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BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

Cremation

24th May Alan Eley

Burial of ashes

13th June Christopher Gamble

Church services in our benefice for July

3rd July Braunston service with communion 10.30

10th July Ashby service with communion 10.30

17th July Braunston Morning Service no communion 10.30

24th July Welton service with communion 10.30

31st July Ashby Village Hall Breakfast service 10.30

Church letter

Glorious June

June has been an exciting and joyous time, looking forward to the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and then the enjoyment when it arrived. Communities throughout the country and abroad were involved with street parties, games and competitions. Throughout the country roads were closed for street parties, beacons were lit, and Church bells rung. All these events had the effect of bringing people together as one. Even the British weather played its part in providing variety, but then we should be used to it doing that. The bringing together of communities was indeed something good and one that we would do well to continue more often, if not, permanently. It was truly amazing to think that so many people were able to see the events take place, either by being there or by the television.

June was also the month that contained the longest day, a time of year when we are woken in the early hours by sun streaming in through the window! It is the time when those that want to can get themselves a suntan, even suffering in the process. Many of you will be taking holidays as we move through July and will be returning from or looking forward to your time away. We wish everyone a happy period of rest and relaxation, and safe journeys however you might be travelling

Pat Milner.

The hymns sung at our service on Sunday 5th were those sung at the coronation, we were mindful of how faith has sustained the Queen throughout her reign, giving her strength and peace. The good thing is you do not have to be a Queen for faith and trust in the Lord to sustain you, it is available to all.

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Paul's letter to the Philippians 4 verse 7).

The Queen early on in her reign understood she could not undertake her new responsibilities alone without the help of God to give her strength and wisdom and she asked that people pray for her, something we can all do for each other.

Sandra

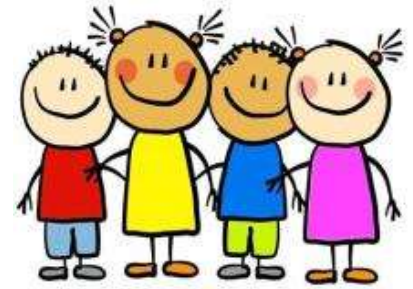
Tiny Treasures

A parent/carer toddler group for preschool children and babies.

We meet on Tuesday mornings during term time from 9:00 to 11:00.

Come along and enjoy playtime, stories, craft time and singing.

We meet in the Parish Room in All Saints' Church. The Church door will be open, just come on in, we would love to see you.



Thursday 2nd June was our Teddy Bear's Jubilee Picnic Day and thankfully it was a gloriously sunny morning. Eighteen families gathered together on the lawn of the Rectory garden. Mums, dads, grans, aunties, uncles and of course children with their special cuddly friends. We had a find the elf trail around the garden, crafts and singing. A great time was had by all, including all the teddy bears and a variety of other very special furry friends including a giant zebra.



Church Floodlighting

June

12th - * With love to the Morgan girls and their families

13th - * Patsy & Colin wish to send love to all Friends & Family

15th - To my dear Sister & Niece both called Gwendolene and departed recently

16th - Alan & Joy Pittam celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary (Diamond)

19th - Remembering my lovely Dad on Father's Day. Love Amanda xx

19th - In loving memory of Bruce Caldwell on Father's Day. From sons Marcus & Toby

24th - * Happy Wedding Anniversary Trevor & Angela

July list so far ...

6th - * John & Sally's Wedding Anniversary

8th - * Jeff & Tracy's Wedding Anniversary

24th - * In memory of Joseph Haynes. Love from all the family on his 90th birthday

* = Friends of All Saints' – **A huge Thank You**

These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN deadline, 18th May 2022.

The fee to light All Saints' is £7 per evening, although you can give more. We ask that you try to keep the length of the dedication for inclusion in the BVN to not more than 12 words.

The completed message with the donation can be left at the Post Office, but note that requests are only collected on the 18th of each month. Please mark the envelope 'Church Floodlighting'.

The Friends of All Saints'

Building for the Future

The Friends of All Saints' are dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the church building and its contents. We play no part in funding the clergy, staff, or any religious activities. We were formed when the building's future was threatened through lack of maintenance. We remain committed to preserving one of the village's most iconic buildings for future generations.

Membership costs just £2 a month, or £20 a year (minimum subscription). All members are entitled to have the spire floodlit at no extra charge on a date of their choosing. To subscribe, please contact the treasurer, Ralph Maltby, at 8 Mill Close, Braunston.

John Foster, Secretary, The Friends of All Saints
secretary.foasb@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk.



Food Share and Care

The Foodshare is a valuable resource for the village and visitors and to ensure it can continue we have secured a permanent home inside the church where it will become a community larder.

Donations can be left and those in need are welcome to access it as needed.

Can you help?

Our website needs updating with current information and keeping up to date, if you are willing and able to help us we would love to hear from you.

Please contact

Anne Parker Tyler email annept1@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Council Information and News



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This list shows which councillor to contact for the area you live in:

Archer Avenue and Cross Lane	Alan Mawer	01788 890340
Ashby Road		0800 002 9783
Church Road and Barby Road	Pete Morgan	07805 677559
Dark Lane	Sue Harrison	07769 589459
Eastfields	Jo Glover	07973 278052
The Green	Graham Newman	07710 290265
Greenway and Closes	Dee Honeybill	07774 754511
High St (Old Plough to The Green)	Rhianna Conway	0800 002 9783
High St (A45 to Old Plough)	David Cary	07775 514840
London Rd, Hill Row, Old Rd, Marina	John Pomfret	07817 234727
Spinney Hill and Closes	Carrie-Ann Biggs	
Welton Rd, School Cl, Maple Cl	Sandra Stapley	01788 890475

Forthcoming Meetings

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

4th July Full Council Meeting

1st August Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website.

Mowing

It is grass cutting season and we are often asked about when each area will be mown for information please see the cutting schedule below.

Mowing Contractors - SW								
3 Weekly				BBT	BBT	Maximow	Maximow	Maximow
w/e	Amenity Grass	Dark Lane	A45	Jetty Fields Gardens	The Green Triangle	Jetty Fields Paths	Wildlife Grasslands Banks	Jetty Fields Main
26/03/2022	x			x	x	x	x (cut and collect)	x (cut and collect)
16/04/2022	x	x	x	x	x			
07/05/2022	x			x	x	x		
28/05/2022	x			x	x			
18/06/2022	x			x	x	x		
09/07/2022	x			x	x			
30/07/2022	x	x	x	x	x	x		
20/08/2022	x			x	x			
10/09/2022	x			x	x	x	x (cut and collect)	x (cut and collect)
01/10/2022	x			x	x			
22/10/2022	x			x	x	x		
12/11/2022	x	x	x	x	x			
	12	3	3	12	12	6	2	2
All areas cut and fly except where noted								

Most areas in the parish are classified as Amenity Grass or [Wildlife Rich Grassland](#).

Amenity Grass areas include The Green and verges in residential areas. They are mown approximately every three weeks. The machine used does not allow for the arisings to be collected. The interval allows for some beneficial low growing plants such as white clover, creeping buttercup and bird's-foot trefoil to flower between cuts.

Wildlife Rich Grassland includes the verge on the south side of the Butlin's Hill section of High Street and much of the main field at Jetty Field. These areas are mown twice a year to support greater biodiversity. The arisings are collected so that gradually the soil will become more favourable to flowering plants such as ox-eye daisies and campion. At Butlin's Hill the road fringe is mown approximately every three weeks. The council is also arranging for the rear section of this verge to be mown at the same interval.

The paths in Jetty Field are also mown every three weeks.

New Parish Councillor

We welcomed Carrie-Ann Biggs to the Parish Council, her area of responsibility is Spinney Hill and Closes.

Public Parish Meeting

We agreed to postpone this meeting until the autumn to give time for the pavilion proposals to be ready for discussion.

Parish Council Surgery July 28th 2:00 to 4:00pm

We are holding monthly surgeries to enable villagers to raise issues of concern or interest with councillors. A surgery will be held on Thursday July 28th between 2:30 and 4:00pm in the Meeting Room in the Village Hall when Pete Morgan and Graham Newman will be available to speak to.

Future surgeries will be held at different times and on different days of the week to make them more accessible; they will be publicised on the Braunston Bugle, in the BVN and on the Parish Council website.

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Parish Councillor Jo Glover

I moved into the village at the end of June 2019, from Northampton. It seems much longer as I have met so many of you and feel such a part of the community. From being here six months, I have felt at home; I have never felt that before, and I have lived in a lot of places. I moved as a result of the breakup of my long marriage and I have subsequently been joined by my youngest son Elijah, you will see his name playing cricket for the village. My eldest son lives in Canterbury.

I found Braunston by accident after a chat with a family who recommended looking at villages around Daventry. I was looking for a busy village with a strong community and one where my cockapoo Poppy and I could explore. It had been my intention to become involved in the community. I think I have achieved that!

I set up Braunston Heart in the March of 2020. It is now a part of the community and a Good Neighbour Scheme, somewhere you can call for help or signposting: 0800 002 9066.

I became a Parish Councillor in June 2020 and am responsible for Eastfields. I have a special interest in young people and health and wellbeing.

I lead The Twinkle Team, a team that has evolved after bringing together people I have met through both the PC and BH as well as other groups such as the Alternative Book Club.

I enjoy taking part in comedy improvisation, reading (or listening to audible) mostly fantasy novels, and before sustaining a knee injury last year, running. The couch to 5km was one of the best things I have ever done, I built up to 10 miles – something I never thought I would say. I hope to run again. I did the Ready Steady Run ladies' group at Rugby.

I have always worked for the government in some respect – I was a police officer in the London Metropolitan Police Service, a civil servant with FCOS, and have worked in both primary and secondary schools as a teaching assistant and a family worker.



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4.45pm - 6.30pm

Primary Ballet (8 yrs+)

3.00pm - 7.15pm

Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+)

1.15pm - 7.45pm

Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+)

4.45pm - 8.30pm

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Braunston C of E School



Today, I found myself standing in the playground at lunchtime and looked across the vista in front of me towards the open fields. It gave me a sense of calm and peace. This was rapidly replaced by the excited chatter of children as they joined me for their playtime. As I looked at the sea of faces that became my new vista, it gave me a sense of satisfaction to see the children happy and interacting with each other. What a long way we have all come since the enforced isolation of Covid and lockdown.

With the world opening up again, we at Braunston, have seen some things return that we have not experienced for a while. In June and July, we see our Year 5 and 6 children attend residentials – an experience that neither of these cohorts have yet had at Braunston School. The whole school also had some maypole dancing lessons. This was so very well received and so enjoyed by the children that we are now looking at sourcing our own maypole for use throughout the year.

The summer term also brings its share of sports. Our swimming continues to be enjoyed by the children as they make progress and grow in confidence in the water. Our thanks go to our team of volunteers that ensure that swimming can happen. As a school, we look forward to the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Mrs Sawyer is volunteering and is very keen to share her experiences after the event! There are many county sporting activities that we are taking part in as a result of this. Additional sporting activities are also being run. A current favourite for our year 6 children is Bikeability and you may have seen members of the class cycling around the village during their sessions.

We are looking to the future and know that we have to say goodbye to our current year 6 children. We wish them every good luck in the next step of their journey. As part of their transition work, Year 6 took part in a prayer space workshop where they took the chance to reflect on their time at Braunston School and look forward to their hopes and challenges as they move forward. They will always be part of our Braunston family and we look forward to hearing about their achievements in their new schools. We know that they will do well as they have clearly embedded Braunston School values which will support them to live life in all its fullness.

We have also seen children for our newest Reception intake start to

come into school for stay and play sessions. These have proved very popular in allowing the children to see what their new learning environment is like and for them to meet the staff that will become their constant school adult from September.

Some of you may have noticed our latest addition – a new, accessible outdoor learning space on the KS1 playground. We must give a huge thank you to Cummins who supplied us not only with this amazing structure but also with a fantastic team who gave up their time to clear the site, lay the base and build this structure. This will give our children an additional outdoor learning space that provides protection from the elements and will make a big impact. The children were very excited to see it when they returned after the half term break.

I hope that you are all enjoying the wonderful weather that we are currently experiencing and finding time to reflect on the positives around you. I want to thank you all for being part of our Braunston family. Without your continued support, the children would not have the experiences that they currently enjoy. My door is always open should you wish to come and meet and discuss how you can be part of our family.

Lianna Willis Headteacher



Village Hall Information



The Annual General Meeting of the Braunston Memorial Hall Foundation, the trust responsible for running our Village Hall, will take place on

Tuesday 26th July 2022.

The meeting will take place at 7.30pm in the Gallie room at the hall and, if you wish to join us, you will be very welcome.

To hire the hall please visit the website: braunstonvillagehall.org.uk

Contacts for Village Hall activities

Please check with contacts listed whether groups are currently meeting in the Village Hall.

Pop Mobility	Lorraine	01788 890846
The Hive	Valerie	01788 891975
Art Group	Ann	01788 890396
Yoga	Sheila	01788 891831
Short Mat Bowls	Bill	01788 891145
	David	01788 891183
Brownies	Clare	07544 936589
Friendly Club	Jenny	01788 890186
Learn to Crochet	Gill	07711 742575
History Society	Annie	01788 891179
Climate Action	Abigail	07989 421836
Quilt Patchers	Laura	01788 890102
Gardens Ass'n	Kate	01788 890340
Cinema Club	Arthur	01788 890508

Pre-School Monday - Friday 01788 891891

braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

Clubs and Groups

Braunston Cinema Club

Saturday July 30th 7.30pm in Village Hall

NO TIME TO DIE 2022 PG-13

James Bond is here tonight.

Daniel Craig, Ben Whishaw, Naomie Harris

Bond has left active service and is enjoying a tranquil life in Jamaica. His peace is short-lived when his old friend Felix Leiter from the CIA turns up asking for help. The mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist turns out to be far more treacherous than expected, leading Bond onto the trail of a mysterious villain armed with dangerous new technology.

You are welcome to bring your own picnic and your favourite drink and a glass

Tickets £4.50 members/£6.50 non-members

Please book in advance or tickets may be available on the door

Tel: 01788 890508 or: batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com

Braunston Community Car

The Community Car is for you, available for all residents' journeys for hospital, doctors and other medical appointments, shopping and local trips to friends.

Any payment is by voluntary contribution. Some journeys are provided in volunteers' own cars.

To request a journey call Community Car number 07984 412921 (24 hrs notice where possible please).

The team would like to thank Zack of Vinetree Automotive of Staverton for his generous support in maintaining the Community Car.

Also, condolences and many thanks to Patsy and the Groom family for their kind donation of £100 in memory of Ray.



Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

Thank you to all who took part enthusiastically in the Scavenger Hunt at the Jubilee fete finding clues to 8 carbon-saving opportunities already in Braunston. It started with:

The fashion industry accounts for about 10 per cent of global carbon emissions (that's even more than aviation!).

Where in Braunston can you give clothes a second life, and slow down the fast fashion cycle?

and included:

Where in Braunston can you find a Black Worcester, Eddy's Magnum, Newton Wonder, Thorpe Peach and Esopus Spitzerberger?

Clue: they are all quite small at the moment but in a few years they will be good for bees, and also pies and crumbles!

Information about our projects are on our webpage, in the 'Village Info' section of the village website, under 'Climate Emergency'.

If you are interested in joining us, please message 07989 421836 or 07554 264742.

We are on Facebook as Braunston Climate Action Network (B-CAN).

Braunston History Society

Our June meeting was held on a beautiful evening with a guided walk by John Pomfret around the village and the canal. I think we all learned something new about the village finishing with a welcome cool drink outside the Wheatsheaf.

After a summer break our next meeting will be in September, date and topic to be notified nearer the time.

Have a good summer everyone, best wishes from all of us.

Braunston Friendly Club

The Friendly Club would like to take this opportunity to thank the Haynes family for their donation to the club in memory of Joe Haynes. He always enjoyed his fish and chips so we plan to put the money towards a fish and chip lunch in the autumn.

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 11th July – Trines Entertains

We are delighted to welcome Trines Ward to Friendly Club, she will entertain us with a mixture of her favourite spoken word pieces.

Remember to bring one small item for the trolley raffle.

Monday 25th July – Cream tea and membership chat.

Jenny will prepare a lovely summer cream tea for us to enjoy with our cup of tea and chat.

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For more information telephone

Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340



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Braunston Canal Society

With almost perfect May weather for lock painting a crew of 8 gave lock 1 its two yearly refresh. The efficiency of BCS lock painting continues to improve whilst maintaining a good standard of finish as can be seen from the photos.



Another perfect day allowed the painting of lock 2 by a crew of 12.

The two yearly repaint of lock 3 and just the tops of the beams on 4,5 & 6 will complete this years lock painting schedule.

The Society is always keen to welcome new volunteers so if you would like to come along and have some fun you can email us at braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com or phone/text us on 07817 435911. If you would like to see our previous activities check out our website at www.braunston.org.uk/bcs.

Braunston Walkers

Our walk on Saturday 18th June (9 miles ish) took us from Badby to Staverton and from there across fields to the Catesby Viaduct a magnificent structure of 12 arches around 120 feet high, built to carry the Great Central Railway, and from here into the pretty stone built village of Hellidon. After lunch at the Red Lion our way back took us past the lake that is the source of the River Leam, which flows west into the Bristol Channel, over the Charwelton Tunnel now used to test Formula 1 cars and between the peaks of Arbury Hill at 252 metres above sea level, the source of the River Nene which flows east into The Wash, and Sharmans Hill at 251 metres above sea level.

Our next walk is July 16th when we will walk from Chipping Warden.
Ray Scrivens (rayscrivens@btinternet.com)

Braunston Village Charity

The Braunston Village Charity can assist and support villagers experiencing hardship by making small, one-off grants and gifts. The grant or gift cannot be to provide something that is the responsibility of the state.



The Charity has developed a webpage which is hosted on the Village Website and gives details of how to apply to the charity and the type of help that can be given.

To suggest someone who might be eligible or to find out more please contact the Charity via the webpage, or by phone on 07943 486097.

Braunston Community Café (Your Café) Grants Fund

Grants are typically made for the purchase of items that have benefit and longevity, for clubs and societies primarily but not solely for residents of the village. Max £1000.



Our constitution is on the village website with the application form. You can find us by searching under 'Clubs & Societies' and we are listed in various sections including charities, community and volunteers.

Braunston Paddox Cricket Club

The past month has been a tough time for the cricket club. We have had some great results, but due to injuries, holidays, weddings, work commitments and other distractions we have twice been unable to raise a Saturday second XI.

Northamptonshire League

Stony Stratford 90 all out (Aston Shingler 4 for 30) BPCC 91 for 6 (Richard Stapley 32 not out) BPCC won by 4 wickets

Raunds beat BPCC by 8 wickets

BPCC 177 all out (Jordan Shingler 79) Bugbrooke 115 all out BPCC won by 62 runs

BPCC 99 all out (Kieren Bennett 58) Haddons 100 for 4 Haddons won by 6 wickets

Kislingbury 222 for 8 (Colin Scott 4 for 58) BPCC 169 for 9 (Adam Treen 54 James Goodwin 43) Kislingbury won by 53 runs

BPCC 198 for 5 (Elijah Glover 102 not out, Jordan Shingler 59) Kettering 140 all out (Elijah Glover 6 for 30) BPCC won by 58 runs

Horton House 126 all out BPCC 129 for 2 (Ryan Haynes 55, James Goodwin 53) BPCC won by 8 wickets

Rugby Midweek League

Newbold 115 all out (Adam O'Connor 3 for 11) BPCC 117 for 2 (Jordan Shingler 49) BPCC won by 8 wickets

Long Itchington 135 for 6 BPCC 136 for 6 (Jordan Shingler 46) BPCC won by 4 wickets

Sunday Friendly XI

BPCC 108 all out (Elijah Glover 44) Marton 111 for 5 (Terry Isom 3 for 28) Marton won by 5 wickets

July Home fixtures

Sat 2 nd	Bugbrooke	Wed 20 th	Stretton
Sat 9 th	Horton House	Sat 23 rd	Raunds
Wed 13 th	Long Buckby	Sat 30 th	Abington Phoenix
Sat 16 th	Thrapston	Sun 31 st	Napton



Elijah Glover the first player to score a century and take 6 wickets in the same match for BPCC.



The cricket club would like to thank the huge numbers of people who came out to support us on the Jubilee Family Fun Day. To be honest we were taken by surprise by the numbers who came down to the Playing Field on the Thursday afternoon. Through the Tombola, food sales and very importantly the donations we raised just over £300. For us, this sum is a huge amount and although it has not yet been decided how it should be spent, it could for example, go towards vital and expensive pitch repair and improvements that are needed at the beginning and end of each season.

More important, and certainly very satisfying, was seeing the large numbers of families who appeared to be enjoying themselves at relatively low cost. And you never know, we may have found a new cricketer or two. Thanks also to the club members and other helpers who made the afternoon such a success.



Thanks also to Clare Eyles who organised the tickets for about 20 or so of us to go to the Warwickshire v Northamptonshire Big Bash game at Edgbaston. Loyalties were split between the teams, but the Bears easily outplayed the Steelbacks on this occasion.

Practice sessions are open to anyone who would like to attend. They are held at the ground, but times and dates may vary so please contact Tom Sabin on 07896 490911 or 01788 891797 for the most up to date information.

Braunston Scouts and Cubs

Cubs earn highest Cub award



Jonathan & Mckenzie of 2nd Braunston Cubs have earned the Chief Scout Silver award - the highest award a Cub can earn.

The 'WOW' camp (see below) enabled them to complete the award which required them to earn 17 other badges, in total nearly 100 separate requirements. Both will now continue their scouting journey by 'moving-up' to our Scouts section

Cubs Return to a 'WOW' Camp

21 Braunston Cubs took part in the Daventry District 'WOW' Camp at Blackwell Court 20th May doing adventurous activities like zip wire, climbing, 3G swing, multi scramble high obstacle course, archery, grass sleds, pedal go-karts and more



None of our current Cubs were at our last camp in June 2019 so as a District we decided that we would return to camping with a BANG and go for a weekend packed full of high adrenaline, an **Adventure Camp**, but nicknamed the **'WOW' camp**. Despite many first time campers, Cubs overcame nerves and rushed at the chance. They had a great time.



David Coleman Akela 2nd Braunston Cub Pack david@braunstonscouts.co.uk
Website: www.braunstonscouts.co.uk



Braunston Village Gardens Association

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2pm

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Children's photo classes:

THE BUSY HANDS SHIELD (AGES 5 – 7 YEARS)

120. (OC) An unframed photograph with the title 'Enjoying outdoors'

THE GREEN FINGERS TROPHY (AGES 8-10 YEARS)

130. An unframed photograph with the title 'In the garden'

THE JUBILEE TROPHY (AGES 11 – 14 YEARS)

140. An unframed photograph with the title 'I like this'



Adult photo classes:

PHOTOGRAPHS – GROUP H

- 103. Out and about in Braunston (see helpful hints p6)
- 104. 'I don't believe it!'
- 105. Blue
- 106. At play
- 107. Reflections
- 108. Weather
- 109. Creative Fun! (see helpful hints p6)

All photographs to be shown unframed, maximum size 20cm x 15cm

The complete schedule is available on the Braunston Village website

Braunston Village Gardens Association

Bragborough Hall Open Gardens

The planting took centre stage in June when Bragborough Hall gardens were opened to the public raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Visitors praised the amount of work over the last ten years that has both uncovered and developed the garden. “Clearly a gardener with vision” was heard across the tea table. As well as the beautiful planting; peonies alongside roses, a “hot” border, the parterre in the walled garden or the statuesque gunnera, there was much to admire. Views across the Northamptonshire and Warwickshire countryside, time to sit and chat on the lawn and the beautiful red kite that soared above were enjoyed by over 250 visitors.

The BVGA would like to thank Odette and Geoff for hosting the event, the Open Gardens publicity and refreshment teams, Meryl and Glenda from the Daventry Area Macmillan Cancer Support and a special thank you to Annie Marshall and Avril, from the Gongoozler’s Rest Café for providing such delicious cakes for all the visitors to enjoy.

A donation of £2130.20 is being given to Macmillan Cancer Support from this event.

2023 is the year for the village based Open Gardens event. We celebrate the great variety of gardens in the village every two years. If you have not opened your garden before but may be interested in being involved with the event next year please contact Kate Mawer 01788 890340 mawerk@hotmail.co.uk . For those of you who have opened your gardens before we will be in touch later in the year.

Braunston Heart

Braunston Heart continues to receive calls for assistance, whether for medication collection, signposting or to change light bulbs; all are welcome. If you have any financial concerns with heating or food, it is worth contacting us to see what we can do, sometimes we have access to grants for example.

Twinkle Team Update

The jubilee timetable was put together in the hope there would be something to appeal to everyone to bring the community together. It was a busy three days, none of which could have happened without the generosity of so many people who gave their time, prizes and promises, and the spirit of joining in.

The cricket club's players and families, with the aid of friends and some of the Twinkle Team, put together a fantastic day of games, food and tombola and a great family day was had by many. All profits were retained by the cricket team. Perhaps a favourite event for the future?

Chirelle and Alan Storer who run Rhythmic Expressions Dance Academy provided the music and guidance necessary for the tea dance. Volunteers spent the morning decorating the hall and returned to serve the afternoon tea, joined by other willing hands. The Admiral Nelson donated bunting, table coverings and napkins. Homemade cakes, bottles of alcohol and other goodies were donated as raffle prizes. There were looks of pleasure as a spin was taken around the dance floor or flags waved vigorously to Sweet Caroline. An hour of fabulous singing was provided by Richard Comfort - well worth his fee. He took us through the ages of the Queen's reign, singing songs as diverse as those by Dean Martin and Rag'n'Bone Man.

Many braved the weather to watch the duck race. It was exciting seeing decorated ducks sailing along or even some backwards once the wind got up. The Admiral Nelson generously donated the ducks for sale and ran the races. Volunteers marshalled the event. The winner won a queen duck trophy.

The History Society ran a really interesting film show in the Library, showing here and now photographs around the village. In the village hall were tables of talented craftspeople and stalls that had come in due to the inclement weather on the Green. The Brownies had a craft stall for children to make things. Amanda ran a glass demonstration and Sally did face painting. If we had had more volunteers, teas and

and coffees would have been offered. On the Green was the bouncy castle, enjoyed by many children and stalls who were able to erect shelters. The 2nd Braunston Scout Group had a presence as did Braunston's Climate Action Network who arranged a trail in Jetty Field. All these people, whilst some was for commercial gain, gave up their time in preparation and at the event. If they had not been there, there would be no fête. Volunteers manning the road closures ensured the safety of your families, a really important role.

The wheelbarrow race was enjoyed by those taking part and the winners were given a medal. Only five couples had a go – but there was laughter all round. Once the roads were reopened (typically the sun decided to come out). The Plough kindly hosted the last two events. The pudding competition well there was only one entrant but Jasmine made a fantastic cake; her first time making lemon curd and some amaretti biscuits which she coloured and arranged as a flag on top. A deserving winner. Having only one entrant raises an interesting question was the event a success? I would say in this instance yes, the pride in Jasmine's face said it all.

The final event was the Auction of Promises. Pete Hawksworth from the Admiral Nelson acted as auctioneer, with some of his team to assist. We had an amazing array of promises and we are deeply appreciative to everyone who donated. Lots of thanks go to the people who bid and purchased a promise, enjoy! This event, and the duck race, covered the cost of other events and the remaining profit will go to Braunston Heart who will continue to provide support for the community.

Many thanks to the Twinkle Team: Sandra, Janet, David, Sue, Jenny, Dee, Sylvia, Rhianna and Jo. We look forward to Twinkle on the Green in December. Having volunteers does really make a difference so please make contact if you would like to help.

Treasurer's report:

840.17	Promises
515.22	Duck race
-106.99	Tea dance
<u>-137.6</u>	Fete/medals/overheads for other events
<u>1110.8</u>	Total funds to bank

Signed by Sylvia Dawson (Treasurer)



Singing along with Richard Comfort to 'Sweet Caroline'



Jasmine with her winning cake



Wheelbarrow race



Tea dance

Braunston Brownies



We have been continuing our 'have adventures' theme this term as well as a special night to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, we made special T shirts and iced crown shaped biscuits. We were also part of the craft fair and we thank people who donated jars for the kids tombola and purchased the DIY crowns or hairbands we had to make on our stall.

We meet on Thursday nights at the village Hall 5:30-7:00 during term time.

For information on our unit please email :
secondbraunstonbrownies@hotmail.com

To join please go to the guiding website:
www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter

Carl Lewis

Foundation

Coffee and Cake for Carl

At 27 The Green

Saturday 9th July

10-12 noon & 2-5pm

Carl died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 34, family and friends set out to leave a legacy in his name. It raises money for cancer support and conservation.

I look forward to seeing you on the 9th.

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Other news

Braunston Weather Report for May 2022

Total Rainfall	55.1 mm
Wettest Day	23.1 mm on Wednesday the 18 th
Highest Temperature	24.9°C at 16.10 on Tuesday the 17 th
Lowest Temperature	4.6°C at 03.46 on Thursday 5 th
Highest Pressure	1031.1 hpa at 09.25 on Sunday the 8 th
Lowest Pressure	1000.7 hpa at 16.51 on Monday the 23 rd
Strongest Gust	22.5 mph at 15.16 on Tuesday the 10 th
Brightest Sun	1623 w/m ² at 10.08 Thursday the 19 th
Highest UV Index	15 at 10.06 on Thursday the 19 th

The average rainfall for May since 2015 has been 49.4 mm.

Adrian

Adrian is sadly not able to provide our information for a few months so if anyone can help with weather information please get in touch at bvn@braunstonpc.org

Wanted - used stamps, postcards and coins

I would like to say a big thank you to everybody who has delivered stamps, coins and bank notes. The total now raised is **£2845.20**.

We still need your used stamps, postcards and coins to help continue to raise money for dog's charities. Please keep sending them to:

Val Ward, 51 High Street, Braunston.

The Canal & River Trust

wishes to update the local community on plans to replace Bridge 1A, known as the Ladder Bridge, at Braunston.

The charity has been left a generous legacy of £164,400 towards improvements to the canal in the Braunston area, with the legator expressing a preference to spend on the replacement of the 'ladder' bridge, which carries the Grand Union Canal towpath over an entrance to Braunston Marina.

The bridge is a vital piece of infrastructure for the local walking network and currently presents a barrier for some. With stepped access and a narrow deck, it's not currently suitable for people with pushchairs or those in wheelchairs and the aim is to replace the bridge with one that's wider and has access ramps.

Initial concept designs for a replacement bridge indicated a cost substantially more than the value of the legacy – with an estimated shortfall of approximately £150,000. The Trust is currently investing in detailed designs, including extensive ground investigations, to get a more accurate estimate for a replacement bridge.

These ground investigations are due to take place in early July and the Trust expects to have accurate estimates for a replacement bridge by the end of August.

Once the Trust has an up-to-date, accurate cost estimate it will assess the external funding opportunities to appraise the viability of the project.

The Trust has provided the executors of the Will, as well as the Parish Council and other stakeholders, with an update on the project and will keep the local community informed as plans progress over the summer.

To find out more about the work of the Canal & River Trust, including how you can support through volunteering or making a donation go to www.canalrivertrust.org.uk.

Bin Collections

Small electrical items can be recycled by putting them in a carrier bag and leaving on the lid of the black waste bin

Wednesday	6 th July	Food, Waste and Recycling
Wednesday	13 th July	Food and Garden Waste
Wednesday	20 th July	Food and Recycling
Wednesday	27 th July	Food and Waste

Features

Frosty's Nature Notes: Toad in the hole

One of the nicest visitors to our gardens is the common toad (*bufo bufo*). It is a truly organic and sustainable controller of slugs. Toads are easy to tell from frogs, they have a dry warty skin and crawl rather than spring from place to place. England's toad population has crashed by more than two-thirds in the last three decades. Frogs numbers have dropped by 17 per cent over the same period. The causes are many and varied but loss of small ponds in gardens is certainly a very important one. Have you thought of building a small pond in your garden? I have a small galvanized wash tub pond that attracts frogs.

The common frog (*rana temporaria*) lays its eggs or spawn by March here in Braunston. Frog's eggs are laid in a mass of jelly and eggs called spawn. Many of those eggs are eaten by fish, amphibians and even birds. Because there are so many there are still plenty to turn into tadpoles which are also popular food for all those pond predators. Only a few tadpoles make it to become froglets and scramble on to dry land where they become food for even more predators including the grass snake. Amazingly enough of that one or two thousand frog eggs a few make it to adulthood. It takes about three years for frogs to reach breeding age and start the whole exciting life and death cycle all over again.

Peter Frost

Braunston then and now

Then



A view through the bridge spanning the old line of the Oxford Canal and the Braunston Branch of the Grand Junction Canal (GJC). The view shows a boat in the GJC's Braunston Branch which leads round a corner to the GJC warehouse, to the left of which can be seen Braunston London Road Station and Reservoir Cottages. The GJC reservoir to the left, used to retain water from use of Braunston Locks so it could be pumped back to the summit, is still separated from the canal.

Turn over to see Braunston now

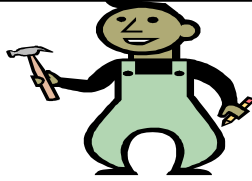
Braunston Then and Now

Now



The same view today, showing the barrier between the GJC branch canal and the reservoir removed and both forming part of Braunston Marina. The site of the GJC warehouse is now occupied by the Brindley Quays development, dating from the 1990s. The station is no more, the line finally closing to goods traffic in 1963, but the Reservoir Cottages are still visible to the left of Brindley Quays.

John Pomfret



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