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Village

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Turn to page 24 to see why we have Mr Cedric Wasser on the Front Page!



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REGISTERS FOR February 2015

ASHBY

Marriage:- February 21st

Susan Cummins & Michael Ball

BRAUNSTON

Baptism - February 15th

Logan Boddington

Funerals - February 10th

Evelyn Reader

February 10th

Gary Daffern (Spider)

February 11th

Beryl McPike

February 11th

Harry Stockwell



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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.

2 nd Mar	Full Council Meeting
16 th Mar	Neighbourhood Planning Sub Committee
2 nd Apr	Jetty Fields Sub Committee (5 Mill Close)
13 th Apr	Full Council Meeting
11 th May	Full Council Meeting
16 th May	Annual Parish Meeting (Village Hall 10.00am to noon)

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2015

Floodlighting 2015

February's floodlighting

1st February - * Congratulations and best wishes to Michelle as you start your new role as Vicar of St Andrews , Wellingborough

10th February - * In memory of Mansel Davies

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

19th February - Happy 80th birthday Brian, much love Jean x

22nd February - Margaret Massey, to celebrate your birthday from Saxon Barrie.

23rd February - * Happy birthday Zoe. Love, Mum & Dad



March's floodlighting so far ...

8th March - * To celebrate the lives of May & George McCarthy and Bill & Gladys Law

15th March - * In memory of Ada Littlemore, Boatwoman

26th March - * Judith & Nigel Sykes wedding anniversary

28th March – * Happy 56th wedding anniversary to us, Jean and Brian Branch

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

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - **20th February 2015**

SOME VILLAGE FUND RAISING NEWS

Last year the W.I. Ladies made a quilt to raise money for repairs to the car park. The Village Hall has now been given £1480. Although only a fraction of the amount needed for the repairs, it is a start.

Thank you to all who helped to raise this amount.

AIR AMBULANCE FUND RAISING DAY

The fund raising day this year is the 26th September. Although it seems a long way off Kim, Pam & George are already collecting items for the day. Please contact Kim at the shop if you have anything to spare.



On fifty shades

Is it just me who thinks that a Dulux Colour chart might possibly be more interesting than a certain book and film? I don't *think* it is just my age and job that account for my reluctance to bother exploring even one or

two shades of grey. I find the hype tedious and the shock factor overplayed in a world which has, let's face it, already largely ignored, the Marquis de Sade. Mind you "Fifty Shades of Grey" appears to be such a financial hit that with a view to building a hospital and a multiplex cinema in Braunston I am seriously contemplating writing a rival. It will be called "Fifty-one Shades of Brown" and will focus less on sadistic sex (not a career-enhancing topic for a vicar!) and more on plumbing the notoriously sinful depths of excessive chocolate consumption.

Which brings me to Lent. This is a 40 day period in the church year when, to the casual observer, Christians apparently give up eating chocolate or drinking wine and take up being irritable instead (or is that just me?) Actually, a wise spiritual discipline and an honest attempt to give up things that come between us and God, Lent can all too easily be turned into a benchmark of fake righteousness and a bit of a competition:

A "What have you given up for Lent?"

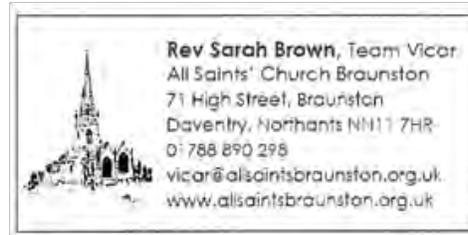
B (*With modest humility and just a hint of dark implied suffering*) "I've given up alcohol"

A (*with barely suppressed smugness.*) "Oh well, I used to give up alcohol but it was too easy. So I'm also giving up meat and television and chocolate.

I'm an expert on sin. I mess up a lot and I see an awful lot of it in my line of work- and believe me there are more than fifty shades of it! Although crème eggs, steak tartare, crime drama or merlot MIGHT be the greatest obstacles in your spiritual walk towards God I rather suspect that for most of us there are bigger factors. That said, I have yet to hear anybody announce that they are giving up viewing pornography or sleeping with their secretary or hitting their children or lying to people who love them or being vile to their parents or pinching from the poor box or bullying, or insisting on their own way. There are countless diverse shades of sin that threaten to trash our relationships with God and each other- far more, I fear, than there are wicked ways with chocolate- but there is only one way out.

Lent is a brilliant way of acknowledging the areas in our lives that are falling short of God's desires for us. But it needs to be real- not just a second shot at failed New Years' Resolutions! We need to be honest and focus on what matters. And then repent. We might manage to change straightaway or we might see fifty shades of failure until we get it right. Either way, the price is already paid.

Sarah



NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.

There are real signs that **SPRING** is on the way! Crocuses, snowdrops and catkins are all in evidence. We had a very successful work party on Saturday 7th February. Thanks to the generosity of Mandy Brown at the stables off the Greenway, we were able to take several loads of well rotted horse manure up to the allotments. About twelve allotment holders, under the direction of Bob Cluett, made light of the work and in three hours we had completed the task. Thank you to Paul and Dennis for using their vehicles. The only problem was the breakdown of the village trailer! We managed to get it to the safety of the playing field where it remained until Matthew Harrison came to our rescue and took it on his tractor to The Braunston Garage where Nigel is going to repair it!

In the last edition of the B.V.N. local residents were asked if they had any ideas for improving Jetty Field. Three suggestions have been made and the Parish Council will be seeing if any of them are feasible in the future. Metal picnic benches and tables were suggested, as well as a "Trim Trail" made of wood that could be set out in the copse area. An enquiry was also made about the possibility of wooden play equipment at the top of the field. These are big projects and a great deal of research and fund raising will have to be undertaken if they are to become a reality!

Michael Venton, Daventry District Council's tree specialist, spent the morning recently looking around the trees that are the responsibility of the parish council. He gave advice on how we can look after them and what else we could plant in the future. Michael was very positive about the way we are trying to look after the trees in the Pocket Park and around the village. A big thank you to Jake and Louise Harrison of Eastfields. They gave us a Twisted Hazel tree which has been planted in the garden area and some Hellebores (Christmas roses) as well as some other shrubs. If you have plants, shrubs or small trees that you want to give away,

THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.

There were over fifty people in the audience at the recent meeting of the history society. Peter Boyce gave a superb, illustrated talk about the restoration of wooden narrow boats. He took us through the story of the complete renovation of three wooden narrow boats up to the present day. It is still very much "work in progress" but a tremendous amount has already been achieved. He showed us all the tools he used, traditional and modern. He also brought along examples of the different types of wood he used in the restoration work. The talk was a wonderful follow up to a visit members of the society made to Peter's yard last summer.

Our next talk entitled "**Medieval armour and weapons.**" It is by **Mark Vance** and has a special emphasis on the late medieval period, the War of the Roses and the Battle of Northampton. Non members £2. Do come along to this interesting talk which will be supported with examples of armour and weapons. You will be made very welcome! **Tuesday 17th March at 7.30 p.m. in Braunston Village Hall.**

Jenni's Jottings

When I started planning this issue of the magazine I was going to wax lyrically about Spring having sprung. However, having just dried off very wet and smelly dog & husband (dog not husband smelly), perhaps I shouldn't mention better weather ahead. I think the spring flowers are my favourite of all. I don't care that daffodils only last a few days in vases but I certainly make the most of them. I love the way the brave snowdrops, crocus and primroses peep out as if to say 'don't worry it will soon be Spring'.

I have had to do a lot of shoe horning this issue, so much to put in.

I was so proud to hear about Cedric Wasser receiving one of France's most important medals for his work in the last war, and after reading Frost's nature notes I will never dangle my feet in the canal!!

Following the last issue I received a very nice letter from an ex Braunstonite who had some lovely memories of our village. Instead of me waffling on any longer I thought I would let you read her memories.

Enjoy March even if it does come in like a lion and goes out like a mouse.

Some Braunston Memories

Mrs Jean Hossain, an ex Braunstonite now living in Middlesex sent me the following

The photo on the cover of the February edition of the BVN brought back memories - not quite as far back as the date of the picture, I hasten to add! but when we first came to live in Braunston in 1944, we lived in rooms over the butcher's shop (then Hancock & Ringrose) - obviously it is still a butcher's shop (unless anything has changed in the last few months!)

I well remember the "parish pump" especially in connection with the 1945 general election when people used to gather there after coming out of the pub (the Dog & Gun was just across the road next door to the then Post Office) and long argumentative discussions took place just under my bedroom window! I don't think that by then the pump actually supplied water.

Even so, quite a number of houses in the village still had wells and used the water from them. They often claimed that well water was much better than the official supplies! After my father had Alston House built, he was digging in the front garden one day when he nearly fell down what had been the well supplying the cottages that had been there until they burnt down in the early 1930s. My father had the well hole covered but I think the current owners have turned it into a feature of their garden.

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- 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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Julie's Quote of the Month

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but by the Seeds that you
plant.**

Robert Louis Stevenson



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**All Saints' Church, Braunston
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**15th March
FAMILY SERVICE**



11am Family Communion

**If Mum is no longer with us, why not re-
member her by lighting a candle**

ALL ARE WELCOME



**Friends of All Saints' Braunston
Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 18th March at 7.30 pm
In the Parish Room at All Saints'**

Come and hear what has been achieved and bring your ideas about what can be done to preserve Braunston's most distinctive building.

With wine and nibbles to greet you !

The Friends task continues even after the present project has been completed. Looking after the building will inevitably mean more work in the years ahead .

Julie's Quote of the Month
Don't judge each day by the Harvest you reap,
but by the seeds that you plant.
Robert Louis Stevenson

Voting members, that is those who have donated £20 or more in the last 12 months, should have received a notice. If you haven't had one please contact Owen Davies 01788 890076 or e-mail: friends@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk



2nd. Braunston Scout Group

Mothers Day Cake Stall

Saturday 14th. March

Opp. Select Convenience
from 9am



The Royal British Legion Braunston & District Branch.

At the February meeting, a presentation was made to Alan Stevens in recognition of the 14 years as District Poppy Organiser during which time he was responsible for development of the area and the collection of several tens of thousands of pounds. The new organiser is Tony Golding from Kilsby who will be responsible the All-Year - Round collecting boxes, located at various Businesses and pubs, as well as the annual door – to –door collection.

The March luncheon will be held on the 18th midday at the Sporting Club Barby.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at the George Hotel, Kilsby, on 10th March at 8.00pm

Tony Saunderson - Tel. No. 01788 890797

BRAUNSTON BOWLS CLUB

At the recent 2014 club competitions the Knockout Trophy was won by Avril Dent after a keenly contested final going to five ends and resting on the final wood bowled.

The Target Cup was won by Alan Eley (Chick) with a score of 36. We would welcome new members to our Thursday afternoon games sessions. We are a small, friendly group who play for fun and exercise.

Why not come along and give bowls a go? No special equipment needed – bowls of all sizes available to use – just wear soft, flat shoes. No age restrictions apply.

COME AND GIVE US A GO! THURSDAYS 1-30 TO 4-00pm VILLAGE HALL

Alan Eley Chairman 890011, Sue Goodchild Treasurer, Mavis Eley Secretary

BRAUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL INTRODUCTION TO A COUNCILLOR



Louis Prat

I have lived in Braunston for 37 years having moved from Middlesex where I had lived prior to my moving to Braunston. I moved on account of my employment in the motor trade. I later retrained as a social worker where I specialized in children with disability. A job I enjoyed until I retired.

We chose Braunston and our property as it had really good facilities and as my wife Isabel was expecting our 2nd. of 3 children and as she didn't drive the properties' location opposite the village shop was ideal. We both come from large families so the house lent itself to allowing us to have family gatherings and it has certainly allowed us to share the pleasures of Braunston and the surrounding countryside.

I have been a co-opted member of the parish council for approximately 10 years and during this time I have been involved in the Eastfields development, and the negotiations for the transfer of Jettyfield ownership to the Parish Council. I was the Parish Council representative on the board of Governors of Braunston C of E School. I was asked to represent the Parish Council on the Braunston Playing Field Association Committee subsequently becoming the chairperson.

Alongside my council work I am involved with the 2nd. Braunston Scout Group having started when my son joined approximately 20 years ago, he has gone on to pastures new and I am still there!!

200 Club Results 2015

Date	Number	Winner	Prize
29.01.15	204	E. Archer	£50
06.02.15	053	K. Kendall	£10
06.02.15	006	M. Clews	£5
13.02.15	166	R. Hough	£10
13.02.15	036	O. Davies	£5
20.02.15	022	D. Baker	£10
20.02.15	154	A. Manning	£5

Braunston Canal Society

A New Year and a new start for the Braunston Canal Society. After 3 years at the helm Chris Burton decided to stand down from the committee of the society, and in order that we didn't fold, Nick Strivens, who was one of the 3 original founding members, has been elected at the AGM to take over as Chair. A new programme of events throughout the year will be published this week and distributed to members. Dates will also appear on the village website. Our grateful thanks go to Chris Burton for all his work over the past 3 years. Without his dedication it is unlikely that the group would have been as successful as it is today. He remains an active foot soldier!

January started well with members assisting the Canal and Rivers Trust, at the Nelson Lock open day, held on the 24th and 25th of January, attracting over 850 visitors to the lock. Talks were given by Brian Morgan, Nick Wolfe and Graham Newman and our display stand attracted much interest with several new members signing up. February the 4th saw our first work party of the year with 11 members turning out to clear the offside bank of undergrowth, opposite the Stop House and on the island at Braunston Turn. A great turnout and effort by all, which could not have happened without the assistance of Union Canal Carriers, who kindly provided the use of the tug 'Roger', enabling members to access both sites. A great example of the 'can do' attitude of our group. The improvements to the canal are obvious.

Over the coming year a programme of lock painting and ground works, offside clearance, litter picking and Stop House gardening is planned with twice monthly work parties. Something for everyone, to suit all we hope. If you want to get involved in this vibrant group in enhancing our finest asset, the canal and its environment, contact us through the village website. <http://www.braunston.org.uk/>

Nick Strivens

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS MARCH 2015

Day		Time	Event
Sun	1	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
		18:30	Evensong - Br
Mon	2	19:00	Sung Compline for Lent
Tue	3	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
		19:30	Lent course
Wed	4	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	7	12:30	Lent Lunch
Sun	8	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Morning Prayer Ash
		11:00	Family Service Br
Mon	9	19:00	Sung Compline
		19:30	Healing Service
Tue	10	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
		19:30	Lent Course
Wed	11	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
		19:30	Annual Church Meeting Br
Sun	15	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Mothering Sun: Family Communion Br
Mon	16	19:00	Sung Compline for Lent
Tue	17	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
		19:30	Lent Course
Wed	18	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sun	22	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Breakfast Service Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
Mon		19:00	Sung Compline for Lent
Tue	24	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
		19:30	Lent Course
Wed	25	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Thu	26	09:30	School Easter Service
Sat	28	10:00	Messy Church Easter
Sun	29	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Palm Sun Procession & Family Service Br
		18:00	No labels Worship- Br
		19:00	Sung Compline for Lent
Tue	31	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
		19:30	Lent Course

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS MARCH 2015

Monday	2 nd	14.00 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	3 rd	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 W.I.
Wednesday	4 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	5 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	7 th	10am Nearly New Sale – Village Hall: Twinners Quizz
Saturday	7 th	10am Braunston Bakes in the Wheatsheaf
Monday	9 th	Friendly Club Lunch: Explorer Scouts: Youth Club
Tuesday	10 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: Gongoozler's Rest Birthday Party:20.00 Royal British Legion
Wednesday	11 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	12 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	14 th	9am Mothers Day Cake Stall: 10am Community Gardening at Jubilee Garden
Monday	16 th	Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	17 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 Dick Herne History Society
Wednesday	18 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga: Noon Royal British Legion Lunch, at Sporting Club
Thursday	19 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	21 st	1am Twinners Tabletop Sale
Monday	23 rd	14.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	24 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	25 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	26 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	27 th	17.10 Mobile Library
Saturday	28 th	Cinema Club
Monday	30 th	Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	31 st	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group

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- Calf Liver, Ox Liver, Ox Kidney

- Valentine Pork Steaks, Rib Chops
- T Bone Pork Chops
- Rack of Loin Joint
- Loin Eye Steak, Belly Slices
- Rustic Belly, Mini Belly Slices
- Spare Ribs, Shoulder Steaks
- Stir Fry Pork, Pork Fillet, Diced Pork
- Shoulder of Pork,
- Leg of Pork on or off the bone
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- Minced Pork, Pigs Liver, Pigs Hearts
- Pigs Kidneys

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- Lamb Shanks, Minced Lamb, Breast of Lamb, Lambs Liver,
- lambs Heart
- Lambs Kidneys, Minted Lamb Chops



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Our Poultry & Game Selection

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- Chicken Drumsticks, Chicken Wings, Chicken Fillets,
- Chicken Supremes, Diced Chicken, Minced Chicken, , Chicken Livers
- A wide range of Chicken Kebabas marinated in various flavours
- Whole Chicken Legs, Whole Chicken Breast
- Duck Legs, Duck Breast,, Whole Ducks
- Pheasant, Guinea Fowl, Puissant
- Venison Steaks, Loin of Venison, Haunch of Venison, Diced Venison
- Venison Burgers, Veinson Sausages

Yorkshire Poultry, Warwickshire Turkeys, Chickens and Ducks

Our Bacon Selection

- Cheshire Oak Dry Cured Smoked or Plain, Triple Smoked Streaky,
- Plain Streaky, Gammon Steaks, Gammon Joints, Collar Joints, Bacon Bits
- Gammon Hocks,
- 400gm Pack of Bacon (£1.99) pack
- 400gm Pack Smoked Back Bacon £2.10) pack
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If you have an underused part of your garden you could allow a grower to use it.

The Jetty Fields committee can put potential growers in touch with garden owners and help with agreement documents. There are already two such arrangements working in the village.

The benefit to the growers is that they can get cultivating without waiting longer. The garden owners have the pleasure of seeing a well-tended vegetable plot and the sense of community in being part of a sharing initiative.

If you have a piece of land that you think is suitable and would like to offer it to a potential grower please ring 01788 890340.

Community Cafe

“We are now having some really busy days in the Community Cafe and the hot food now on offer is proving very popular at lunch time. Takeaways are also going well. We have available a selection of soups, panini, toasted sandwiches and baked potatoes. Wendy’s cakes, scones and “specials” are of course in great demand!

Obviously there are quiet periods but overall we should be very pleased with the way the Cafe is developing. Thanks to all our regular customers who contribute so much to the friendly and welcoming atmosphere we all enjoy”.

David Maltby

Braunston is Proud

February 10th was no ordinary day for local resident Cedric Wasser of Hillmorton. Not only was it his 91st birthday, it was also the occasion when the title “Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur” was conferred upon him for his “invaluable contribution to the liberation of France during the Second World War” (R Mille). The title, translated to English, means “Knight of the Legion of Honour”; the National Order of the Legion of Honour being the highest decoration in France.

The presentation of the medal at the Town Hall, Rugby, was made by M. Robert Mille, the French Consul from Birmingham. Also attending the ceremony was the Mayor Ramesh Srivastata JP, the leader of the council, Michael Stokes and a small gathering of family and friends.

During WW2 Cedric served in a Light Aid Detachment of REME (Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers) attached to the 7th Field Regiment RA, of 185 Brigade of the 3rd British Infantry Division (Monty’s Ironsides). He landed on Sword Beach on D-Day 6th June 1944. His service took him through France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Egypt and finally to Palestine.

After demobilisation in December 1946, he joined GEC in Witton (Birmingham) in 1947 as a tester of electrical rotating machines. In 1968, the company closed and he was made redundant. However, a vacancy existed for a contracts engineer at the Mill Road factory which GEC had acquired from AEI. He accepted and worked in the Company’s Switchgear Drawing Office. The move to Rugby proved to be a wise one for, in due course, he met his future wife, Betty, in 1970; sadly she passed away last September.

He retired in December 1987. He was a member of the Northamptonshire Branch of the Normandy Veterans’ Association and Market Garden Veterans’ Association (now defunct). He re-visited Normandy with Fellow veterans several times, including a pilgrimage last June for the 70th and final official commemoration of D-Day.

Health Walks

- Put a Spring back in your step by coming along and joining in our Health Walks in the Village. Walks last approx 30/40 minutes finishing up at our Community Cafe.
- All are welcome but please wear suitable footwear as some walks will be across fields.
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FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
March		
7th	Lent Lunch	All Saints Church
7th	Spring Quiz	Twinnors
14th	Cake Stall	Scouts
21st	Braunston Bakes	
April		
May		
2nd	Cider Festival, Hog Roast and Braunston Bakes	
16th	Quiz in Village Hall	All Saints Church
June		
6th	Visit to RHS Garden, Wis- ley	BVGA
6th	Summer Fete	All Saints Church
26th	Folk Night in Village Hall	All Saints Church
July		
17th	Treasure Hunt	All Saints Church
August		
8th	Musical Festival	The Admiral Nelson
September		
12th	Historic Ride & Stride	All Saints Church
12th or 19th TBA	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints Church
26th	Fund Raising Day	Air Ambulance
October		
5th	Harvest Supper in Village Hall	All Saints Church
17th	Autumn Quiz	All Saints Church
November		
14th	Autumn Fayre	All Saints Church
21st	Friends Barn Dance	All Saints Church
December		
18th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints Church

Braunston Playing Field Association

(a small group of volunteers looking after the village's field and playing facilities for everyone)

The field and pavilion are going to need a bit of work soon to get them ready for the new season of activity, so if you can spare some time on Easter Monday (April 6th) at 10:00 to come down and help at a working session then we would love to see you there!

Jobs we would like to do on the day:

Litter Pick

Clean and tidy the pavilion

Level out the trench dug for the water supply

Check and clean the stream bed

Make a list of planned improvements

Check and tidy shrubs/trees

Replumb the showers (in plastic pipe this time!) ready for the electrician to install the units.

Add extra gutter supports to reduce sagging and overflows

We will have tea and coffee available for helpers and hopefully something to nibble on too.

News:

Fun Days (a pic-nic at the field with bouncy castle and field games for all) will again be the second Sunday of the month in May, June, July and September) at 2pm

We hope that 2015 will see the start of a local adult football team using the field (thanks to Liam from the Admiral Nelson for getting this under way)

We have joined the Time Bank so that volunteers can bank their time for the playing field.

We hope to see the circus again this year after its success last year

The skate park committee want the base to be started in the spring

What with this and our resident cricket team playing their regular fixtures the field is going to be busy again this year. If you miss the working day but would be happy to help with any of our jobs on a different day then please mail us on bpfa@hotmail.co.uk.





Abigail Campbell
District Councillor

Schools Some of you will have read the debate about schools in the Daventry Express this month. 1 in 3 young people leaving local primary schools last year went to schools outside of Daventry. In Braunston it was 1 in 2. I think we need to move secondary education in Daventry much higher up the agenda of our District and County Councils, and also put the spotlight on E-ACT, the academy sponsoring both secondary schools in the town. Everyone does what they think is best for their family. But something has gone wrong for so many feel that best isn't local. Our school is the heartbeat of our village. We thrive as a community because it thrives. Daventry needs that too.

Ambulance Station Today I visited the control room for the East Midlands Ambulance Service in Nottingham and last month I did a night-shift with paramedics, in an effort to get behind the headlines and understand better the pressures facing our emergency services. I was one of the Councillors at DDC who actively campaigned against the closure of our ambulance station. There's still paint on the carpet in our house, after my kids' efforts to make banners for the 'Save our Ambulance Station' march. I'm really pleased that EMAS has confirmed the station will stay open.

Village Hall – Old Library Late last year a small team of Braunston Timebank volunteers began work to revamp the old library in the Village Hall. The British Heart Foundation collected the old and dusty books. Since then, two volunteers, Andrew Alsop and Graham Newman, have

generously given up much of their time to completely transform this room. It looks twice as big and a whole lot more welcoming.

Buses I'm meeting with the Managing Director of Stagecoach Midlands and the Principal Bus Officer at NCC to talk about making sure the bus journey up Ashby Road is as safe as it can be. We need to balance the needs of local residents without off-road parking, and the needs of bus users. Stagecoach have indicated they may withdraw this part of the route unless the route is made safer. They also say the new bus stop on The Green will not be in use until 16 March. I will share an update in the next BVN.

White lines were put down by Northants Highways last week outside dropped kerbs in various parts of the village and at the bottom of Ashby Road in response to concerns about obstruction and access.

My next **Ward Walkabout** will be on Saturday 14 March from 4pm along Archer Avenue, Cross Lane, Brindley Quays, Brindley Court and the Marina. With best wishes, Abigail

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The main document to be submitted is the tender for the work. We did receive the tenders for our roof and stonework repairs on 23rd January as requested. Thankfully several tenders matched our budget figures. As a result we held a meeting with one of these contractors to further check previous experience, current workload and the staff who would be allocated to our project.

The remaining documentation to be submitted relates to the activities on our new church guide sheets etc. All this work has been completed in draft form as required ready for finalising in the next phase of our project.

We are also in the process of obtaining the necessary Faculty from Peterborough Diocese allowing us to go ahead with the work on our Grade 2 listed church building.

At this stage we still believe that all the above approvals will be obtained to meet our target of starting work on site just after Easter with completion by the end of September.

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CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

Braunston Women's Institute



Next Meeting:-

Tuesday 3rd March in the Village Hall at 7.30. Chris Edwards of the RSPB will give a talk about Garden Birds entitled 'I didn't know they did that'.

This is an open meeting to which everyone is invited.

There will be a Trading Stall this evening so bring along and odds and ends you have no use for.

Contact Barbara on 01788 890452
Or Sue on 01788 891806

Braunston Friendly Club

Next Meeting:-

9th March when we shall have lunch at the Dun Cow in Dunchurch. We will travel by the scheduled bus leaving The Green at 11.20

23rd March TBA

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Information provided by Rob Buckley

Braunston Village Gardens Association
Gardening together in Braunston
2015 – Celebrating our Diamond Jubilee Year

March Events

Saturday 14th March 10am - Village Hall – COMMUNITY GARDENING at the Jubilee Garden and Triangle.

Saturday 21st March 10am to 12pm - Village Hall – GARDEN STORE OPEN

After you have bought your fresh bread and sweet treats from Braunston Bakes come along to the Garden Store and see what you can buy to start your gardening year. A wide selection of gardening essentials including Growbags, Multipurpose, peat free, ericaceous and John Innes composts, Canes, rose feed, tomato feed, slug pullets and more.
Membership remains at 20p per year!

Sunday 22nd March 11am to 12pm - Village Hall – GARDEN STORE OPEN

The first of our Sunday openings that will continue through to June. We hope that you will enjoy shopping locally for your composts, canes and much more.

We are happy to deliver for those people without transport.

Tuesday 24th March 7.30pm - Village Hall – SPEAKER.
Paul Thornton Head Gardener at Rugby School- The Head Gardener's Year.

Tickets cost £2 and are available before the day by calling 890491, 890340 and from Your Café. There will be light refreshments.

Other events

Coach visit to **RHS Wisley Garden on Saturday 6th June** – please ring Kate on 890340 for more details and to reserve your seat.

Open Gardens event – if you are interested in opening your garden at this year's event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support please let Jean know by phoning 01788 890515 or by email at dibben@btinternet.com

Frosty's Nature Notes: Illegal immigrants at the Marina

On various European holidays, in Germany, Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic, I've developed quite a taste for a fresh water fish that is usually described on translated menus as Pike-Perch. I've eaten the fish stuffed with herbs and wild mushrooms in a Gypsy restaurant on the shores of Lake Balaton in Hungary. Both the fish and the Gypsy band that played at our table were wonderfully exotic. I've also eaten them cooked in many ways all along the Rhine and the Moselle. In Poland the fish is particularly popular and usually simply cooked with a little butter. For reasons I have never understood, we never seem to eat them here in Britain. Why is it that we Brits seem to be so unappreciative of some of the almost free food found in our native countryside?

The fish is the Zander (*Sander lucioperca*) and Braunston Marina is full of these immigrants from Europe. Zander resemble the pike but are actually much more closely related to perch. They have a pike's streamlined elongated body and head, and a spiny dorsal fin like a perch. However Zander are not, as is often stated, a pike and perch hybrid. They can grow to 44lbs (20 kg) although they are usually considerably smaller. The fish love slow-flowing, sparsely vegetated, rather murky waters, so are right at home in many of our lowland rivers and canals. Today there are so many Zander in our waterways that the Environment Agency and local angling clubs are doing all they can to eliminate these delicious but greedy beasts. Zander are carnivorous and eat many other fish. Over the years huge numbers have been taken from the Marina by electro-fishing, but it doesn't seem to have happened lately.

Zander are so aggressive they have even been known to attack and bite humans. One well documented case occurred in July 2009 in Switzerland. A Zander weighing nearly twenty pounds (8 Kg) attacked tourists in Lake Maggiore, leading to headlines declaring the Lake had its own 'monster'. Two swimmers were so badly bitten that they had to be rushed to hospital. One suffered a deep bite almost four inches (10cm.) long that required many stitches. This huge Zander was also seen leaping from the water to attack dogs. The huge and dangerous fish was finally caught by the local police who, with a keen sense of poetic justice, cooked it and offered it to the wounded tourists. In truth, is very unusual for Zander, however big, to actually attack humans or dogs.

Just watch your step if you are down by the Marina.

Peter Frost

Braunston Walkers

Tenth Anniversary Romp to Staverton (10 miles) Saturday 24/1/2015

I can't believe that it is ten years since Philip invited some unsuspecting village people to start a walking group. In 2005 the group's first walk was to Staverton (with an extra sting in the tail as we trudged over some horrible, cloying, ploughed fields, a real tester of our commitment, to see Catesby Viaduct) so it was fitting that 10 years later we do Staverton again. Eighteen of us, a great turn out, met up and walked through the village and down Nibbits Lane to join the canal. We followed the canal and then took the track to Wolfhamcote, pausing to see the piglets and to enjoy sweets handed out by Nigel, Judith and Terry. Back on the Oxford canal all the way to the track up to Nethercote. The weather was superb, dry, cold and sunny, great for walking. After Nethercote we made our way along the minor road, normally quiet but today people were out Beagling and there was a constant queue of cars. Later in the afternoon we were lucky enough to see the Beagles barking and yelping, and studiously ignoring us as they made their way over a field where a trail had been laid. We left Flecknoe and joined field paths over the old railway past fields of Elephant grass and through a wood past two inquisitive donkeys, to climb steeply up into Staverton. The Countryman was absolutely superb. The publican took our orders at the table as we sank pints of Hook Norton Greedy Goose, an excellent beer, at a bargain price and then the food arrived. It was fantastic and we all enjoyed lunch so much it went on a little longer than usual. Highly recommended if you are over that way. Publicans take note this is how it should be done. We walked back over the bridle way, around Berryfields farm and home for a refreshing cuppa. A great day out and a fitting reminder of our tenth birthday.

Another great walking year in 2014. In January we trudged uphill to Barby and back for lunch in Braunston at the Old Plough, then in February we got a dousing from the horizontal rain at Shuckborough to dry out, gently steaming, at the Hollybush at Priors Marston. In March we were near Lamport Hall and enjoying lunch at the White Horse in Old followed in April by a magnificent Cotswold walk at Ilmington, the highest point in Warwickshire, some say our best walk ever and one of the best pubs in the splendid Red Lion. On a hot sunny day In May were in Aynho and Deddington and had a, well earned, break at the Duke of Cumberland pub in Clifton. Another fantastic walk. More superb Cotswold walking in June around Moreton in the Marsh after walking from the delightful village of Blockley and enjoying pints of Donnington beer (in my opinion the best beer in England) in the Black Bear and finishing at the community tea shop back in Blockley. For July we walked to Welton and the White Horse, a shorter walk but still fantastic despite the freak rain shower that left us, steaming, in Ashby St Ledgers church. In August we were in the picturesque area around Chipping Warden with a great lunch at the Three Conies in Thorpe Manderville. In September we had another fantastic weekend away in the Peak District on the Tissington Trail walking first to Parwich, then by the river along Dovedale and Beresford Dale lunching in the Charles Cotton at Hartington. On the Sunday we took in Lathkill Dale before lunch in The Bulls Head Monyash. Great weather if you forget the fog on the Friday evening. October was a walk at Cropredy with lunch at the super Brazenose Arms followed in November when we got lost locally on the way to Willoughby and the Rose pub finishing the year on a local walk and the Old Plough. Another great year for the group.

Walk Saturday 14/2/2015 Norton (8 miles)

A cloudy but mainly dry day greeted us as ten of us met up and drove to Welton to start the walk. We followed the road out of Welton and over the scary road junction into the gated road to pass the memorial to the Earl of Chesham who died in an accident with the Pytchley hunt in 1907. Leaving the road we entered our first muddy path, what can you expect?, it is February, down to Welton Hythe canal marina. We trudged around a muddy field over another quagmire to cross the A5 and join a bridle way which goes through Rye Hill Farm. .

We branched off the bridle way right through a massive, free range, chicken farm and plodded up yet another muddy field to a hill top with windmills. We continued picking up heavy mud till we reached the A5 at Buckby Wharf where we followed the canal up to the Norton Junction and then following the Grand Union Canal to reach the old gated road which took us all the way into Norton and our lunch stop at the White Horse now owned by the lady who had the fish and chip shop in Sheaf Street. We enjoyed pints of a particularly good IPA bitter and waited for delicious baguettes with chips. Very tasty. Our way back passed a house where lots of childrens muddy wellies were drying, stuck on the fence. Our path left the road and crossed several fields back to cross the canal and we emerged from the mire onto the main road before walking up Kiln Lane into Welton. In the churchyard is a grave stone of a little 6 year old who apparently died of starvation after being found lost and wandering in the early 19th century. Very poignant and worth a read. We got back to the cars and peeled of muddy boots to drive hime for a welcome cuppas. Super walk.

Our next walks are as follows:

14th March Fawsley (10 miles), 25th April Weston and Helmdon (11 miles), 16th May Compton Verney (10 miles), 20th June Adlestrop (11 miles)



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www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/network/fundraisers
There will be a fund raising disco 11th April in the village hall 7pm to 11.30pm. If anyone can help us with music and/or food please call us

Tickets available from the boat £5.00 each. 07940 973529

P.C.S.O Kevin Thompson Report

There has been a change round on the rural beats, however Braunston will still be part of my patch.

To those of you no longer on my beat - Thank you for your help over the years

It has been my pleasure working with you for the past six and a half years

And to those still on my beat – business as usual - looking forward to seeing you soon

My very best wishes to you all .

In the last two months we have 18 sets of gates both wooden and metal stolen in the local areas.

If you see a vehicle transporting gates please call 101 –

If you have gates –consider the security of your gate.

There are some scams from fraudster going around the area. They are claiming to be Police on the telephone or on your doorstep. **No Police Officer or Bank** will ever ask you to give bank details or PIN numbers over the phone or to an individual.

Equally they would **never** send a courier to collect money or bank cards from your home. Any attempts to do this should be immediately referred to the police via ringing 101. Any Police Officer in uniform must provide I.D. Ask for collar number or station. If in doubt call 101.

Please be vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles or person/s

Please report ANY crime no matter how small to 101.

PCSO Thompson

Some more Braunston Memories (*Continued from Page 7*)

It is interesting to see that most of the houses in the street scene in the photo are still there, but the fact that the children could saunter in the middle of the road certainly tells a story.

By the way, Mr Ringrose, the butcher I mentioned earlier, still delivered meat orders once a week by horse and trap and occasionally if I was on holiday or home early from school, he used to let me go with him - I loved it - we trotted to places like Wolfhamcote, Flecknoe, Willoughby and one or two fairly isolated farms. He was a crusty old soul but could be quite kind in a rough and ready way.

His relationship with his partner Mr. Hancock was much less harmonious and we used to hear them yelling at each other in between customers in the shop. I believe there had been ancient family grievances which continued for the rest of their lives. I know my father used to worry about the pair - especially since there were lots of very sharp knives lying around the shop but both died more or less peacefully in their beds.

VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

CLUB	CONTACT	PHONE 01788
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Toddler Group	Mandy Byrne	07530 947159
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