and three Northampton clubs. The Second XI will be in Division 14 and their opposition will include Kettering, Barton Seagrave, Dunchurch & Bilton and Burton Latimer.

The league is reputedly the largest County league in the country and boasts 15 divisions. It will be a challenge for the club and one we are looking forward to. We are always on the lookout for new players. Experience, or lack of it, is not important. Winter nets have already started and the attendance so far has been very encouraging.
Braunston History Society

Tuesday Feb 18th 7 30pm in Village Hall.
Uncovering the History of a Braunston Farmhouse
A presentation by Kate Mawer, one of our members, who will talk about her house on the High Street and how she researched its History. Look forward to seeing our members.
Guests welcome, £2 on the door

Braunston Women’s Institute

Tuesday 4th February in the Village Hall
As part of the “Show the Love” campaign
Kate Mawer will explain how “Beautiful things are possible when we work together”
Join us for an interesting evening
Contact Valerie 891975

Community Car

COMMUNITY CAR IS FOR YOU
Available to all residents to make a short journey in or out of the village.
Visit friends, shopping, hospital, dentist, doctors, appointments, etc.
Just call 07984 412921 (24 hours notice please)
Any payment is by voluntary contribution.
Happy New Year to all our passengers whose kind donations keep the service going. Special thanks to Keren Andrews and her team who donated £84.34 raised by the Christmas card delivery.
The team would like to thank Nigel of Braunston Garage for his continuing support.
Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

This is the name chosen by Braunston people who in December held the first meeting of a climate group. This follows the cross-party initiative of councillors at Daventry District Council to consider how the Council can reduce the environmental impact of its activities, as well as encourage others to make improvements.

We are independent of any council or group; we will lobby councils and other bodies for policies to enable us all to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

We are keen to network. We intend that this will involve connecting with other groups, businesses and councils about initiatives they are working on. We hope we can link with groups and individuals in Braunston to promote actions that will mitigate climate change. We would like to share information to make it easier to reduce Braunston’s carbon footprint.

Our group consists of twelve Braunston residents and business people whose ages span six decades. If you are interested in finding out more, please email abigailathome@gmail.com or message 07989 421836.

The Alternative Book Club

We are called The Alternative Book Club. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at The Wheatsheaf at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome
For more details please contact Caroline on 01788 899107.

Community Cafe

We are open Wednesday to Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday 10:00am to 12:30pm. You will get a warm welcome.

Why not think about volunteering.
Braunston Village Gardens Association

The store is open Sundays 1\textsuperscript{st} March to 24\textsuperscript{th} May from 11 till midday at the Village Hall and sells items listed below. Just turn up and buy.

Peatlands only cover about 3\% of the world’s land surface, but store at least twice as much carbon as all of Earth’s forests. At least one-third of the world’s organic soil carbon is in peatlands. Peatlands are “the most essential terrestrial ecosystem,” says Tim Christophersen, at the UN Environment Programme. Peat extraction for commercial composts and grow bags is destroying this vital ecosystem.

We do not think we should be using a product that speeds up climate change. We hope all Braunston gardeners agree. By using peat-free compost we can all reduce our carbon footprint.

We have replaced previous products with a new brand, a 40 litre size of peat-free compost. We are selling this at £3.60 which is cheaper per litre than the poor quality product supplied last year. It makes a useful grow bag and requires less feeding. We have been unable to source John Innes comports that do not contain about 25\% peat, so for this season we will continue to offer the two varieties listed.

Our 2020 price list:

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In addition we can supply most other garden products including vermiculite, waterbutts, netting, fleece and twine. Our supplier also lists a thousand varieties of seeds which we can supply at less than shop prices.

To order these, and the 20/25kg sacks shown above, please ring 01788 890340 by the 9\textsuperscript{th} February
For our first walk of 2020 we were off to Staverton. It was a frosty, extremely sunny day, the best walking weather and a welcome change after all the rainy days we have had. Seven of us turned out today with others crying off due to promised mud. The walk took us down through Jetty Fields, along the canal and over the ladder bridge, over the River Leam and on to Wolfhamcote. We passed the church and followed the track that leads to Flecknoe. Up until then we had no mud, but after the stile in Flecknoe we were soon into some very soggy fields and woods that led across to Staverton. You need to climb quite steeply up to Staverton, but we soon reached the welcome Countryman pub where we had a great lunch.

After lunch we were off again on the bridleway back to Braunston. Normally this track is relatively dry but after all the recent rain it was very boggy. After walking behind Berryfields Farm we had to contend with Braunston Covert always muddy even in high summer. We made it through and crossed the ploughed field before dropping down onto Old Road and home for a cuppa. A great walk despite the mire.

Our next walk on the 15th of February will visit one of the Via Beata’s long distance pilgrimage walk works of art. It’s in the porch of the church at Leamington Hastings. Well worth seeing.

Next walks:
21st March Fawsley and Everdon (a local classic)
18th April Welford
23rd May Stow on the Wold and Longford
20th June Peak District Stanton Moor
18th July Culworth
Many thanks once again for the Braunston Christmas cards deliveries. We delivered a record breaking 435 cards and raised in total £84.34, a record!

Thank you to all who used the service and donated, the volunteers who delivered the cards and the Community Café and Church for hosting the boxes.

**Tilly**

We know she was just “a dog”
But to us she was a friend
She gave us all her doggy love
Right up to the end
When she died it broke our hearts
The tears they fell like rain
We know that at some later time
We will all meet up again
The Angels came and the Angels went
And they took our Tilly away
She is now with Malcom and the Lord
And this is where she will stay

Bill
## Rainfall

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![Braunston's annual rainfall totals 2015-2019](image-url)
• The total 2019 rainfall was 36% greater than the average of the previous four years.
• There have been four months in the past five years where rainfall has been recorded above 100mm and 2019 had three of them.
• The cumulative rainfall for each calendar month 2015-2019 shows that November and December are the wettest months. Somewhat surprisingly perhaps is that April is the driest.

Robert Buckley who provides our rainfall information has told us how he collects it.

“One of my birthday presents years ago was a Weather Station. This provided weather information such as temperature, pressure, wind speed and of course rainfall wirelessly back to a base station display in the house.

At the time I remembered that in the past the BVN had published rainfall data and suggested to the then editor that I could give information to resume this. And so five and a half years later that’s where we are.

About a year ago the weather station became unreliable and indeed eventually failed. However in an effort to continue recording rainfall I purchased an inexpensive rain gauge. This is basically an inverted plastic funnel with mm graduations that collects rain. It is mounted on a pole and placed in an open location in my garden. It may sound a bit basic, which I guess it is, but it is accurate enough to provide interesting comparative data even if it would not qualify for Met Office analysis!”

One of these days in the not too distant future Rob would like to hand over the rain gauge to another person in the village to continue the data recording. He feels he is getting close to his rainfall measuring retirement! Is this something you would like to do? If so let us know.
Your café continues to thrive and provide grants to Braunston Village Societies, Associations and Groups for a wide variety of projects. Since the café started 5 years ago over £23,000 has been made available for grants and £14440 has been paid out to 22 different groups representing 38 successful applications. On average, grants are in the region of £300 but vary from £90 to in excess of £1000. A wide variety of interests and groups have been beneficiaries from grants over the years for many different requirements.

Applications have helped the setting up of the Church Tiny Treasures; providing hammocks for the Scouts’ camping trips; enabling 350 saplings to be planted by the Canal Society to improve the hedging on the towpath; buying a laptop for the editors of the BVN; buying some table-top games for the Friendly Club’s activities; contributing towards the Christmas Hamper appeal for village families in need of support; part-funding of new fencing in the Pocket Park; contributing to the set-up costs for the 2nd Braunston Brownies to re-form; and funding a frame for the WI’s new banner.

We have around £9000 currently available to allocate for grants. We continue to receive additional funds from the café surpluses of around £1000 a quarter. There are plenty of funds available for suitable village projects and we welcome more applications. Please submit your application using the form available on the village website. The following Braunston groups have received money.

- **Pocket Park (4)**
- **Playing Fields (3)**
- **Friendly Club (3)**
- **Scouts (3)**
- **Village Hall (3)**
- **Cinema Club (2)**
- **Parish Council (2)**
- **Paddock Cricket Club (2)**
- **Twinners (2)**
- **Tiny Treasure (2)**
- **Football Club**

- **Wheatsheaf Ladies Skittles Club**
- **Art Group**
- **Dick Herne History Society**
- **Singers**
- **Youth Club**
- **BVGA**
- **Pre-School**
- **Christmas Hamper Appeal**
- **Canal Society**
- **Brownies**
- **WI**
Dick Herne articles from past Village News

September 1992

Tudor House is probably older than the name implies. Its structure suggests that it is part of a medieval house. The front door opens on to a through passage which was probably the ‘screens passage’ between the hall and the kitchen, as in many Oxford colleges. The kitchen side now forms a separate dwelling and shop which has a timber framed frontage unusual in Northants. On its western face is a wooden framework similar to a chancel screen.

The house is described in the will of Gregory Isham, wool merchant of Braunston, who died in 1558 and was buried beneath the chancel of the church. He had bought the manorial estate of Braunston from the Manners family in 1554. The will lists the contents of each room in the house including the kitchen, buttery, hall and the ‘parlour’ where the family could escape from the bustling life of the hall. The upstairs rooms contained a ‘joyned’ bed, a ‘trust’ bed and a ‘standing’ bed.

Outside behind the house was ‘wool house’ where Gregory kept his main stock-in-trade, raw wool for export. He also bought woven fabric on the Flanders market for sale in this country.

August 1995

Cross Lane takes its name from a monument which once stood at the junction with High Street. This is described in John Hassell’s "A Tour of the Grand Junction Canal in 1819". The cross stood on a platform reached by steps on each side. The octagonal shaft eleven feet high was cut from a single block of stone. It carried on its sides four busts representing the evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It was reputedly erected by the Convent of the nuns of Nuneaton who possessed land in the village.

The lane once extended down to the canal and gave access to many rows of small cottages housing the families of the boatmen and other canal workers.
Try this Braunston Wordsearch

Answers to the picture quiz in the December/January BVN can be found on the village website.

Thank you to Sheila, Kenny and Rachel for sharing the story on page 29. If you have a story to share please let us know, we would love to hear from you. Email bvn@braunstonpc.org
A life saved when tobogganing in Braunston

As remembered by Sheila Beckett with help from Kenny Marshall and Rachel May.

In the 1950s children used to toboggan down the hill in Butcher’s Close. This is the field between Nibbitt’s Lane and Butcher’s Bridge. The field was owned by Mr Jeffs who lived at The Green and so it was known to many in the village as Jeffs’ Field. The slope here allowed the children to get up to a good pace.

One day in the early 1950s after a good snowfall, children gathered to take part or watch. The boys dared each other to speed down the hill and competed to see who could get closest to the canal before rolling off the toboggan or veering their toboggan to one side. In those days the hawthorn trees and other vegetation that has grown on that bank of the canal now, did not exist.

Kenny Marshall’s toboggan was made by his father out of old radiators. It didn’t turn as he hoped, and he left it too late to roll off. After a fast run down the field, he hit the concrete ledge next to the Grand Union with such force that he was catapulted head first into the canal. The water was frozen, but the ice was not thick enough to take his weight. He went through into the freezing water. He managed to get his head above the ice but slipped under without being able to get out. He surfaced again but still couldn’t get out. When he went under for the third time the other children thought he would drown.

Despite not being able to swim, one of the other lads, Barry Childs, jumped in and pulled the now unconscious Kenny out. Joy Kendall, a Girl Guide, knew how to perform resuscitation. Some of the other children took turns at this while one ran off to get help.

Kenny was carried to Michael Street’s house on the High Street. He remembers regaining consciousness, hanging at an angle, his life saved by the bravery of Barry Childs and the quick-thinking of the other children.

Today vegetation forms a barrier between Butcher’s Close and The Grand Union Canal.
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  5.45pm - 6.30pm
- Primary Ballet (8 yrs+)
  6.30pm - 7.15pm
- Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+)
  7.15pm - 7.45pm
- Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+)
  7.45pm - 8.15pm
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