Braunston Village News

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Love where you live

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Our church Steeple in front of an amazing moon

Photograph by Andre Gibson
The Blessed Virgin Mary & St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers

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REGISTERS FOR JUNE 2014

BRAUNSTON
Baptism:
June 8th - Daniel George Hopkins
June 22nd - Lewis Wright

Weddings
June 13th - Danielle Barr and Gavin Young
June 21st - Jonathan Unwin and Kate Harrison

ASHBY
Funeral:
June 2nd - Margery Drury

May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory
On being collared

A few weeks ago I was sitting in a pub after a funeral, listening to stories about the deceased. Mid story, the chief mourner swore profusely, then clapped her hand to her mouth and, beetroot-red, mumbled apologies at me. To put her at ease I explained that, having begun my working life flogging frying oil to the army, there is very little in the colourful repertoire of our native tongue that I have not heard. She looked comically astonished and exclaimed "Oh!! Weren't you always a vicar then?"

What a wonderful concept! Vicars straight from the womb! Slithering blissfully out into the world to the sound of Anglican chant, pre-swaddled in black terry baby-grows with white collars, umbilical cords neatly knotted at the end in the shape of a cross, each born with a little halo (dream on!) and issued on arrival with sample bibles, spectacles, strips of springy white plastic (for collars) and communion kits by Nuns from an Ecclesiastical Sales Promotions Agency... Sensitively, I did not share these imaginings with the recently bereaved. Instead I explained that vicars are brought to life by the same messy process as everyone else and that after that, God calls on the obvious and less obvious alike. There is no vicar model and most of us have had a life before the dog collar!

Every vicar has a story of what brought them to where they are and so do many people of faith. It isn't particularly a logical decision, more an obedient response to a persistent whisper or a hefty prod.

My family did not see any need for God. I went through school, university, an embarrassing number of boyfriends and my twenties untroubled by any encounter with the Almighty. I thought that only inadequate or deranged people needed an invisible friend. And then God suddenly showed up at a meeting at the HQ of a national bank where I was pitching for a big bit of marketing business. He told me clearly not to take on the campaign because its impact on vulnerable people would be devastating. Shaken by the clarity of the encounter with a deity I didn't believe in, I abandoned the pitch. After that he kept showing up, until one evening he alarmed me so much by suddenly and completely curing my chronic back pain, that I finally stopped fighting him off. It had only taken me eight years.

Ever since then he has blown away my scepticism and some of my arrogance with the constancy and strength of his love and the power of his forgiveness, the depth of his healing and the joy of his presence even in the bad times. Today, called or collared, my whole life is focussed on trying to show a glimpse of him and his power to transform lives and situations to anyone who can bring themselves to look. That's why I'm here. I muck things up sometimes and you are fully at liberty to ignore me- but good luck ignoring God if he starts to rattle your cage!

Best wishes
Sarah
June's floodlighting
2nd June - Thank you Colin for doing our accounts again. Best wishes,
Braunston Bowls Club
9th June - With loving memory of Don Withall on his birthday. Miss you Don. Love from your girls, Gill, Cindy & Kelly xx
12th June - * With love to the Morgan girls and their families
16th June - Remembering Shirley Aldridge on her birthday (60th). Much love Henry, Sally, Tracy and families
19th June - Nick and Allison Strivens - 30 years happily married
20th June - * Birthday memories of Margery Cook (Cis). Dear sister of Marian. Greatly missed.
26th June - Dear Don. Love Sue
28th June - Birthday memories of Sheila with our love from John and Hilda (Bradshaw)

July's floodlighting so far …
6th July - * John & Sally’s Wedding Anniversary
8th July - * Jeff & Tracy’s 17th Wedding Anniversary
9th July - Pauline and Roy’s 65th Wedding Anniversary
14th July - Gertie Brinkman - We all miss you so much, love Lesley, Amelia, Mathew and girls xxx
16th July - Shirley Aldridge - Remembering one year on. Missed and loved. Henry, Sally, Tracy and families.
* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - 20th June 2014

Milk Bottle Tops to Help Rescue Dogs
We are collecting the plastic lids to be recycled to raise much needed money to continue the work of Many Tears Animal Rescue who home and foster dogs and some cats all over the UK. Dogs are regularly fostered in Daventry. Any plastic lids can be collected as long as there is a triangle with either 2 or 4 on the lid. There are 3 collection points in the village - The Village Shop, 41 Archers Avenue and 10 North Close. Lids need to be clean and dry. All lids gratefully received will be transported back to the centre via the local fosterer. Many Thanks
www.manytearsrescue.org Email support@manytearsrescue.org
Braunston Church Fete 2014

A Big

Thank You

to everyone who helped at this event.

Thank you also to the following companies, shops and pubs for their generous contributions:

- The Admiral Nelson
- The Old Plough
- Braunston Fryer
- Village Shop
- Village Meats
- Braunston Garage
- Charisma Hairdressers
- The Cake Slice
- The Boathouse

and from outside the village:

- Rugby Golf Club
- Weatherspoon, Northampton
- Bowling, Rugby
- Cineworld
- Queen of Hearts, Daventry
- Dun Cow, Dunchurch

Raffle Prizewinners:

1st    R Sadler
2nd    Jones
3rd    D Waddleton
4th    A Manning
5th    M Hughes
6th    Parr
7th    J & A Gibson
8th    B Bunn
9th    P Lee
10th   J Fearne
11th   Phil
12th   P James
13th   Marshall
14th   V Griffiths
15th   B Berry
16th   Mr Cooper

ARE YOU JBE?
If you are, you have won a prize at the Lucky Straws Tombola. Please ring me, Jenni on 01788 89146
News from Jetty Field.

WORK MORNING! SATURDAY 5TH JULY FROM 9.00 TO 12.00. Can you come along and give an hour or so to help keep our wonderful Pocket Park looking beautiful? If you can - meet outside the allotments and you will receive a warm welcome. If you can bring gloves and basic tools and a wheel barrow that would be useful, if not then we can supply the tools that you will need. Refreshments are provided!

We have been very busy working in all areas of the Pocket Park. Our focus has been on planting wild flowers. We were able to do this because of the £50 grant given to us by our Parish Council and poppy seeds supplied by Daventry District Council. We asked local residents to grow the seeds for us so that we had a large number of plants to spread around the top end of the field. Have you noticed the poppies and the yellow rattle amongst all the buttercups, clover and other wild flowers? We hope that other fabulously named wild flower varieties will also soon be in evidence! We have been enthralled by the names - red campion, common toadflax, birdsfoot trefoil, bell flower, oxlip, meadow buttercup, field scabious, wild foxglove, wild white clover, rough hawkbit, common mallow, lady's bed straw, greater and lesser knapweed, common sorrell and common St. John's wort. There are others to plant and in the autumn goatsbeard and white campion!

The annual Gallie Award has come around again! This is a special competition in memory of Mr. Gallie, a past Head Teacher of our school. He was an eminent botanist and encouraged his pupils to discover the delights of the flora that surrounded them in our village. A group of Braunston Parish Councillors and a representative of The Braunston Canal Society will be spending a morning with year six and some of their staff exploring all the various parts of the Jetty Field area. The children then will be set a written challenge and there will be a cup and prize awarded to the best entry and also a runner's up prize. Some of the entries will be displayed on our notice board at the top of the path leading to the Pocket Park later on in July. This has been a successful event over the past few years and we are grateful to the Head Teacher and staff for their help.

Do you want to become a Friend of Braunston Pocket Park? For just £10 you can have an annual membership. You will not only be helping to maintain this fantastic village amenity but you will also receive newsletters keeping you up to date with what the volunteers are achieving. RING PAT. HERLIHY 01788 890590 AND JOIN TODAY!

FINALLY! Please do come and wander around the whole 6.5 acre area of the park. Look over at the wonderfully kept allotments, sit and enjoy the garden area and try to spot the wild flowers in the field. All we ask is that people look after the area and remember to CLEAR UP AFTER THEIR DOGS! Many thanks!

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Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day
This wonderful Fund raiser will be held on The Green on Saturday 27th September.
Look out for more information next month
Car Treasure Hunt
Friday 1st August

Cars leave from All Saints’ Church between 6pm & 6-30pm

£10 per person for Treasure Hunt, Two Course Meal & Wine

The meal is served at 8:30pm in the Parish Room at Church

Come for a brilliant & fun evening!

To book, please call Pat on 01788 899 157

Good Luck!
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A little piece of heaven on earth
The total number of parcels sent from Braunston to members of our armed forces serving overseas has now reached 1,378. Just incredible and my thanks go to everyone who has and continues to donate to "the box."

The Warthog Group of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers left Afghanistan during the middle of June and our new recipients are now members of the Queen's Royal Hussars. In the last letter from the O.C. of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers, Major Tilney thanked us for the support (through our parcels) we had shown to his troops during their long 8 month deployment. The parcels were appreciated by all and to quote from the letter, "a great source of encouragement and morale building."

3 parcels have already been sent to our new recipients and I'm sure that you too hope that their deployment will be safe and successful. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Val Worrall
BRAUNSTON TODDLER GROUP-SUMMER HOLIDAYS
These sessions will commence from 9:30 till 1 every Tuesday. All at £3 a family including lunch.

Forthcoming events for your diary.

**Tuesday 29th July** from 10:30-Northamptonshire Fire service will be sending a team along to our session to give a fire safety talk, and after the children will have the opportunity to take a look and a seat in a real working fire engine.

**Tuesday 5th August**-Sure start
**Tuesday 12th August** from 10:30- PCSO Kevin Thompson will be coming along in his police car to give a road safety talk and the children will get a chance to look and take a seat in the car.

**Tuesday 19th August**- Tent play/Normal session
**Tuesday 26th August**-Sure start
**Tuesday 2nd September**-Mini disco to say good bye and thank you to all the children who will be starting primary school. This will include a buffet, fun competitions including best dressed, and best dancer. All entrants will receive a small prize. This will also be my last session so come along and help me celebrate. I look forward to seeing you there.

May I take this opportunity to say Thank you for you support over the last year. Without you this local village group would not be able to continue.

Mandy Byrne. Braunston Toddler Group Manger.
AGM (at 1.30pm) & Fun in The Park
from 2pm - 5pm

Sunday 13th July
PLAYING FIELD

This month's star attraction
Inflatable Laser Quest!!
(Please note there will be a charge for this.)

PLUS OUR USUAL FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING: BOUNCY CASTLE, FACE PAINTING, BALLOON MODELLING, GIANT GAMES AND LOTS MORE.

Refreshments available in our POP-UP PAVILION CAFÉ.

On sale will be lovely homemade cakes, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cold drinks.

BPFA is a registered charity, number 274911, run by local community volunteers to support the ongoing provision of a community activities and games spaces in the village.
NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

Our newly decorated Village Hall is going from strength to strength with usually several functions each day. We have had the pleasure of hosting yet another wedding. Well the décor is great and the ability to dim the lights adds to that romantic atmosphere. Our prices compare very favourably with other local venues. Of course the normal family parties, birthday celebrations, special anniversaries, continue week by week. Why worry about being cramped at home when your Village Hall has plenty of space even if the weather turns rainy. Talk to Booking Officer Jac Morris on 890686

We have succeeded in holding down our prices for five years even though those electricity prices creep up. Finally after five years we will be popping an extra pound or so on the hourly rate from first of September. All our Clubs and Societies have been advised and their reaction has been the same…. 'Still good value for the money'; 'Other places charge more'; We knew it was too good to last' 'Thanks for keeping it so low for so long'.

Even the bees appreciate our benefits! We had a report this week that bees were making themselves at home in an outside air brick. A speedy visit and then advice from our local bee keeper Trevor Minett was reassuring. The bees had no entry into the interior of the building and in fact were simply a very small group of non-aggressive bumble bees looking for a tiny nest site after helping pollinate our garden. By the way; the reason that looks so attractive is due to the efforts of the BVGA (Braunston Village Garden Association). Thank you all.

Got a PC? Can you type? Can you give a couple of hours each month please, to act as our Minutes Secretary? The Village Hall Committee meets just once a month and the Chairman would appreciate some help in circulating Agendas and Minutes. If you would like to do your bit for the Village please call Alan Dent on 891366.
The Royal British Legion - Braunston & District Branch.
Thank you to all who supported us on our stall at the Braunston Village fete. Our raffle raised £152 for Church and Legion funds.
Events taking place late June include Armed Forces Day and our visit to RAF Cosford Museum. The coach for the latter event is fully booked up and all will be reported on in the next issue of the BVN.
You will all have noticed that the War Memorial has now been repaired and cleaned. A great improvement and it now stands out when approaching the church corner. Many thanks to the Parish council for arranging this work and a special thanks to Tim Coghlan from the Marina who has made a substantial contribution towards the cost.
We have been notified that the Church Service to be held at Welton at 6.00 pm on Sunday 3rd August will mark the centenary of the start of WW1. The Legion will attend and it is hoped that as many other people as possible will attend.
The new start date of 7.30pm for our monthly meetings has proved to be unpopular. It has been decided, therefore, to revert to the original start time of 8.00pm beginning with the next meeting.
The July luncheon will be held on Wednesday 16th July at Midday at the George Hotel, Kilsby. No need to prebook, just turn up and select from the menu.
The next meeting of the Branch will be held at the Sporting Club, Barby, on Tuesday 16th July at 8.00pm.
Tony Saunderson - Tel. No. 01788 890797.

THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.
We have started our new society year with a growing number in our membership and an exciting programme of talks and visits. In May Mike Constable gave an interesting talk on "Not such idle women"; this was well attended. We have just had a short talk by one of our own members on, "Kilsby tunnel, past and present." David Fennell was a British Rail employee for a number of years and spent some time as a Senior Track Chargeman in this area. His illustrated talk was both informative and interesting. The delivery, using historical evidence and his own experiences, gave the audience of over twenty people a real insight into the highs and lows concerning the life of the tunnel. This was a great start to David's career as a speaker at our meetings!
TUESDAY 1ST JULY. A VISIT AT 10.30 A.M. TO TESS YARD, BRAUNSTON TURN.
This is a chance to see the re-building of N.B. Lucy . We will be given a guided tour by Peter Boyce. If you read this before the day and want to come along then ring Andrew 01788 890826.
Our next talk will be after the summer break on TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M. It is by George Dickinson and entitled "Canal Memories of the last Braunston Bobby." Members free, non members £2. ALL WILL BE MADE VERY WELCOME!
Daventry District Council's recent housing needs surveys of Braunston showed a need for up to 11 new affordable (i.e. rented or shared ownership properties below market price) homes in the village.

Braunston Parish Council's neighbourhood planning survey also demonstrated demand for some market-sale housing, for older people to downsize and for first-time buyers.

To find out more about your housing needs, the Parish Council, District Council and Northants Rural Housing Association are holding a drop-in event:

Braunston Village Hall

Wednesday 16 July 2014  3.30pm to 7.30pm

We would also like your views on a specific proposal by Northants Rural Housing Association for a small development of affordable and market-sale housing off Maple Close. Any development will only be considered further if there is sufficient demand. New homes would be offered first to local people - those who currently live in or have previously lived in the village; those who have a close relative in the village; and/or those who are employed in the village.

Please come along to share your views and find out more. This is an informal drop-in event - children are welcome!
MARIE CURIE TEA PARTY
On Saturday 14th June
I am very pleased to announce that this event raised £500. I would like to thank all who came along and joined us and for everyone who made cakes and scones. Special thanks to the Ladies of the Singers who were superb. Several people have asked are we going to do the same next year? I ask myself is to listen to the wonderful singers or to eat the fabulous home made goodies!
Again Thank You to everyone.
Jacqueline Lancaster

200 CLUB WINNERS 2014

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Jenni's Jottings

As I write this the longest day looms ominously closer, what a depressing thought. Yet how can we be depressed when our glorious village sparkles in the sunshine. I am sure I am not alone in loving all the poppies and other flowers that have sprung up in various places.

What a busy month June was. We had the Fete which was almost fated (sorry about the pun) to be rainy according to the forecast. However, the sun shone in the afternoon and a good time was had by all. There was fun in the park and more cakes buns tea parties and breads at the many events around the village. I love the idea of the pop - ups that are appearing. I wonder what will pop-up next although in my case following the Bakery pop-up the only thing I can see popping-up is my tummy!

On a sadder note we seem to have had a spate of poorly people in the village not least of whom is our wonderful butcher Chris. I hope all those who have been under the weather are improving and Chris and I wish you all the best.

Finally, as I was ploughing through the BVN, the other evening there was a knock on the door. Not being in the best of tempers I stamped downstairs trying to get to door before the dogs and found on my doorstep a lovely vase of flowers from the Flower Fairy. I must admit a few tears were shed! Speaking to others in the village this Flower Fairy had been incredibly busy leaving flowery gifts all over the place. What a thoughtful thing to do and I thank her / him most sincerely.

Enjoy July and see you next month

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BRAUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY

We have continued to maintain and improve various areas within our patch. Apart from renumbering, the painting of Lock 2 is now complete. The Stop House Garden continues to get favourable comment from everybody. Poppies are already gracing the front of the building, these are self seeded from those put in last year. In addition the newly sown wildflower seed is now becoming identifiable and will soon be flowering. With the help of a local resident the footpath between Butchers Bridge and the village continues to be a pleasure to walk on, subject to the necessary permissions we would quite like to plant trees going up the hill. This would not happen before the Autumn and we would welcome contact with anyone who would be interested in sponsoring individual trees. Any interested people should make contact with me but we will make more details available as soon as we have them.

Chris Burton
Hope and Homes for Children

Funds Raised since last shown in BVN

Money raised from Penny Pots £28.21
Money raised from Donations £5.00
Money raised from Tombola at Church Fete £59.00
Money raised from Tombola at Old Plough Car Boot Sale £54.00
Bringing the total raised since 1 March 2014 £342.98

Thank you all so much
For all those who have supported us
In the above fund raising activities.
Brenda Hobbs on behalf of
Hope and Homes for Children
Tel 01788 899086

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
There have been a few complaints of anti-social behaviour round the Eastfields area involving scooters and skateboards.
To all parents, we just want children to be safe and not to get into any trouble.
P.C.S.O Kevin Thompson has been up to Eastfields to try to sort out the problem. We would like to see more things available for children to participate in as there isn't a lot of choice except for the Youth Club.
Also, please make sure you check your sheds are locked and don't leave keys within sight of burglars. Always shut your windows and lock your doors when out and about. Do not leave valuables on display in your cars - we don't want it to be easy for criminals to steal from you.
If you have any queries or problems don't hesitate to contact me.
Julie Jarrett NHW Coordinator - 01788 890121
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Braunston Village Hall

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## DAVENTRY HEALTH WALK SCHEME
There will be no Health Walks in July
Rosemary Kendall (01788 8905)
Gilbert and Sullivan Evening.
Thank you to all those who supported this very special evening to raise funds for Alisdair Rolt’s trip to Japan in 2015 to represent Northamptonshire Scouts at the World Scout Jamboree - and also for our church restoration. We managed to raise just over £450. It was a very enjoyable evening of top quality music and singing. Special thanks should go to Jenny Rolt and her friends who came from far and wide to support her. Jenny has asked that a thank you should go to Revd. Sarah and the P.C.C. for allowing the use of the church. She commented on the fabulous sound quality of the building and how it was appreciated by the singers. And, while we are handing out "bouquets", well done to Pat., our church warden, for standing in at the last moment to do the linking narrations and other organisational work!
We hope to welcome these excellent singers and their accompanist back in the near future. It would be great to see an even bigger audience to hear and enjoy such wonderful singing!

Do you work in a Braunston Business?

Want to connect with Braunston business people in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere?

Well now you can! The Braunston Business Club (aka Braunston Business Breakfast) is back with a new format and venue. This time it’s a breakfast meeting on 3rd July, but we are considering evening meetings at later dates.

If have questions or you’d like to come along, please email businessclub@braunston.org.uk

To hear about future events, please register on http://eepurl.com/V3KgT
Abigail Campbell
District Councillor

District clean-up Not before time, the District Council is embarking on a district-wide clean-up campaign, focussing on litter and dog fouling. I have made the case that any new resources (especially dog wardens) must be targeted at the villages in our district, and not just the town. I sincerely hope we will see the benefit of this campaign very soon.

Speed Awareness Day I'm working with the Parish Council, District Council, Highways Officers and the police on this special event. Speed cameras, speed display boards, information, advice and refreshments – all on the Village Green 11am – 2pm. 6th September.

Welton Road parking Highways officers and the police met with local residents on Welton Road last week to listen to concerns about parking on the brow of the hill. Highways will erect a sign to warn of oncoming traffic and will consult on traffic orders for a short stretch of yellow lines to allow cars to pull in safely. In the long-term they agree additional off-road parking is needed; however this will cost around £25k and they cannot fund a local project of this scale, so other funding options must be explored.

Braunston Bugle Thanks to the members of the Braunston Bugle Facebook group who came to the aid of the Cinema Club last month when they put out an emergency call for technical assistance. Five people set out from across the village to help and succeeded in repairing the projector just in time for the film screening!

Braunston Cider? Anyone with an interest in getting involved in a possible village cider-making collective is invited to attend a meeting at 32 High Street on Monday 21 July at 7.30pm.

Street surgery I have a street surgery with PCSO Kev Thompson outside the village shop at 3.30 on Friday 4 July.

Ward walkabout My next ward walkabout will be on Saturday 26 July 10-12 around Greenway and the closes.

Best wishes, Abigail
Braunston Show
To show what villagers can do

Saturday 6th September

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Contact Kate Mawer either via the website or by telephone 890340 with any questions.
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Above all: When you leave us at the end of your holiday, you will have no hope. You will struggle to forget it.
Braunston Women’s Institute

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 1st July in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Shirley Allen will show us some unusual ways of creating gifts for Friends and Family.

Come along and join us for a fun and friendly evening.
Contact Barbara on 01788 890452

Friendly Club

Next Meeting: 14th July
A visit to Beckworth Emporium at Mears Ashby. The DACT bus will pick us up from The Green at 1pm to return about 4.30

28th July - TBA

Contact Gill Powell 890763

Braunston Fishing Club
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Rainfall

No information received

TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL
CALL -

Mrs Jac Morris
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Braunston Walkers
Saturday 21st June Moreton in the Marsh (9 miles)

It was the longest day and it felt like it as we slogged our way uphill to get back to our starting point in Blockley. We had driven there, in full sunshine but just enough breeze to make walking comfortable. We were in the heart of the Cotswolds always a great area for walks. Nine of us set off along the village green reluctantly passing the village tea shop which we would visit at the end of the walk, we continued through the idyllic old Cotswold stone village turning left to join the Heart of England Way (it goes 104 miles from Cannock Chase to Bourton in the Water) down past a babbling brook and Mill Deane Gardens and then steeply uphill through fields passing fish ponds and on up to reach a ridge at 258 metres above sea level. We kept pausing on the way up to take in views over Blockley and the Ebrington Hills which we had walked in April. Behind the village was a hazy blue field probably Flax grown for its oil. Strangely when we returned in the afternoon the blue had disappeared which we speculated was caused by the flowers turning around with the sun. Either that or the beer at lunch time having an effect on our eyes. We walked along a beautiful tree lined shady path and then branched right to reach a small road on top of the ridge. After a half a mile along the road we took a field path left that took us through flower strewn meadows to reach Bourton on the Hill. Our views were now over the north Cotswolds and were just as spectacular as the earlier ones. We walked through the old churchyard dropped downhill and over fields passing Diamond Lodge and then with tantalizing glimpses of the mosque like dome which sits atop Sezincote House. Our path takes us along the front of this stately home built in 1805 in the Indian Islamic style which went down really well with the Prince Regent who visited in 1807 and had Brighton Pavilion redesigned in 1815 in a similar style. After a pause to eat Debbie’s Jelly Babies we continued to a small road and turned left passing Thickleather Coppice and over fields to finally reach the bustling old town of Moreton in Marsh. We walked along the main street mingling with the hundreds of tourists enjoying the sunshine, to cross the Fosse Way and reach The Black Bear Inn a Donnington pub. The beer is brewed in the village close to Stow in the Wold and is one of my favourites. The brewery web site bills it "the fairest brewery in the land" and I wouldn't argue with that. We really enjoyed our lunch time pints and were soon tucking into fabulous baguettes. Great service, good value (surprisingly for a toursty town centre pub) great food, beer a warm welcome from the friendly landlord and of course highly recommended. All good things come to an end and with the day warming up to a crescendo of heat we set off on the Monarch’s Way out of Moreton towards Batsford. The meadows all around were blossoming as we passed a coppice called Sally Beds then crossed the Batsford Aboretum entrance road. We climbed steeply uphill through the wooded, Century Plantation which was, thankfully, heavily shaded, to reach the road above Blockley where we retraced our steps downhill and then up into the village with calf muscle complaining about yet another climb. No waiting for a reviving cuppa at home this time as we retired to the lovely old community owned, quirky, teashop for a reviving pot of tea!! Superb, a great end to a great walk of fabulous views. What more could you want.

Come and join us on our next walks, meet at 10 o clock at the village hall, as follows:
19th July Welton (c.8 miles), 23rd August Chipping Warden (c.11 miles), 19th -21st September Weekend Peak District, 18th October Croppedy (c.10 miles), 15th November Woodland Walk (c.10 miles), 20th December Christmas Walk (c.7 miles)
Daventry Family Cinema
at Daventry Country Park on Saturday, July 26, 2014

Monsters University (U) 1pm
Frozen (PG) 3.15pm
Despicable Me 2 (U) 5.30pm

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Braunston's otters.
Local environmental writer PETER FROST welcomes the otter back to Braunston.

It moved fast through the water just the top of its head and its tail visible. It scrambled on to the bank, just across the canal from our breakfast table in the Gongoozler. The large size, the whiskers, the bright button nose all made it plain this was that rarest of Braunston's mammals the wonderful otter (Lutra lutra). Otters are one of the UK's top conservation success stories. Today the otter can be found in every English county. Driven to near extinction between the 1950s and 1970s otters were hunted with hounds until hunts were made illegal in 1978.

Another major factor in the animal's decline was the widespread use of DDT and similar agricultural chemicals. These accumulated in fish and amphibians and poisoned the otter at the top of the canal-bank food chain.

If you want to see Braunston's otters set out at dawn. The best locations are on the canal towpath and the opposite bank. Butcher's Bridge has had many sightings but otters have been spotted from the turn to the tunnel. Wherever you decide to watch you will need to be still and patient. Walk quietly, and try to keep upwind of the animals.

Otters and mink can be confused but are really quite different. Otters are much larger and have light brown fur with paler undersides. Mink fur looks almost black with distinctive white markings on chin and throat. Mink swim with the head and body high out of the water, otters swim with only the head and tail visible.

Look for telltale otter tracks and signs, such as distinctive webbed toe prints in soft towpath mud. Droppings (spraints) contain fish bones and scales and are often found beneath bridges. Otter poo, it is said, has the sweet perfume of jasmine tea, but you just might want to take my word for that.

Otters are playful and affectionate with their young, they float on their backs with pups on their stomachs. You may be lucky and see one sitting on the canal bank meticulously devouring a fish. A large dog otter or a pregnant female might eat as much as four pounds (2 Kg) of fish a day so they are not popular with anglers.

Today more and more Braunston folk are seeing an otter, but it may not actually be a village resident. A single dog otter may have as much as a dozen miles of canal-side territory, and he may have more than one female mate living along his stretch of waterway.
Braunston CE School
Open Days

DATE: 18th September 2014 – 9.30 am
AND ON 1st October 2014 – 1.30 pm

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Braunston Players present

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<td>Friends of Braunston School</td>
<td>R. Undy <a href="mailto:r.undy@hotmail.co.uk">r.undy@hotmail.co.uk</a></td>
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<td><a href="mailto:Braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com">Braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com</a></td>
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<td>Mon – Fri am during term time in village</td>
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10 THE GREEN, BRAUNSTON.
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Saturday July 12th - Live music being performed by MOJO HAND

Saturday July 19th - KARAOKE NIGHT

All England games for World cup 2014 will be shown live on big screens here at The Sheaf, regardless of Kickoff times, Free snacks will be provided at half time.

FREE POOL TABLE EVERY WED NIGHT, WINNER STAYS ON, ALL WELCOME..!!

PUB GAMES AVAILABLE, DARTS, SKITTLES & POOL.
ALL SPORTS INCLUDING ALL FOOTBALL, AVIVA PREMRUGBY, PREMIER LEAGUE DARTS ALWAYS SHOWN ON BIG SCREENS

FINE SELECTION OF REAL CASK ALES

FOOD WILL BE NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT THE WHEATSHEAF UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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