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**REGISTERS FOR MAY 2015**

**BRAUNSTON**

**Funeral**— May 1st Henry Kitchener

**Baptism**—May 24th Samuel Penhall



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### **Forthcoming meetings**

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Full Council Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Jetty Fields Sub Committee (5 Mill Close)
6 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Full Council Meeting

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website

# Floodlighting 2015

## **May's floodlighting so far**

5th May - \* Rowena & Mark's Wedding Anniversary

8th May - For Nigel Sykes on his 60th birthday

13th May – In Memory of Eliza Merchant on her birthday with love from all of her family.

17th May - In very loving memory of Joan Buckley, who was born 100 years ago today. From Rob and Rachel



## **June's floodlighting so far ...**

1st June - \* Thank you to all who join in with village organisations.

2nd June - Thanks Again Colin from all at Braunston Bowls Club

7th June - Sheila, enjoy your second 35<sup>th</sup> birthday. Lots of love from David and the family.

9th June - \* On our Anniversary

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

28<sup>th</sup> June – Birthday Memories of Sheila with love from John & Hilda

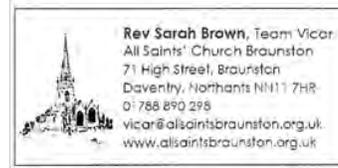
\* = Friends of All Saints – **A huge Thank You**

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – **20<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

## **Braunston Calendars 2015 - *Special Edition***

As some people who had photos featured missed out on the Braunston calendar for 2015, a very limited *special edition* reprint was recently produced, with the same photos, but covering June 2015 to May 2016. There are a few extra copies of these now available at the cost price of £7.20 each (higher than the originals due to the limited reprint numbers). If interested, please contact Abigail Campbell or Andre Gibson (tel 891604).

## On stripping the chameleon



I like the idea of chameleons –clever lizardy things that allegedly blush camouflage green when they are tongue-lassoing bugs in a bush, or come over all dusty beige when they are skulking in a sandpit (look out toddlers!) or exude an apeeling (sorry) oranginess when they are snoozing in a basket of satumas. (I cannot help but wonder what a chameleon would make of my granny’s rose print patchwork quilt - but that is an experiment for another day when I can catch one.) My point is that they adapt to the environment in which they find themselves and survive because of it. Unless you are hoping to be rescued by a prince in a helicopter, being an orange lizard, (or even a pink skink) in the snow is a high risk strategy. Blending in is much safer.

We do it too. Not literally but socially. Most of us adapt our behaviour, language and the image that we present to the world so that we fit in with those around us or with their perceptions of us. Sometimes it is about what we look like and what we own, sometimes it is about how we talk, sometimes it is about keeping our real opinions quiet to avoid the disapproval of others. Look at all the “shy Conservatives” of the recent election or the lifelong Christians who don’t even tell their best friends that they love Jesus. Sometimes we join in with things we don’t enjoy in order to blend in. And mostly we know when we are doing it and remain essentially ourselves.

But what if the normally khaki chameleon is made to live its whole life in a purple box and forced against its nature to be forever aubergine? For some people the pressure to be a certain way is like that. It is true captivity, even oppression, when people live their whole lives to fulfil other people’s expectations and it can result in serious health and social problems.

If you are someone who lives as a captive chameleon in thrall to someone else or to society, history or a set of circumstances have a go at asking God for courage to be yourself. Read Psalm 139 and see how well God knows the real you and how he wants you to live your life in all the fullness he created you for. There is only one opinion that matters. His.

And for all you brilliantly well-adjusted geckos out there the real question is how we deal with the different, the difficult and the desperate. The answer, of course, is with love.

Sarah

## **NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.**

We had a wonderful response from residents of Braunston at our recent Saturday morning work party. Sixteen people, including a whole family, came along to tidy the garden area and undertake other jobs in the Pocket Park. Details about this, including photographs, are displayed on our notice board on the pathway to the Pocket Park, near the Green. There are also contact details and other information about how you could help in the future!

An area of the main field has been mown. We have left an area at the top as this contains the wild flowers we have planted over the past two years. These should become evident in the coming weeks! The whole of Jetty Field looks wonderful at the moment. Do go and have a wander around! It is wonderful to hear residents and visitors comment, positively, on this wonderful amenity at the heart of our village. A group of children were playing in the Park a few days ago and said how much they enjoyed it! It was encouraging to see these youngsters using the area so positively; especially after the article in last month's B.V.N. about some criminal damage. We would also want to continue to encourage dog owners to "pick up" after their dogs!

Over the next few weeks the volunteers will be continuing in their efforts to maintain and improve the area. We are grateful to Graham, our Parish Council employee, for his hard work.

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## **THE FRIENDS OF BRAUNSTON POCKET PARK.**

Thanks to a small but highly effective committee of Zara, Carol and Irene, considerable funds have been raised through grant applications and by increasing the membership of "The Friends". The Jetty Field Committee has been able to complete far more projects as a result of this extra funding. Some examples of these projects are the new tree guards, hedge laying, new fencing in the Conservation / Wild Area and the recent "Picnic in the Park". We are very grateful to the **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** for their grant of £2,885. Please do consider becoming a member, your membership fee will mean that we can continue to improve **YOUR PARK!**

### **Church Fete Raffle Tickets**

**Raffle tickets are still available from the Community Café and also at the Church Fete on the 6th June**

## **Jenni's Jottings**

There is great excitement in the Burton household! We have a bird box on the side of the house with a camera in it. A blue tit spent most of the winter huddled in the corner with his feathers fluffed out to keep warm. A few weeks ago he started bringing in straw, grass and fluff from my tumble dryer. Betty Blue Tit gave her considered opinion and the straw etc was changed round until finally she was satisfied. One day there were 6 tiny perfect eggs in the nest and Betty shuffled the eggs about until lo and behold they all hatched out. Now I love all wildlife but these six little specimens were not pretty at all. One day old chicks are so cute but these juniors were all yellow beaks and little grey bodies. At time of writing 4 of them are surviving and doing well. They still look comical but their beaks are starting to take shape and the feathers on their little heads make them look like punk rockers! Billy & Betty are continually feeding them and are looking quite bedraggled. I am fascinated for as soon they feed a baby they turn it over and remove the poo!! How do they know what to do. We often think we are such a superior species but sometimes I wonder – nature has it cracked!

I hope by the time the magazine is published the 'persistent' rain has stopped and that we are all enjoying a lovely flaming June. There is lots going on this month with the Church Fete – always a good day out, Two films, the Pink Panther and The Theory of Everything about the inspirational Stephen Hawking. For all the gardeners and would be gardeners we can have a nosy at the Open Gardens. There is the Historic Boat Gathering down at the marina. A family fun day in the playing fields. Also, the Mikron Theatre Company will be performing at the Admiral Nelson. Also I mustn't forget the Braunston Bakes—not that I will eat any of course!

I wonder if anyone has a few hours to spare now and again. The Community Café would love some extra help. It is not a difficult or tiring job and lots of fun, especially if you are a nosy parker like me. It is great to welcome locals and visitors in for coffee and cake and lots of other goodies. If you are interested talk to David Maltby on 01788 890576

Also, we are looking for more volunteers at the Welcome Station at the Stop House. Again not a difficult job, you don't need to have knowledge of the canals. If you are interested speak to me on 01788 891546

Hopefully I will get some feedback about all the goings on in our beautiful village so that I can put them in the next issue. Photographs will be very welcome.

Meanwhile, Jump for Joy in June.



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- 4.30pm - Prima Ballerinas 2 (10-11yrs)
- 5.00pm - Pre-Syllabus Ballet (6-8yrs)
- 5.45pm - Pre-Primary Ballet (7-8yrs)
- 6.30pm - Primary Ballet (9-10yrs)
- 7.15pm - Grade 1 Ballet (10yrs+)
- 7.45pm - Grade 2 Ballet (12yrs+)
- 8.15pm - Adult Ballet (no exp req)

  
**Acting, Performance & Singing**  
 Tuesday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

- 5.45pm - Acting, Performance & Singing (all ages)

**Dance, Gym & Ballet**  
 Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

- 5.00pm - Gymnastics (all ages)
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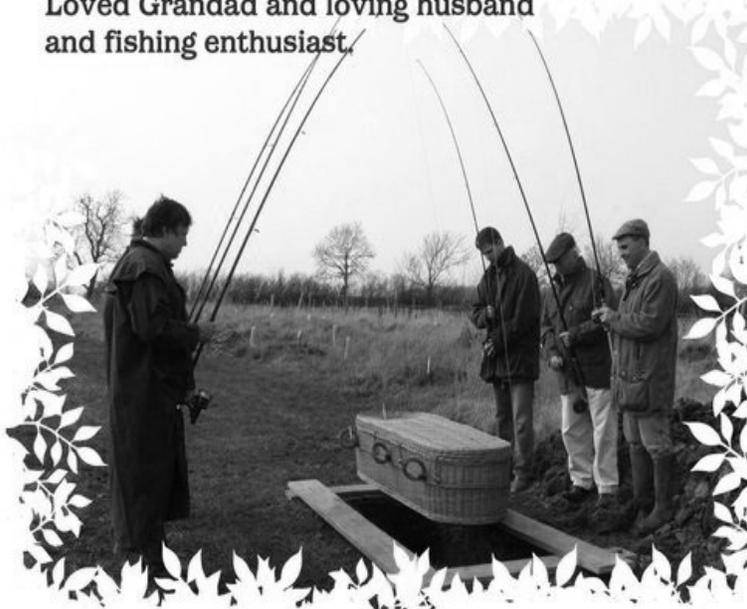
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### **THE HISTORIC NARROW BOAT RALLY AND CANAL FESTIVAL 25TH TO 28TH JUNE 2015.**

Once again, as a result of the generosity of **Tim Coghlan**, Managing Director of the Braunston Marina, the **Day Star Theatre Company** will be presenting a play in the beer tent in aid of All Saints' Church Braunston Restoration Appeal. **This will be at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday 25th June.** There is a licenced bar!

This year's performance is a revival of their play first performed some twenty years ago - "Put that Light Out!" It has a W.W. 2 theme, appropriate as we will have only recently celebrated the seventieth anniversary of V.E. Day. There is comedy and song but there is also hardship and tragedy as the characters experience blackouts and air raids, rationing and black marketeering, evacuation and digging for victory! Ticket holders' if they wish, are encouraged to come along dressed in clothing reflecting the 1940s!

Tickets will be available from the **first week in June** from the Marina, the Post Office, All Saints' Church (after the Sunday service) , Charisma Hairdressers, The Community Cafe and from Andrew Alsop **01788 890826**. Tickets priced at £20 for the first three rows, this includes a glass of bubbly! All other tickets are priced at £10. **This wonderful evening of really good entertainment is always a sell out so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment!**

## Air Ambulance Fund Raising

If anyone has any odd balls of wool to spare could they please take them to Kim in the shop. They are to go towards knitted toys for the fund raising day. Thank you



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# BRAUNSTON CHURCH FETE

SATURDAY JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>

On the Green & in the Village Hall, 12pm to 4pm

BBQ, Teas, Cream Scones & Cakes, Face Painting, Swing Boats,  
Bouncy Castle, Fire Engine, Vintage Cars, Fair Ground Organ,  
Plants, Books, Handicrafts, Children's Fancy Dress, Morris Dancers,  
Jewellery, Ice Creams, Lucky Straws & more.

*Please note there will be no White Elephant this year.*

## Fun Dog Show!

**Entries on the day from 12pm, Judging from 1pm**

*Classes: Handsomest dog, prettiest bitch, cutest puppy, best veteran,  
best child handler, best rescue dog, most appealing eyes,  
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## Grand Raffle

Have you completed your counterfoil yet and returned them,  
with the money to 30 Church Road, Braunston?

*Thank you!*



**Running a Stall, making Crafts, Tombola Prizes,  
making Cakes or helping in any other way!**

If you are willing to help with any of the following at the Fete, please call  
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## **BRAUNSTON BAKES**

On June 26<sup>th</sup> – and for a few days before in some cases – ovens around the village will be firing up as the Braunston Bakes team prepare for a very special pop-up sale. The 27<sup>th</sup> June sees our one-year anniversary of baking bread, brownies, buns and biscuits, not to mention dozens of lemon drizzle cakes and lots of other tasty bakes.

Braunston Bakes started because there was a keen appetite (ahem) for a village bakery and in the absence of a permanent one we created a pop-up version. It's been great to pop-up alongside the Cider Collective, the Cinema Club and the Braunston Village Gardens Association, as well as retreating to the warm welcome (and much appreciated shelter) of The Wheatsheaf, in the past year; it truly feels like a community activity.

On June 27<sup>th</sup> - the Saturday of Boat Show weekend - we'll be on the Village Green, from 10am until we sell out. We're looking forward to seeing customers old and new – who knows, there may even be birthday cake...

If you're a keen home baker and would like to know more about joining us, get in touch by email [braunstonbakes@gmail.com](mailto:braunstonbakes@gmail.com) or call Anita Lowe on 890769. And if you're not a baker but have some spare time to help us in admin or marketing we'd be very interested to hear from you – providing you're happy to be paid in bread/cake!

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## **THE A.G.M. OF THE BRAUNSTON MEMORIAL HALL FOUNDATION VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.**

You are invited to attend this **A.G.M.** that will be held at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on **MONDAY 20TH JULY.** There will be a great deal of positive information for you to hear about regarding the progress that has been made in recent months.

We would value any comments and suggestions you may want to make about the future of **YOUR** Village Hall. **Do come along!**

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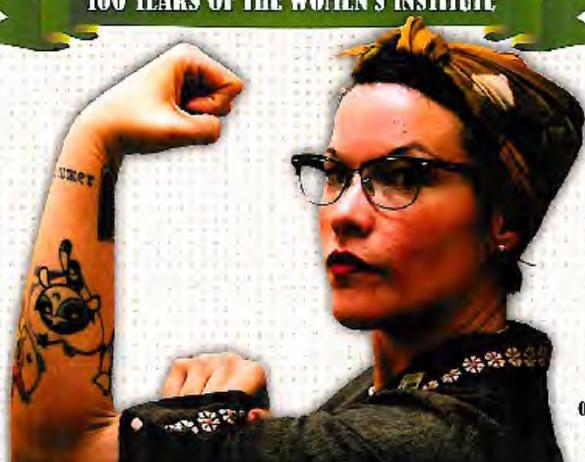
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30.04.15	037	A. Membury	£10
30.04.15	039	B. Oliver	£5
07.05.15	064	R. Cluett	£10
07.05.15	105	J. Hutchinson	£5
14.05.15	095	S. Rolt	£10
14.05.15	087	P. Hobbs	£5

### **BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL. KEEPING YOU INFORMED!**

We were pleased to welcome a new Trustee to our committee at the last meeting. **Chrissi Margetts** has volunteered to represent the Pre – School and the Toddler Group. We are still looking for more new members to join us! Last month we asked for a volunteer to take responsibility for fund raising initiatives. We are still looking! If you would like to help us by undertaking this valuable task, please contact our chairman, Graham, on 01788 890143. We are also looking for someone to run our successful “200 Club”. Our treasurer, Ron. Hunt, has done this for a number of years and now needs to hand the task on to someone else. The new organiser needs to maintain the list of subscribers, draw the winners each month and distribute the prizes. The money raised through the “200 Club” means that we can do even more to improve the furniture and fabric of the Village Hall. If you are interested then please contact Graham.

More progress has been made since the last article in May’s B.V.N. The Gallie Room has been redecorated. The water main has been completely replaced to meet today’s water regulations. The lighting is also being improved. A new area for the large waste bins has been constructed, this means that the lorry no longer has to go into the car park. We are now closer to getting the car park resurfaced; the committee is researching how this can be funded. There will be new arrangements for the Library Service van as it will not be able to use the Village hall car park once it has been refurbished. Details of this will follow in due course. These are exciting times for the general improvement of **YOUR** Village Hall. We cannot do all these things without extra help. Please consider contacting Graham. He would be very pleased to show you around and give you an idea of the challenges that lie ahead.

## **THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.**

At the end of April we had a very successful A.G.M. We have increased our membership and also added three, new members to our committee. This is very welcome and means that we will receive new ideas and share in the organisation of our society. We welcome Nicki Lee, Janet Bradley and Jennifer Coy to the committee.

In June we have two occasions for members and guests to take part. On **Tuesday June 16th** we have a society evening. Chris Pardoe, our past Chair., will give a short talk on “**The Braunston Cholera Outbreak**”. Following the talk we will be looking at the information that we hold on the Public Houses of Braunston, past and present. If you have any information on this topic please contact Annie Rogers, secretary, **891179**. Do come along to this meeting to listen to Chris. and to contribute to the research we are trying to undertake.

On **Tuesday 30th June** we are going to **Warwick** for a walking tour of the town centre which will be led by a local historian. This will be followed by a pub lunch. If you are interested in finding out more details then ring Andrew, **890826**. Numbers are limited and there are only a few places left!

Guests are always welcome! You do not have to be a member but we do encourage people to join as this strengthens our society.

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

**When someone rings the doorbell,  
why do dogs always think it's for them?**

# OUTDOOR MARINA SERVICE

at the Historic Boatshow 2015

9am - Sunday 28th June

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CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS JUNE 2015

<b>Day</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tue	2	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	3	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	6	12:00	Braunston Fete
		17:30	Youth church
Sun	7	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		18:30	Evensong - Br
Mon	8	19:30	Healing Service- Catesby
Tue	9	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	10	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	13	17:30	Youth church
Sun	14	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Morning Prayer Ash
		11:00	Family Service Br
Mon	15	19:00	Ashby PCC
Tue	16	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	17	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Fri	19	13:50	School Reception class wedding
Sat	20	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	21	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
Tue	23	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	24	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Thu	25	00:00	Marina theatre
Fri	26	13:00	Ford Ives wedding
Sat	27	17:30	Youth church
Sun	28	09:00	Marina Service
		18:00	No Labels Worship
Tue	30	09:00	Morning prayer - Br

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS JUNE 2015

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 W.I.
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mikron Theatre at the Admiral Nelson
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Church Fete: Cinema Club – Pink Panther
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 20.00 Royal British Legion meeting at the George Hotel
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Community Gardening: Marie Curie Tea Party
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Family Fun Day at Playing Field
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	14.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 Dick Herne History Society;
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga: Royal British Legion Lunch at Sporting Club 12 noon
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Open Gardens
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Friendly Club trip: Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo: Day Star Theatre at the Marina
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	17.10 Mobile Library
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Braunston Bakes on the Green: Royal British Legion service at Kilsby Church: Cinema Club – Theory of Everything
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group:

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The Legion will be running its usual stall at the Village fete on 6<sup>th</sup> June. We would appreciate your support in raising funds for the Church and Legion. Any donations for our raffle or for sale will also be much appreciated.

The June luncheon will be held at the Sporting Club, Barby, on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at Midday. No booking required, just come.

We would remind you of Armed Forces Day service being held at Kilsby Church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June At 10.30am. Members to parade at the Church at 10.15am

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at The George Hotel, Kilsby, at 8.00pm, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Tony Saunderson - Tel No. 01788890797

*A big THANK YOU from Ruth Nelson*

*A big THANK YOU to all my family and friends for the gifts and cards I received on my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*I was quite overwhelmed by your kindness.*

*Thank you again  
Ruth*

**Braunston Village Gardens Association**  
 Gardening together in Braunston  
 2015 – Celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Year  
**June Events**

**Garden Store**

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the Garden Store this year, we hope that the fertilisers and composts are helping your plants grow even more successfully and that you will have plenty to enter for The Show in September.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June Visit to RHS Wisley.** Reminder to those who have signed up we will be leaving at 8.30am from near to the Village Hall.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm BVGA Planning meeting – Village Hall library.** All welcome.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 11.30am- Village Hall – Community Gardening** at the Jubilee Garden and Triangle.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1pm to 6pm – Open Gardens – see main notice in BVN about this.**

**Gardens Competition –** it could be this month that the judge is visiting – or it may not be – we are all waiting to see!

**The Braunston Show –** last month we told you the titles for the photographs. Next month we will let you know the children’s classes ready for the summer holidays. So this month we are focusing on a few of the items in the handicraft section, so that you can get ahead.

Check out all the classes on line [www.braunston.org.uk/bvgashow](http://www.braunston.org.uk/bvgashow)

A card for a special occasion	A Christmas tree decoration
A soft toy for a baby	Something new made from recycled materials.
An item of jewellery	A cushion
A collage called “60 Years of gardening”	Design a poster promoting the BVGA
A watercolour, not mounted	Any other 2 dimensional craft
Also embroidery, quilting, applique, knitting, crochet, counted thread work	Any other 3 dimensional craft

Please ring Kate Mawer on 890340 for more details about any of these events.

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**The Mobile Sight Centre will visit New  
Daventry on Wednesday 17th June  
10am—1pm**



### THE MOBILE LIBRARY

**The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall**

**On Friday 26th June**

**17.10 to 17.50**

## FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
<b>June</b>		
1st, 2nd & 3rd	Ginnett Circus	Playing Fields Assoc.
5th	Mikron Theatre	Admiral Nelson
6th	Visit to RHS Garden, Wisley	BVGA
6th	Summer Fete	All Saints Church
13th	Tea Party	Marie Curie
14th	Fun Day	Playing Fields Assoc.
21st	Open Gardens	BVGA
25th to 28th	Historic Boat Rally	Marina
26th	Folk Night in Village Hall	All Saints Church
27th	Braunston Bakes	
<b>July</b>		
11th	Puddings & Performances	Braunston Players
12th	Fun Day	Playing Fields Assoc.
17th	Treasure Hunt	All Saints Church
20th	AGM	Village Hall
<b>August</b>		
8th	Musical Festival	The Admiral Nelson
<b>September</b>		
5th	Braunston Show	BVGA
12th	Historic Ride & Stride	All Saints Church
13th	Fun Day	Playing Fields Assoc.
19th	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints Church
26th	Fund Raising Day	Air Ambulance
<b>October</b>		
5th	Harvest Supper in Village Hall	All Saints Church
17th	Autumn Quiz	All Saints Church
27th	Garden Talk @ Cannons Ashby	BVGA
<b>November</b>		
14th	Autumn Fayre	All Saints Church
21st	Friends Barn Dance	All Saints Church
25th to 28th	November Show	Braunston Players
<b>December</b>		
10th	AGM	BVGA
18th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints Church



**Braunston CE School  
Open Days**

DATE: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 at 1.30 pm

AND ON 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 9.30 am

Parents of new children are  
invited to look round the school during the  
above times. Please arrive promptly.

**Abigail Campbell, District Councillor**

***Elves and Shoemakers***

Many evenings when I come downstairs after putting my kids to bed, I look at the Lego bricks and limbs of Playmobil people strewn across the floor, the washing-up piled high in the kitchen, and I think about the fairy tale of *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. In that tale, you'll remember, the shoemaker goes to bed at night and wakes up to find the shoes he was due to make the next day all done. It happens again and again. One night he stays up to find out how it happens and finds two elves hard at work stitching the shoes. The elves never visit my house, sadly, but I have to tell you that they are alive and kicking elsewhere in Braunston. Invisible menders and helpers are out and about all over the village, rarely seen and probably not thanked enough. There's the lady who regularly fills a bag of rubbish from the verges along Barby Lane. There are the people who look after our community buildings and care for our open spaces. Those who keep an eye out for neighbours. People who quietly make things happen, and get things done. I thank them sincerely for the big contribution they make to the life of this village. Braunston would simply not be the same without you.

***Your Café***

I'm delighted to report, on behalf of all the many volunteers involved in making the Community Café such a success, that it has made a surplus which is to be shared equally between three village organisations: the Friendly Society, Braunston Scouts and Friends of Pocket Park. The organisations were chosen by members of the steering committee: me, Rev Sarah, Pete Morgan and Peter Hobbs (Jacqui Lancaster is also a member but was on holiday). In the future, we'd really like your suggestions for good causes – they must be village based, not in receipt of statutory funding, and the funds should go towards a specific project or item rather than for general fundraising. Please do get in touch with any member of the steering group if you have any ideas. In the meantime, many congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard to make the community café thrive.

***Community Car***

I'd like to say a very big thank you to Nigel at Braunston Garage for the time he has spent in getting the car roadworthy. We couldn't have got the community car scheme this far without his very generous support and we feel very fortunate indeed to have the involvement of our fantastic local garage in this ultra-local scheme. The Community Car will be taking bookings again very shortly. Remember, the number to call is 01530 518983 and the service is designed for people with limited mobility and no private transport.

My next **Ward Walkabout** will be on Saturday 13 June 10-11 around Greenway and the Closes.

***With best wishes, Abigail***

## **Frosty's Nature Notes June.**

### **Whisky and orchids**

Lady Bird Johnson, widow of US President Johnson and her good friend Northampton based naturalist Doctor Miriam Rothschild both always kept a bottle of whisky in the boot of their cars. The purpose was the same in both cases, to encourage wayside wildflowers growing beside the roads. They both realised that modern agriculture had destroyed millions of acres of wild flower meadows both sides of the ocean and for a sustainable countryside we needed to do all we could to preserve wild flowers wherever they grew. A whole cornucopia of blooms fell beneath the crude onslaught of untimely mowing and chemical weed killer spraying to make roadside verges neat and tidy.

So how does the whisky work? Well, each of the ladies would, while out driving, watch out for either a worker spraying herbicide or using mechanised flails and chain mowers to cut back the roadside growth. The whisky would be offered, as a bribe to spare the more rare and delicate roadside plants. Sadly far too many of our local roadside verges are still devastated either by chemicals or by cut and slash. Local councils and private landowners, who should know better, still spray or cut at the wrong time. If mowing and trimming were left until the flowers have set their seed the long term beauty of the verges would be enhanced. Kill-all herbicides have no place at all in the maintenance of our verges.

There are many miles of roadside verges in Britain. If they were looked after properly they would not just be nicer to look at they would also make contribution to biodiversity. Wild flowering roadside plants are also essential for pollinating insects including the much threatened honey and bumble bees. Songbirds feed on the seed-heads of many wild flowers.

If I needed proof of how things could be better a recent spring visit to Normandy provided it. In Normandy verges are almost entirely covered with wild flowers. Most spectacular at this time of year are the frequent clumps of hundreds of bright purple pyramidal orchids.

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## CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

### Braunston Women's Institute



#### Next Meeting:-

**Tuesday June 2nd** at 7.30 in the Village Hall

Mo Emmans, in traditional costume, will give us an insight into the Social History of a travelling Artist / Pedlar.

Come along and hear about this fascinating lifestyle

Contact Barbara on 01788 890452

### Braunston Friendly Club

#### Next Meetings:-

#### Monday June 8th

Time to enjoy a Cream tea with friends

#### Monday June 22nd

George Dickinson will give a talk about the canals

Both meetings start at 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Gill 890763

### Braunston Fishing Club BINGO

**Every Thursday throughout the year  
8.00pm in the Village Hall  
Non members welcome**

### TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL CALL:-

Mrs Leyla Clayson  
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Braunston  
Leyla\_geric@hotmail.com

### RAINFALL— 2014/2015

2014	2015	
Jan		52.7
Feb		31.0
Mar		25.1
Apr		14.1
May	71.1	
Jun	45.7	
July	37.6	
Aug	46.7	
Sep	7.6	
Oct	33.5	
Nov	68.2	
Dec	43.5	

All in mms

Information provided by Rob Buckley

## Braunston Walkers - Compton Verney (c.10 miles) 23/5/15

This month again the walk is planned for 23/5, after the BVN deadline so this describes our recce. This was a real case of Rain Shower roulette as we spent the day dodging torrential downpours! We parked at Compton Verney car park and crossed the Kineton Road and set off over an extremely muddy field uphill with boots increasing in size and weight with the thick, cloying, clay. At the top we looked back over the lake and house at Compton Verney before entering a delightful wood with a winding path through to the picturesque village of Colmbrook. The path emerged from the wood and dropped down to the village. It is a lovely old village packed full of, chocolate box, thatched cottages and a quirky old stone church. After the village we had to walk a long road back to the Fosse Way which we crossed. A narrow farm track led us down to a wood, lined with bluebells, and crossed another field that was a different, less cloying, soil to a gate where we were treated to a magnificent first view of Walton Hall, now a top hotel it used to be owned by Danny La Rue. It is a fantastic old house with beautiful park land. We walked along to the house and then crossed an ornate old bridge which goes over the two lakes in the grounds. A great sight with the park, lake and stately home. In the distance we could see some torrential rain on the horizon so we left Walton Hall through some imposing gates and turned right along a road passing some quaint estate cottages till we were caught up by the downpour. We sheltered under a tree by a ford on the River Dene until the shower had blown over. A narrow escape!! Crossing the river we turned left and followed a field path by the river, passing the old water mill and into the town of Wellsbourne. We got another torrential downpour here and again paused under a tree till the shower had passed before crossing the road and following a small path which emerged by the church and more importantly, opposite The Kings Head, our lunch stop. Soon sat in the dry ensconced over fabulous Fish Finger sandwiches and delicious pints of Warwickshire brewed, UBU Purity we were very content. Another heavy downpour whilst we were sheltered in the pub and we emerged in full sunshine to walk on the road out of the town and then steeply uphill, puffing away, to reach Moreton Paddox and further on this road to the junction on the Fosse Way at Three Gates. We had to cross the Fosse and join a small rural road for a mile or so with magnificent views over the open Warwickshire scenery before taking a, conveniently mowed, field path through high grass over to Compton Verney. Some great views of the house and parkland as we sauntered over to the car park ready for home and a cuppa. This is a great walk full of interest and miraculously we didn't even get wet. Our next walk is as follows:

20/6/15 Adlestrop (c.10 miles)

# Open Gardens

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1pm to 6pm

**Many Gardens of all sizes will be open, some for the first time**

Admission to all gardens £4,  
accompanied children under 16 free  
Refreshments at Village Hall,  
including home-made cakes, 2pm-6pm

(All proceeds will be going to Macmillan Cancer  
Support)

## **Plant stall at Village Hall**

(All proceeds will be going to Friends of All Saints  
Church)

And, new this year, a Garden Book stall

Braunston Players present

# Puddings + Performances

**Saturday July 11th**  
7:15pm for 7:30pm, Braunston Village Hall

BYO Drinks & Glasses and if you want, a picnic meal to compliment our *fantastic* puddings!

Tickets £6 (includes puddings) from the Boat Shop, Bottom Lock, Tel 01788 891 310



**We've Done It!!**



A huge thank you to everyone who has supported Avril, Jackie and Min on our challenge to complete the 26.2 mile London Moonwalk. We feel very humbled by the goodwill, generosity and support given us. Arriving in London to a sea of ladies (and some gentlemen) in pink hats and decorated bras was an amazing and inspiring site. We set off on our walk at 10:30 pm, walking the streets of London, passing all the major sights and finishing at 6:15 am to the welcome sight of our families, who were there to support us. The walk was made easier for us with having the thoughts of everyone's good luck wishes and having seen ladies who were going through breast cancer treatment. Your support of our challenge has raised, so far, in excess of £3,000!





**ALL SAINTS' HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND DELIVERY  
PROJECT  
JUNE 2015**

Good news! We have been advised by phone that our Second Round Submission has been approved by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). The official letter should have arrived by the time you read this. The next hurdle to clear is submission of the HLF Permission to Start Form with its associated documents. But, in the meantime, we are in discussion with our architect and contractor on when we can get started with the work on site. Before the next issue of the BVN you should see scaffolding going up around the church so we are now on the final lap of this current project.

The HLF approval also allows us to start finalising all the associated activities such as church guide sheets, PowerPoint presentation, Area Information Boards, 360 degree video of church interior etc.

Further good news is that we have been awarded a grant of £2,500 towards our restoration costs by the Francis Coales Charitable Foundation. This is a charity which supports work on churches in Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

**Health Walks**

- All our welcome to join in our Health Walks in the Village. Walks last approx 30/40 minutes starting and finishing up at our Community Cafe.
- Please wear suitable footwear as some walks will be across fields.
- Walks will start from outside the Community Cafe at 2pm
- on Fridays the 5th, 26th
- Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

**BRAUNSTON CINEMA  
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Sat June 27th**

**Doors open 7pm, film starts 7.30pm**

**“The Theory of  
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**BRAUNSTON SHOW**  
**TO SHOW WHAT VILLAGERS CAN DO**  
**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**  
**CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE BVGA**

We look forward to seeing you in this special year and thought that you may like to see some of the class titles so that you can begin to get ahead in your planning!

Save time and check out all the classes online today at [www.braunston.org.uk/bvgashow](http://www.braunston.org.uk/bvgashow)  
Choose your classes, enter, review and change at any time between now and September.  
OR enter as in previous years using the schedule and entry forms available from July.

**Photography classes this year are;**

**All photographs to be shown unframed, max size 20cm x 15cm (8" x 6")**

- 103. Out and about in Braunston
- 104. In the garden
- 105. Reflections
- 106. Shadows
- 107. Friends
- 108. High Speed

**Computer enhanced images. Show two images (each image max size 7x 5) side by side; the original and the enhanced image. Use the titles below.**

- 109. Image improvement.
- 110. Creative fun!

**Children's only classes.**

**5 to 11 year olds**

- 124. An unframed photograph max size 20cm x 15 cm with the title "In the garden"
- 125. An unframed photograph max size 20cm x 15cm with the title "Fun"

**11 to 14 year olds**

- 132. An unframed photograph max size 20cm x 15 cm with the title "The Great Outdoors"
- 133. An unframed photograph max size 20cm x 15 cm with the title "A day out"

**New classes or new titles in other classes are;**

**Vegetables** - Leeks will now have their own class so get sowing.

**Home Produce** - Scones are back due to popular demand!

**Handicrafts** - A new class for jewellery has been added. The collage title will be "60 Years of gardening". We are also splitting 2 and 3 dimensional craft in the any other craft section to encourage more wood turning, pottery, resistant material type entries. Please let us know what you do as a hobby but that has no place to be entered in the show so we can add it in. For example in the past we were asked for a class for eggs.

Any questions!

Contact Kate Mawer either via the website or by telephone 890340

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