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Love where you live, live where you love

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Poet & Artist Tony Lintern (Snowy) feeding his friend

See page 6 for Competition



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REGISTERS FOR MAY 2017

BRAUNSTON

Christenings: May 21st - Henry Peach
May 21st - Polly Peach

Funerals: May 16th Interment of Dorothy Anne Milo
May 17th Arthur Taylor

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory



PARISH PAGE

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Councillor Vacancies

There are two vacancies on the Parish Council, the election notice has been posted on the notice board. If no election is called the Parish Council will be looking to co-opt two councillors. If you are interested please contact the clerk.

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.

5 th June	Full Council Meeting
3 rd July	Full Council Meeting

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website

FLOODLIGHTING 2017



May's floodlighting

4th May - For Sylvia, who didn't quite make her 85th birthday. R.I.P.

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

18th May - With grateful thanks to Colin Allen, from the members of Braunston Bowls Club

22nd May - Birthday memories for our wonderful mother, Gladys Elizabeth Wood, so sadly missed.

24th May – Remembering Dave on the anniversary of his birthday. Love Pat and family

June's floodlighting so far ...

9th June - * On our Anniversary

10th June - For Joan and Malcolm's Golden Wedding Anniversary

11th June - Treasured memories of our very dear and wonderful mother, Gladys Elizabeth Wood

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

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

24th June – * Happy Wedding Anniversary Trevor & Angela

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

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – **18th May 2017**

Would you like to Dance?

There is a new Dance /Exercise Class starting in the Village Hall on 12th June at 7pm.

Dance based exercise to 80's, 90's and modern music.

Suitable for all ages and abilities.

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£4.50 per session.

Further info from Yvonne_lovell@hotmail.com

SARAH'S LETTER



On the enforced wearing of white knee socks

About a million years ago I attended a girl's school. Most of the young ladies of this excellent institution wore a smart navy blue uniform (including navy blue socks). The rebellious girls wore their ties at half-mast, daringly adapted the standard pleated skirt in a way that endangered the morality of the whole town, and sported (shock horror!) pierced ears and wedge heeled shoes! The slovenly oiks technically wore all the right things but managed to look appalling. I belonged in this latter category. Like a windswept Shetland pony I galloped around the school with my shaggy fringe in my eyes, stocky legs in sagging unmatched navy socks, skirt twizzled sideways and the sleeves of my v neck jumper hanging off the ends of inky hands.

So it was a mystery after 5 years of sartorial neglect when I reached the sixth form and was elected Head Girl. It was even more surprising to have abuse shouted at me from the top of the tower block. Confused, I climbed up six flights of stairs to meet my accusers- a rowdy fourth form mob, who laid into me with venom. When I enquired as to the reason for their hatred it emerged that they had heard that I was going to change the uniform so that everyone would have to wear white knee length socks with little ankle frills! Anyone less likely than me to care what colour socks anyone wore or to choose anything frilly could not be imagined. I disabused them of this heinous untruth and went on my way.

I've been reminded of this by the current election campaign. Slander is explained away as righteous anger; winning arguments are valued more than truthful ones and those who stir up dissention and vitriol have the platform. The faintest threat of the phantom white knee socks justifies it all! So here are a few thoughts about how we might engage more kindly and wisely. Especially those who consider themselves Christian.

The media is all about ratings. Media owners get rich by instilling fear. So check the facts, take ideology with a pinch of salt and make decisions based on fact not gossip. There may be no white socks conspiracy at all! We are called to love our neighbours. Just because someone likes white socks does not mean that you can hate them and vilify them. They are human too. Even if they do have a dubious taste in hosiery.

Thinking your party's platform is unflawed is a mistake. Manifestos are made by imperfect politicians fuelled by ambition. Things change. White socks might even be the right way to go these days!

Scripture tells us to pray for our leaders and respect those in authority. Deriding them on Facebook is wrong. Pray for their wisdom and that their hearts may be right- and perhaps they will see the light and abandon the white socks idea.

Don't be paranoid. The world will not end if your candidate loses and white socks are temporarily back in fashion. So, whatever your preferred sock colour in this election I pray for God's peace and blessing on you and on this country.

Sarah

JENNI'S JOTTINGS

I think many of you in the village know Tony (Snowy) Lintern, our local poet and illustrator. For those of you who don't, Tony, who lives on Church Road writes lovely poetry and illustrates his poems with beautiful designs. When I saw the picture of him with the racing pigeon I thought what a wonderful idea it would be to hold a competition to write a poem about Snowy and his feathered friend. There were a number of attempts on Facebook but I would like to give a prize of a Gift Voucher to the best poem. There is no age limit from littlies to oldies. Please send your poems to me by email or drop them off at the Post Office by 15th June. I will publish the winning entry in the July magazine. Have a go while sitting in the sun with a drink by your side.

When I started to prepare the magazine we were hearing lots of drought stories and then the rains came and we heard flood warnings. We are never satisfied are we. May was such a busy month in the Village. I went to the Fashion Show, sang (badly) at the Marie Curie Tea party and had a table at Braunston at its best in the Village Hall. It was great to see so many people interested in the old copies of the BVN when it was a single sheet of paper.

Has any one seen the Red Kite in the village yet? I saw it once when it was having a bit of an argument with Mr & Mrs Peregrine on the Church spire. From the noise in Church this morning I think the Peregrine juniors are almost ready to set off.

Chris and I will be having our first Craft Stall of the year at the Church Fete on June 10th, do come and say hello.

Also, don't miss Puddings & Performances on the 17th, no good for my diet but good fun .

Well, that's it from me. Enjoy sunny (I hope) June see you next month.

BRAUNSTON CHURCH FETE SATURDAY JUNE 10TH

ON THE GREEN &
IN VILLAGE HALL

12PM - 4PM



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5.00pm - 5.45pm

Pre Primary Ballet (7-8 yrs)

5.45pm - 6.30pm

Primary Ballet (8 yrs+)

6.30pm - 7.15pm

Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+)

7.15pm - 7.45pm

Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+)

7.45pm - 8.15pm

Adult Ballet (no exp req)

8.15pm - 8.15pm

Tuesday

Acting, Performance & Singing (all ages)
5.45pm - 6.45pm

Friday

Gymnastics (all ages)
5.00pm - 5.30pm

Street Dance & Modern (8 yrs+)

5.30pm - 6.30pm

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OUR VILLAGE HALL



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PART IN OUR CELEBRATIONS, IT TRULY
WAS
BRAUNSTON AT ITS BEST!
PART OF THE MONEY RAISED BY THE
RAFFLE WILL GO TOWARDS THE
PROVISION OF DISABLED PARKING, PART
OF OUR CONTINUING PLANS FOR
IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR HALL.
THE MORE YOU USE IT THE MORE WE
CAN DO.**

BIG SALE

At the Green Barn (A45 opp. Marina)
On the vintage boats weekend
24th/25th June
10.00am-4.00pm
Boat memorabilia, clothing, bric-a-brac, etc.
Profits to MND (research into motor neurone disease,
in memory of a great friend)

**For more information please contact
Sheila 01788 891831**

VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

WEEKLY

		CONTACT	
Tuesday	Pop Mobility	2.00pm	Lorraine 01788 890846
Wednesday	Braunston Art Group	2.00pm	Ann 01788 890369
	Yoga	7.00pm	Sheila 01788 891831
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	1.45pm	Alan 01788 890011
	Bingo Club	8.00pm	Harry 01788 890396

FORTNIGHTLY

Monday	Friendly Club	2.00pm	Gill 01788 890763
Friday	Youth Club	7.00pm	Leah 01788 891833

MONTHLY

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

Pre-School Monday-Friday - braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

New to the Village Hall – starting on 12th June at 7.00pm - Dancefit classes, get your body ready for summer. For more details contact Yvonne on 01788 815560

Hall hire charges

Braunston Residents		Non-Residents
Gallie Room	£11.00 per hour	£22.00 per hour
Main Hall	£11.00 per hour	£22.00 per hour
Both Halls	£20.00 per hour	£40.00 per hour
Meeting Room	£ 6.00 per hour	£12.00 per hour

For all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply ask Leyla 01788 899138 for details.

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

Quote of the month

When it hurts to look back
and you're afraid to look
ahead,
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FRIENDS

Julie Leadbetter



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The Braunston Bake Off 2017

June 10th on the village green with Braunston Fete

As last year's bake off was a great success and enjoyed by many I've decided to do it all over again.

The classes:

Adults

Anything goes – Open class to create whatever you wish.

Royal Puddings – A super fancy pudding.

12 -16

Fit for the queen – it's her birthday so make something truly fantastic.

11 & Under

Six decorated cupcakes – Inspired by your favourite book.

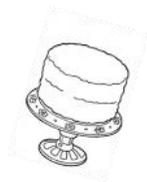
£2 per entry

The money raised this year will be donate to

The National Brain Appeal.

Bakes to be in the tent by **12:30pm**

Judging at **1pm** & prizes at **3pm**



CHURCH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS JUNE 2017

Tue	6	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	7	13:45	School Pentecost Picnic
		12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	10	12:00	Summer Fete
		17:30	Youth Church
Sun	11	08:00	Holy Communion B
		09:15	Holy Communion A
		11:00	Family Service B
Tue	13	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	14	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
			Church Wardens Admission
		19:00	Brixworth
Thu	15	19:30	Deanery Synod Everdon
Sat	17	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	18	08:00	Holy Communion B
		09:15	Holy Communion A
			Holy Communion & Junior
		11:00	Church B
Tue	20	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	21	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Thu	22	00:00	Day star theatre at Marina
Sat	24	00:00	Ordinations at Cathedral
Sun	25	09:00	Marina Songs of Praise
		18:00	No Labels Worship
Tue	27	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	28	12:30	Peace at lunchtime

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS JUNE 2017

		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	1st	Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	2nd	
Monday	5th	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	6th	Beavers: W.I.
Wednesday	7th	Jetty Field Meeting: 19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	8th	Fishing Club Bingo: Jetty Field Meeting
Saturday	11th	Playing Fields Fun Day
		Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts: 20.00
Monday	12th	Twinnings AGM
Tuesday	13th	Royal British Legion Meeting: Beavers:
Wednesday	14th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	15th	Fishing Club Bingo:
		Jetty Field Work Party: Puddings & Per-
Saturday	17th	formances
Monday	19th	13.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	20th	History Society: Beavers:
Wednesday	21st	Royal British Legion Lunch: 19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	22nd	Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	23rd	Mobile Library
Saturday	24th	Cinema Club
Sat/Sun	24/25th	Big Sale at Green Barn:
Monday	26th	Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	27th	BVGA Herb Walk:Beavers:
Wednesday	28th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	29th	Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	30th	

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION
Gardening together in Braunston
JUNE & FUTURE EVENTS

GARDEN SHOP OPEN – LAST OPENING

Sundays 4th June 11am to 12pm.

Find us at the Village Hall

HEDGEROW AND HERB WALK – BOOK NOW

Tuesday 27th June at 7.00pm - National Herb Centre.

This visit will cost £8, including hot drink and herb cake. We will be travelling in members cars to the venue.

We look forward to meeting you at our events.

For more information please contact Kate Mawer

mawerk@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01788 890340.

Find out more information on the Braunston website – search BVGA.

**Braunston Front Gardens and
Container Competition 2017**

Last year the judge said of the residential winners

There was a very high standard in many of the **Ashby Road gardens**. The judges declared it as the **best road in the village** for the gardens that are seen from the public highway. Let's make 2017 a great year for all the streets in the village.

Did you know that every year a gardening judge visits Braunston and awards prizes for gardens, hanging baskets and containers?

This unique competition is free to enter without entry forms as everywhere in the village is viewed from the public highway.

Businesses – an opportunity for great publicity because there are two competitions dedicated to you.

(Continued,,,,,,,,,,,,)

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION

Millennium Cup (on the High Street) and **Dennett Cup** (not on the High Street).

The Braunston Village Gardens Association (BVGA) can be contacted on 890340

OPEN GARDENS

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BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

May 16th meeting

Despite the weather we had a good turnout last night, when we heard a very enthusiastic Karen Weatherburn give us the history and an insight into the London Narrow Boat Project at Braunston. Sorry to say that despite walking past the boats almost daily for years I was very ignorant about the history and aims of the project.

Initially started over 35 years ago as the Lewisham Narrow Boat Project which then became the London NBP it has been organised by volunteers and is a registered charity. The boats have changed over the years and they now have 2 purpose built canal boats, Lancelot and Guinevere based here in Braunston. The canal boats each sleep 12 plus a skipper if required and can be hired by schools, groups, youth clubs etc, with or without a skipper. They will take any group with a minimum age of 8 yrs and welcome enquiries from all ages. The hire charges are very reasonable and the boats can be hired from a day upwards. If any group here in Braunston is interested, scouts, youth club, WI, I have information and prices.

HEALTH WALKS

All are 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 may be across fields.

Walks will start from outside the Community Cafe at 2pm

There will be walks on Fridays 2nd, 9th, and 23rd

Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday June 20th in the Village Hall, 7.30pm

“Growing up in the 40’s and 50’s” By Malcolm Deacon

Malcolm is always a popular speaker at our history society meetings and I am sure we will all enjoy this talk. Some of us will even be able to remember growing up back then.

Please come along and support your local history society.

Members free, Guests £2

Re:- Wolfhampcote Walk on July 8th for Members only. If you want to go on this walk please let me or Annie know as numbers are limited. Also if you would like to come with us for lunch at the Plough afterwards (self financed) then please Indicate so I can let the Plough know numbers.

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BRAUNSTON WALKERS

This walk was slightly different as it was led by Phil Kirk so 15 of us met up at his house in Frankton for a 6.5 mile walk through very attractive Warwickshire scenery.

Initial route out along Main Street, then into Cooks Lane and into a track leading out towards Windmill Hill. This featured some wonderful panoramic views across to Princethorpe College with its castellated tower and flag to the right and towards Long Itchington and Southam to the left [we could see the cement works chimney] Here we ran into the first of a few scuds of rain that afflicted us during the walk. But thankfully they passed very quickly, and certainly didn't dampen the spirits. Nigel dispensed his sweets.

We crossed the Oxford Road (A423) and took Barn Lane towards the Fosse Way. Some raised curved embankments here revealed the past course of the river and the extent to which its course has altered over the centuries. We reached a field of very inquisitive cows and had to placate them with firm words and the waving of sticks in order to prevent them from joining us.

We took a field path to the village of Eathorpe. Before reaching the village, we passed through a field which contained a pronounced elongated hill at its centre. Phil told us that this was a man-made hill comprising spoil from the extensive dredging of the Leam which took place some 12 years ago to prevent further flooding in the village of Eathorpe. From Eathorpe we struck a path past Marton Spinney and towards the village of Marton, from which we could look across to the escarpment of Windmill Hill where we had walked earlier in the morning. Marton village is on the Oxford Road and it was interesting to see the ancient road bridge over the River Leam still adjacent to its modern counterpart. We took a path alongside the river towards Frankton, and firmly into equine country with several horses in fields and accompanying gallops. This section of path saw the only stiles on the route. However, the chief obstacle was in fact a footpath gate which had been tied up with what looked like the equivalent of the Gordian knot. Nigel suggested Alexander the Great's method of dealing with the knot, but none of us had as much as a penknife let alone a Grecian sword! Instead Phil's neighbour Malcolm manfully took up the challenge of unravelling it whilst the rest of us ('we of little faith') struggled to climb over the adjacent fence. Typically, Malcolm untied the knot just after the last of us had scrambled over the fence, but at least he had the well deserved convenience of simply walking through the gate.

Further on we noted a series of pallets raised sideways on at the top of two wooden posts and wondered what they were. Phil advised us that they were shooting stations for the local pheasant shoot.

We returned to Phil's house and enjoyed some excellent Frankton hospitality, consisting of homemade pizzas which we prepared ourselves and baked in a garden oven. Superb! If this place was open to the public, I would say 'highly recommended'!

We thanked Phil for his generous hospitality and for organising a splendid walk, and we each made a donation to the charity that he supports <http://www.500miles.co.uk/> a Scottish charity that helps people with mobility issues to lead independent lives.

All in all, a great walk in a super area. Our next walk is Cotswold classic 17/6/17 when we walk near Broadway.

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NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD



Thank you so much to the 17 wonderful volunteers who helped us to lay the woodchip path through the copse.

We also weeded, pruned and tidied the pocket park and it was looking fantastic when we all left. We so appreciate all the help that everyone gives us.



Our next Jetty Field committee meeting is on **Wednesday 7th June**. Anyone is welcome to join us. Our next work day will be held on Saturday 17th June.

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FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
June		
10th	Summer Fete	All Saint's Church
11th	Fun On The Playing Field	PF Committee
17th	Puddings & Performances	Braunston Players
24/25th	Rally & Canal Festival	Marina
27th	National Herb Centre Visit	BVGA
July		
9th	Open Gardens	BVGA
16th	Fun On The Playing Field	PF Committee
23rd	Jazz @ Bragbrough Hall	Friends of All Saints'
27th	Pot-Luck-Supper at Wolhampcote Church	Friends of W. Church
August		
4th	Car Treasure Hunt	All Saint's Church
Sept		
2nd	Braunston Show	BVGA
9th	Ride & Stride	All Saint's Church
10th	Fun On The Playing Field	PF Committee
23rd	Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day	
23rd	Last Night of the Proms	All Saint's Church
Oct		
21st	Quiz	All Saint's Church
Nov		
4th	Autumn Fair	All Saint's Church
22-25th	November Show	Braunston Players
Dec		
15th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saint's Church

BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

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

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Cert 12A

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FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES

A Canalside Mystery

It is a dark misty evening at a secret waterside location somewhere in Braunston. A previously unseen species is hunting its prey – It is the Braunston secret cray fisher. His prey is the American red signal crayfish. He is catching his supper – either simply salad with mayo or in a spicy Creole gumbo or jumbalaya.

But why is he laying his miniature lobster pots under the cover of darkness? The answer is a curious legal Catch 22. To harvest these invasive pests, you need a permit from the Environment Agency (EA). The permits are free, but to get one you need permission from the landowner and also need to tell the EA exactly where you will be fishing so they can check it isn't one of the few locations where the native English white clawed crayfish is still found.

Our canal is full of these scarlet transatlantic invaders that don't just bully our native crayfish out of popular sites but also carry a virulent disease - cray pox - that is harmless to themselves, but fatal to their British cousins. Hence our fisherman is doing a public service to get rid of an invasive pest but having to do it undercover.

At many places around Braunston's waterways there is a real plague of these miniature freshwater lobsters. Those who know about such things report huge catches. Like many invasive species, the red signal cray is doing so well because it has no real predators except human hunters.

Feel tempted to join the hunt? Remember certain rules apply. Learn to recognise the various species; the EA website is a good place to start. If you do catch a British native crayfish put it back immediately and notify the EA so they can put protective actions in place. Never return a live red signal cray to the waters. Even if you aren't going to eat it, kill it. Always use a trap that is otter friendly. Some traps drown baby otters.

All that remains is to wait for dark, pull your trilby down over your eyes, turn up your collar and enjoy the fishing and the eating!

Peter Frost

BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELD
ASSOCIATION

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CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

Braunston Women's Institute



Next Meeting:-

Tuesday 6th June

Please note the change of time and venue. This meeting will take place in Sue's garden at Nelson Cottage at 2.30pm. Fingers crossed for some fine weather so that we can fully enjoy this delightful garden. Not sure how to get there,

Contact. Barbara on 01788 890452

Braunston Friendly Club

Monday 12th June 2pm

Village Hall

Members will be enjoying a delicious cream tea.

Monday 26th June 2pm

Village Hall

A short talk about old toys, dolls, children's books and games.

Members are asked to bring a toy, book etc from their past to share memories at the meeting.

Non-members are welcome to join us at our meetings.

We meet in The Gallie room at the Village Hall.

For more information telephone **Jenny 890186**

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
62 High Street
Braunston

leylaclayson@gmail.com
01788 899138

RAINFALL— 2016/2017

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	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Jan	53	72	55
Feb	31	37	47
Mar	25	79	54
Apr	14	43	12
May	45	33	
Jun	25	68	
Jul	48	8	
Aug	44	60	
Sep	33	43	
Oct	48	16	
Nov	61	74	
Dec	72	21	
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Information provided by Rob Buckley

Braunston Show

Saturday 2nd September 2017

We look forward to seeing you at the Braunston Show in September and thought that you may like to know the titles of this year's **handicraft** classes so that you can get planning!

HANDICRAFT classes :

84. (OC) A hand-knitted item
85. A piece of crochet
86. A piece of counted thread work
87. A piece of patchwork, quilting or appliqué (max. size 46cm x 46cm /18" x 18")
88. A piece of patchwork, quilting or appliqué, larger than in class 87.
89. A card for a special occasion, any medium
90. (OC) A soft toy for a baby, any material(s)
91. (OC) An item of jewellery, any material(s)
92. (OC) An item of embroidery
93. A watercolour, framed or unframed
94. A painting in oils or acrylics, framed or unframed
95. A drawing, any medium, framed or unframed
96. A cushion, any material(s)
97. A collage called 'Braunston at its Best', glued not sewn
98. A Christmas stocking, any material(s)
99. (OC) Something new made from recycled materials
100. Any other 2 dimensional craft not in class 84 to 99
101. Any other 3 dimensional craft not in class 84 to 99
102. Any unfinished piece of work

Open Classes (OC) are open to exhibitors from **outside the village** as well as to all Braunston residents.

Full information about these classes and all the other classes in the show, will be published in the Show Schedule and delivered to every household in the village in July.

TALL SHIP DREAMING

I never thought that in my early 70's I would be fulfilling a childhood dream of sailing on Tall Ships. My love of the sea has always been in me and my love of those magnificent ships with it. Now settled on my narrow boat in Braunston after retirement and taking life easy my thoughts strayed back to my youth and other ambitions. I searched the internet for a way to fulfil my dreams of sailing a Tall Ship. This I was able to accomplish and I have recently completed travels across the Pacific and North Atlantic thanks to an organisation called the Jubilee Sailing Trust, a charitable trust who give access to all regardless of abilities via their two magnificent ships Lord Nelson and Tenacious, both full square rigged barques.



I joined Tenacious in 2016 and sailed from Tahiti to Fiji via Bora Bora, Tonga, Samoa and the Pitcairn Islands finishing in Fiji. After that I was hooked and qualified as a watch leader with the trust so I could undertake more journeys.

My last voyage was from The Canary Islands back to the UK via the Azores an adventure of a different, more exciting type.

As a member of the voyage crew you sign on and work every day in watches that run and sail the ship. This is under the supervision of a permanent full time crew. All abilities are welcome and your involvement is as much as you are able to offer. Daily duties include Setting Sails, Steering the Ship, Lookout Duties and Mess Duties. Learning about navigation, ropes, sail settings and how the ship works also take up your day.

Most people find the experience life changing in many ways and great new friendships are formed during the voyages.

I will be leaving in early June to join Lord Nelson and sail via London to the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Newfoundland to the Tall Ships gathering in Quebec City Canada, another new adventure.

Voyages are available to view on the JST web site at WWW.JST.ORG VOYAGES or further help and information from Roland Matthews on Pikeman in Braunston Marina or Roland.matthews@outlook.com

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The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Tuesday 13th June at 8.30pm at The Sporting Club, Barby

The June luncheon will be held on Wednesday the 21st at midday at the George Hotel, Kilsby.

We have been rather short on numbers recently and so will members please do their best to attend.

Tony Saunderson
Tel. No. 01788 890797

AIR AMBULANCE FUND RAISING DAY

PLEASE

Is anyone able to help on a stall for us

**on 23rd September
9am to 1pm**

Contact Kim at the shop or on 891264

**Thank you
Kim & George Donald**

BRAUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY

The last month has proved to be very successful, the Volunteer Day at the village hall proved to be good for us. We spoke to many people during the day and we hope to soon sign up 2 new members. The work on the towpath between locks 3 and 4 should be completed by the time you read this. A great deal of effort has gone into this during recent weeks and we have received much positive comment from all users. We think it is right that we should acknowledge the efforts put in by one of our older members. Peter Andrews manages to keep all our area and more besides free from litter, he has been doing this for many years, his continuing efforts ensure that we don't have a serious local problem for which we are all grateful.

Friends of Wolfampcote Historic Church

An Invitation to Save the Date - Thursday July 27th, 2017
Join us for Pot-Luck Supper to welcome Colin Shearer of the Churches Conservation Trust as he cycles 300 miles for the Trust and over-nights in Itchington Church at 4pm and cycle with him the 7 miles to Wolfampcote.

Nearly 40 years ago our historic Church was one of the first to be restored. John Betjeman and Ivor Bulmer-Thomas found it with broken windows and half a roof, a smashed, rain soaked ruin and helped to set up The Churches Conservation Trust. Now the Trust has chosen Wolfampcote for a commemorative window in the Church to mark this 40-year anniversary. The Bulmer Trust will help fund the window. Colin is cycling to raise awareness of our historic churches and to raise funds to look after them.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Donations

All Welcome

RSVP 1. Pot-Luck Supper 2. Cycle Ride

Christinemsanderson@gmail.com

Braunston Twinning Report

Braunston a Good Place to Live?

Our Parish Councillors set up the Twinning Association 33 years ago as a bi-annual family exchange group. The councillors wanted Braunston to grow, but to keep its community feeling



and be a good place to live and bring up a family. They knew immediately that Quincy-Voisins would “work” with Braunston and proudly erected the still-existing official Twinning road signs.

Our twinning is community to community, family by family. At times it’s been a struggle to keep it going but these last two years, with some modest financial help from Northampton Council and from our Community Café, we believe we are winning again. May Bank Holiday saw 25 adults and 15 children, aged 6 to 16, from Q-V staying with 18 host families. It was a lovely warm, happy, generous weekend.

On Sunday, we all went to the Black Country Living Museum including a canal boat-ride through the tunnel and caves followed by evening house parties. Monday was free time until the Morris dancing lessons, games and a wonderful banquet and disco at Home Farm by kind consent of the Harrisons.

Next morning their coach left from the Old Plough amidst so much laughter, hugs and “See you next year”s , that no-one could doubt we have ‘community’.

I asked both French and English why they were doing Twinning. It takes effort; raising the finance to pay for the weekend, catering for visitors when you don’t know what they eat and worrying, completely unnecessarily, about being able to communicate. People said “It’s for our community, for the next generation”. “It brings out the best in you, to give, and not know what you will get back, then you get this amazing friendship back”.

It is true it disrupts your routines for the weekend and shakes up some pre-conceptions, but it is great fun . . .

. . . **and YES, it is really is worth the effort !**

Extracts from Christine Sanderson’s report to the Parish Council.

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Campbell ad (Cow)

BVN Deadline - July Edition

The next newsletter will be published on **1st July 2017** Please leave material at the Post Office before NOON on the **18th June** or by Email to the Editor :- Jenni Burton, jenni_burton@btinternet.com Tel: 01788 891546