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Tom and his friend Flynn having a chat
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REGISTERS FOR FEBRUARY

ASHBY
Holy Matrimony
February 18th — Luke Wilson & Emma Thomas

BRAUNSTON
Baptism
February 7th — Penny Robin Sally Richardson

Funerals
February 4th  Robert Moore
February 8th  Margaret Cleaver
February 23rd  Shelley Skelsey

May they rest in peace and rise in glory
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 7.30

- 7th March  Full Council Meeting
- 4th April   Full Council Meeting
Floodlighting 2015 / 2016

**February’s floodlighting**
7th February - * Congratulations All Saints on completing the repair of the Church Roof - warmest best wishes, Revd Claire
7th February - Remembering the anniversary of Kay and Arthur Williams, Crew of Lilly Ann Braunston.
10th February - * In memory of Mansel Davies
12th February - * Gordon & Helena Lane Anniversary
12th February - * In loving memory of my god-daughter, Louise. Christine Martin
19th February - * In loving memory of my brother Rowan on his birthday. Miss you loads. Duncan x
21st February - Fond birthday memories for a loving husband, Dad and Grandad. Love Freda, David, Michael, Lisa and families.
23rd February - * Happy birthday Zoe. Love, Mum

**March’s floodlighting so far …**
6th March - Cliff Allcott. Sadly not here for his 70th birthday. Missed by his family.
8th March - * To celebrate the lives of May & George McCarthy and Bill & Gladys Law
15th March - * In memory of Ada Littlemore, Boatwoman
20th March - * For Richard, with love on his birthday
26th March - * Wedding Anniversary for Judith & Nigel Sykes
27th March - * Pat and Alison's Wedding Anniversary
28th March - * Our Wedding Anniversary. Jean & 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 2016**

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**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

The only person you should try and be better than,
Is the person you were yesterday
On journeys with unknown destinations.

My granny died two years ago this month. She was a Middle European Jewish matriarch, who wore real fur and real emeralds and whose hair remained a defiant auburn until the day she died just months short of her century. She lived quite a life and made a journey from her gilded roots (no, I’m not still talking about her hair!) through two wars; the annihilation of family and friends and their way of life; work in the Polish Resistance including the recovery of her murdered husband’s body from a mass grave at night; moving from house to house to evade informers and then work at a foreign embassy which finally enabled escape with my mother and their eventual arrival in Britain where my grandpa was serving in a military hospital. Then they married, settled and integrated, she was baptised a Christian and lived a fairly comfortable life for the next half-century until she died. Quite a gal. Quite a journey. I hope she is in heaven now.

All our lives are a journey. Perhaps not the sort that involves such a dramatic exodus to a promised land but we all go on through our lives dealing with the changes and the ups and downs as best we can. We all make good and bad choices. We all do things that harm ourselves or others. And when we die none of us- however much we may approve of our own morality- can stand before God deserving what he wants to give us. Someone once said to me on their death bed “I don’t think I’ve ever done anyone any harm” and I burned to ask “but have you ever done anyone any good?” None of us are as good as we think and, on the face of it, our destination post-mortem looks distinctly un-cheery. Except that we have been rescued. Dramatically. And there is (I believe) a promised land.

The horrible events of Holy Week that we remember and re-enact in the church in the run up to Easter provide the dramatic backdrop of a rescue that affects the final destination of each one of us. Lent- with or (sigh,) without Cadbury’s crème eggs- reminds us of the truth about ourselves and our helplessness in the face of our own mess-ups. The events of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Jesus’ death and passion remind us that we have played our part in the way things are but that Jesus was still prepared to die for us to take the rap so that we can stand before God at our journey’s end, undeserving of such love, but forgivable and forgiven. And then on Easter Sunday we hear again the extraordinary news that that Jesus lives again and so too can you and I.

It isn’t a cast-iron fact. The Bible is not a scientific textbook. But neither is it just a story. It is the promise of a ticket to a known destination. If you ever ponder the end of your journey come and join in the re-telling of the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection and remember why it matters. I’d love to see you there and there WILL be roast lamb, hot cross buns, bread and wine and of course, crème eggs along the way.

Every blessing, Sarah
NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.

The allotments look very tidy and ready for another year of growing wonderful crops! We had a very good turn-out of allotment holders to move a huge heap of well rotted horse manure on to the well prepared soil. We are very grateful to Mandy Brown, owner of the stables in the Greenway, for the horse manure and to Geoff. Phipps, of Bragborough Hall, for providing the tractor and trailer so that the manure could be delivered to the allotments.

We also had a very successful work morning on Saturday 13th February. Many thanks to Margaret Clews, Barbara Bury, Karl Pryce, Mark Fitzhugh, Jim Bickerstaff, George Midson, John Skelsey, Peter Biggs, Carol Barnes, Paul and Tricia Chamberlain, Zara Corbin and Andrew Alsop for giving up a Saturday morning to achieve so much for the benefit of the rest of the village.

We need help to continue to improve this wonderful Braunston village asset. The six acres of community land does need caring for if we are all going to carry on enjoying it in the future! CAN YOU OFFER ANY TIME? WILL YOU JOIN THE COMMITTEE? Contact Pat. Herlihy if you want to find out more!

JAZZ AFTERNOON AT BRAGBOROUGH HALL.
SUNDAY 24TH JULY 2.00 TO 5.00 P.M.

By kind permission of the owners of Bragborough Hall we are holding a JAZZ AFTERNOON at the Hall in aid of the All Saints’ Church Braunston Restoration Appeal. There will be Strawberries and Cream and other refreshments. Tickets and further information will be available in May. Look out for further details in the B.V.N., the village website and the local press! PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY.
Happy March everybody, Spring is certainly on the way and has been for a couple of weeks. I love wandering round our village to see what is starting to flower.

I feel rather schoolmarmish as I write this as I have some homework for some of you! If you are in charge of or a member of a Club or Society could you please look at the Village Activities (p17) and Clubs & Societies on(p36) and let me know if any of the times / details/ contact names and numbers have changed. I am aware that they haven't been checked for quite awhile.

I hope you like the picture on the front of the magazine. When we moved to Braunston nearly 7 years ago there were three horses in the field  Gondalo, Holly and Tom. I spent many an hour watching them from my window. Tom especially was a big part of the village and proudly led the procession through the village on Palm Sunday. He will be missed by children and grownups alike.

There is much to look forward to in the coming months with a Jazz Concert, Street Party, Murder Mystery and lots more. Please if you are holding an event let me have the dates as soon as possible.

I hope you enjoy the interesting article by Peter Andrews who many of you will know about his childhood during the war (p37). He was telling me about the bombs one day and I persuaded him to write it down. Does any one else have any interesting stories? I have had a whisper about a Flea Circus but watch this space.

Enjoy this lovely month come and remember you don’t need to eat ALL the Easter Eggs at once.
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Ward Walkabout
Unfortunately I wasn’t able to do my last Ward Walkabout because I had the flu. So, my next one will be around Eastfields, Welton Road and School Close on Saturday 5 March 10-11.30am.

Waste and recycling consultation
In June 2018 Daventry District Council’s current waste and recycling contract with Amey/Enterprise will end. DDC is consulting on new proposals which will see black bin collections take place every three weeks, recycling every two weeks and a charged-for garden waste collection. The proposals are driven by the need to make savings, and a desire to increase recycling rates. I imagine some of you might have strong feelings about these changes, and I do hope you will take part in the consultation. The online version is on www.daventrydc.gov.uk or you can access paper copies at Daventry Library. If you have any queries please feel free to get in touch.

Northamptonshire County Council
The cabinet of Conservative-controlled NCC has approved cuts of £65 million to their budget of 2016/17. £24 million will come out of the adult social care budget, with subsidies for meals on wheels and the trips and falls service among many to go. The Council is also reviewing the care packages for people with complex needs. Rural bus subsidies will be reduced by £200k, and are set to disappear completely in 2017. A Full Council meeting on 29 February will vote on whether to approve the budget. Your County Councillor is Malcolm Longley on mlongley@northamptonshire.gov.uk, should you wish to be in touch.

“Love Daventry”
The District Council’s Love Daventry website is looking for more photographs of villages, and of village sports clubs and groups. If you have any photos of Braunston you think would fit the bill please email them to bhutson@daventrydc.gov.uk.

With best wishes, Abigail

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Twitter: @campbellabigail Facebook: Abigail for Braunston and Welton
Mr Clean
Dry-cleaning - Laundry - Repairs
18 Sheaf St
Daventry
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
Sat 9am-4pm

All Saints’ Church March Services - ALL WELCOME!

LENT SUNG COMPLINE
4th, 11th, 18th March, 7pm

MOTHERING SUNDAY
6th March, 11am
Family Communion

If Mum is no longer with us, why not remember her by lighting a candle

MAUNDY THURSDAY
From Passover to Eucharist
Dinner & Worship
24th March, 7pm

PALM SUNDAY
20th March
Holy Communion, 11am

GOOD FRIDAY
25th March
Messy Easter Workshop, 10am
An hour at the cross, 2pm

EASTER SATURDAY
26th March
Passion Narrative, 5:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY
27th March
Holy Communion 8am
Easter Family Communion, 11am
BRAUNSTON ART GROUP

The Art Group meets every Wednesday between 2 and 4 pm in the library of the Village Hall.
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Nick Strivens

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March Events

Thursday 10th March 7.30pm – Village Hall – Planning Meeting – all welcome

Saturday 19th March 10am - Village Hall – COMMUNITY GARDENING at the Jubilee Garden and Triangle, with GARDEN STORE OPEN.

Sunday 20th March 11am to 12pm - Village Hall – GARDEN STORE OPEN

The first of our Sunday openings that will continue through to 29th May. 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.

Please see full page advert and our webpage for more details.

http://www.braunston.org.uk/bvga

Tuesday 22nd March 7.30pm - Village Hall – SPEAKER.
Marie Le Nepveu of Rimo Growers@Medda Place, Thurlaston, Planning for Summer Colour. (While thinking about the wildlife).

Tickets cost £2 and are available before the day by calling Kate on 890340 and from Your Café.

There will be light refreshments.

Please note that the speaker’s fee will be donated to Myton Hospice.

Other events

Saturday 21st May 9am to 11.30am – Village Hall – PLANT SALE.

We will be selling perennials, shrubs and bedding plants as well as helping with gardening advice and offering refreshments with bacon butties.

If you have plants that the BVGA can add to their stall then please bring them along on the morning between 8.30 and 9.00am. Call Kate 890340 for more information.
Buy garden and allotment supplies in the village

In 2016 the BVGA will continue to sell composts, fertilisers and canes in the same range of weights as previously. The small sizes are ideal for those who only need a little or do not have space to store large bags. You can also buy larger sizes. We are open at the Village Hall every Sunday morning from 11 till midday starting from 20th March to 29th May.

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New for 2016 To help those who need larger amounts.

Pre-orders for the items below. Please cut out this form or write your order on a separate note. Put this in an envelope with the cost of the items (cash or cheque to 'BVGA') and put through the door at 65 High Street by 7th March. Indicate number required. All are 25kg bags except Garden Lime. Collect from Village Hall on 20th March or later. Please ask if you need delivery.

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THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.

We had a very successful society evening on Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} February. Malcolm Hancock, the retired Station Manager of Rugby Radio Station, gave a very interesting and informative talk. Nearly 40 members and guests heard about the rise and fall of this vitally important communications system.

Our next meeting is on \textbf{TUESDAY 15\textsuperscript{TH} MARCH AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.} The talk is by Lorna Yorke and is entitled “\textbf{CANAL BOAT FAMILIES.}” This will be a very entertaining and interesting talk by an authority on the subject. Do come along! Members free and guests pay just £2. \textbf{ALL ARE WELCOME!}

\begin{center}
\textbf{All Saints’ Church Braunston – Church Fete}
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The fete is on Saturday 11\textsuperscript{th} June this year and starts at 12 noon on the Village Green with a fancy dress parade by children from the village. The theme this year is ROYALTY. \textbf{Start looking out those robes and crowns!}

There will also be a tasty BBQ and wonderful teas all afternoon. There will be plenty for the children to do with a bouncy castle and other activities.

Come along to the many attractions and stalls! \textbf{Free Admission}.

\textbf{Can you help in any way? Help set up and take down or run a stall? Please contact Pat Milner if you can on 01788 899157}
A number of members and wives joined in with The RAFA Rugby on a visit to RAF Coningsby the RAF Southern Typhoon Main Operating Base, home to two front line combat ready Squadrons. The morning was spent in a detailed viewing of a number of aircraft and their armaments. The Station is, also, the home of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and the afternoon was spent in the hanger where the aircraft are kept and maintained. We were able to inspect the Lancaster Bomber, six Spitfires, two Hurricanes and a Dakota transport, all in pristine condition. We were escorted throughout the day by officers and men from the station and Lunch was provided in the Sergeants mess. Altogether a most excellent and worthwhile day.

We will be joining again with the RAFA for a talk to be given on Barns Wallis, the date to be confirmed.

The March luncheon will be at The George Inn, Kilsby at midday on Wednesday the 16th.
2nd Braunston Scout Group

Mother’s Day
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Saturday 5th March
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Support your local Scout Group

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- Reach for Health Gym, High March, Daventry – Thursday 7pm
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Friday 25th March

17.10—17.40
Let’s have a street party for the Queen’s 90th Birthday
Sunday 12th June

We could close the road, bring food & drinks to share,
BBQ, tea party, games for all ages,
Whatever you want!

If you want to ask questions, join in,
have ideas, decide when, and help get it
organised, please come and have a chat with your
Neighbours on

Thursday 17th March at 7.30
Community Cafe
Sudden Death

at

Bragborough Hall

a murder mystery adapted & presented by Braunston Players

7pm Saturday 9th April - Braunston Village Hall
(7:30pm start)

Tickets £9 - Includes Ploughmans (buffet ~8:45pm)
Dessert & Snacks, BYO Drinks (& Glasses)

Book at the Boat Shop - Bottom Lock
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Ticket proceeds go to Village Hall funds, Raffle proceeds to Air Ambulance
Thank you

for all your support
says Pat Milner, chair of the
Friends of All Saints’ Braunston

It has been a good year. The task identified in 2010
that lead to the formation of the Friends of All Saints’
has been achieved. It has been a struggle but the vital
repairs to the roof and high level masonry are now
complete. The project was finished on time and to
budget. A celebration thanksgiving was held in the
church on 7th February.

All Saints’ is an old building that will need expensive maintenance
from time to time. The Friends are committed to building up
reserves to be ready for the next crisis. The question is what is
the best way to go about this. We need your ideas!
We also need new blood to help with these ideas and assist
with running the Friends.

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS’ BRAUNSTON
Registered Charity No: 1138185

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 23rd March 2016
At 7.30 pm in the Parish Room, All Saints’ Church
with light refreshments
Please attend and join the discussion about how
the Friends should organise itself for the future
Calling all Crafters
If you are a Braunston Resident and enjoy making crafts, (any medium, fabric, clay, jewellery, wool, glass, paint etc) and would like to sell your wares please and enjoy making crafts, (any medium, fabric, clay, jewellery, wool, glass, paint etc) and would like to sell your wares please call in at the café!

We change our displays regularly. (most run for about two months) as we feel it provides extra interest for our café visitors.

We do not take any commission as we feel this supports our local community as well as enhancing the café. Please call into the café and leave your name and contact details with any member of the café volunteers or pop your information through the letterbox.

All Saints Braunston Arts & Crafts Festival
Bank Holiday Weekend 27th, 28th and 29th August

This is the second festival and will be bigger and better than the last very successful event two years ago!

Arts and crafts created by Braunston village residents will be on display all weekend, some of it for sale. There will be teas and light lunches available. It will be an experience for the whole family and there will be activities for children.

This is a celebration of the talents of artists and crafts people living in Braunston.
Put the dates in your diary and come along!

Would you like to display your work or help with the festival? Please ring Andrew Alsop 01788 890826. Can you help organise it? Come to the planning meeting at 7.30pm in the Church on Thursday 17th March. All Welcome
March Offer!

To celebrate Kirsty’s 3 years at the salon we are offering a £33 offer (usually £44) for any two treatments from:
Back Massage, Indian Head Massage, Hopi Ear Candles, Express Aroma Facial, Eye Lash, brow tint & shape, Spray tan, Express Mani & Express Pedi

(All usual treatments available)
CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

Braunston Women’s Institute
Next Meeting:-
Tuesday 1st March at 7.30 in the Village Hall.
At this meeting Chris Berry will tell us how having a Guide Dog changed her life.
Contact Barbara 01788 890452

Braunston Friendly Club
Next Meetings:-
Monday 14th
Joan Wood will help us make Easter Cards and Gifts.
Thursday 31st
Coffee Morning with Bring and Buy in the Village Hall 10am to Noon
Gill 890763

Braunston Fishing Club
BINGO
Every Thursday throughout the year
8.00pm in the Village Hall
Non members welcome

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Information provided by Rob

TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL
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Mrs Leyla Clayson
62 High Street
Braunston
Leyla_geric@hotmail.com
BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL.
KEEPING YOU INFORMED!

Work has been continuing on improving YOUR village hall. New chairs have been purchased for the Library and some extra tables. The whole room looks much improved and provides an ideal venue for meetings and other occasions.

The committee would like to thank Rory Leahy, a local resident, who gave up a morning of his half-term to do some community work for our village. Rory, a student at Southam College, helped clear up the area behind the village hall. The whole area looks so much better after all his hard work.

We are always looking for new people to join our committee. We are dedicated to improving the hall and want the whole community to make good use of it. If you would like to become involved please contact our Chairman, Graham Newman. (01788 890143.)

Why not book the village hall for parties, celebrations and other occasions? The hall has a kitchen, a large hall and two other rooms that can be booked separately or as a whole unit. If you would like to discuss booking any part of the hall why not contact our booking officer, Leyla Clayson. She lives at 62 High Street and can be emailed at Leyla_geric@hotmail.com; Leyla would be pleased to discuss all aspects of booking the hall.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I have been for a walk around the village this afternoon with the dog warden and someone from environmental health. New signs were put up to remind people of their obligations

I am utterly appalled at how much dog mess we came across on our travels.

I am also disgusted to have the farmer who owns the field at the back of Archer Avenue show us that people are still bagging up dog mess and throwing it in the
field, which has had sheep in now for quite some time. We also found a pint glass which had also been thrown in there and if it hadn't been found, could have caused a lot of damage to the farmers’ tractor and livestock. Whoever these people are that are doing this should be utterly ashamed of themselves. I have to try and encourage people again to try and take a phone or camera with them when out walking so they can get evidence of people allowing their dogs to foul and if they fail to pick it up. This needs to stop right now and if anyone is reading this and they know they have failed to pick up after their dog, please let me remind you that we live in a wonderful village and it should be respected and kept tidy.

Thanks
NHW Coordinator Julie Jarrett

STOP PRESS: A few days after the walkabout a gentleman handed in to me all the new signs that had been torn down and thrown into the farmer’s field. He also said that there were some bags of dog’s mess
Braunston Parish Council – Bus Users Group – Bus stop consultation

At present there is no seat or shelter for passengers waiting for the bus at any of the five stops in the village in the Daventry direction. The council has voted to allocate £4000 of the 2016/2017 budget to improve conditions at bus stops. Observations so far indicate that the most used stop is the one on the north side of The Green before the bus goes up Ashby Road. Having a shelter for this stop should benefit the greatest number of bus users.

Base map derived from Parish Online under licence.

**Option A**

- On the same side of the road as the bus stop and the direction of the buses.
- The timetable and other information is on the bus stop post immediately adjacent.
- Would require the existing tarmac to be extended into the grass area.
- Is on Highways land. Would require necessary approvals.
• Installation costs are likely to be higher as a Highways approved contractor would be required.

Option B
• Buses approaching along High Street are visible from this site. Passengers would need to cross the road to board the bus.
• A slightly higher surface would be put on top of the existing piece of tarmac which extends from the car park to the railings resulting in a straight edge to the car park.
• Would require a section of railings to be moved back to the car park edge and side sections added.
• Would be under the full control of the Parish Council which could reduce costs and may allow for the shelter to be moved if the bus route changes again.

Braunston Parish Council – Neighbourhood Plan

Following three years of consultations, drafts and modifications the Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Daventry District Council. DDC will appoint an external examiner to inspect the Plan and the supporting documents. Further modifications may be made as a result. Then the Plan will be subjected to a Community Referendum when electors will have the chance to decide whether it will form part of the development plan for the parish. We have placed copies at the following locations where we hope you will read the Plan:

- The Wheatsheaf PH
- The Old Plough PH
- Gongoozlers’ Rest Café
- Your Community Café
- The Admiral Nelson PH
- The Boathouse PH
- All Saints’ Church
- Gongoozlers’ Rest Café

The old library at the Village Hall will be open between 11am and 1pm on Saturday 19th March with copies of the Plan to read and a parish councillor to
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Growing up in the 1940’s
by Peter Andrews

I was born and brought up in North London but was on holiday with my parents on the Isle of Wight on 3rd September 1939 when war was declared. Nothing much happened until the following summer when the Battle of Britain took place. This was mainly over Kent but we did see a few planes from time to time. As autumn started so did the blitz on London. My parents had corrugated iron put in the roof and our kitchen was strengthened to make a safer place to shelter during an air-raid. I was just six and a half years of age and was put to bed under the kitchen table each evening soon after 6pm. Soon afterwards I would hear the siren going and sometimes the anti-aircraft guns behind the local Police Station would start firing. Then I knew that Jerry was overhead and wondered whether I would still be alive in the morning. When I awoke I said to myself “Oh good, I’m still here”.

My parents decided that it would be better for me to go and stay with my grandma at Burnham-on-Sea in Somerset. I was in the bath one night when I heard a disturbance downstairs. It turned out that a bomb had dropped in the back garden but, fortunately, had not gone off. It was one of a stick of four bombs which we think was dropped from a German bomber which had been bombing the docks at Barry in South Wales and had dived to get away from a fighter. It released the bombs so as to be able to quickly climb again. Dropped from a low level the bombs did not prime. Next morning soldiers came and made the bomb safe but being close to the sand dunes every time they dug down to get a rope underneath it sank further into the sand. I watched them fill the hole in and, as far as I know, the bomb is still there! I was not very happy being away from my parents, so they brought me back to live with them. Hitler’s first attempt to get me had failed!

One night my father took me to look out of the window and to the south-east there was a bright glow in the sky over London. A few days later the phone rang while we were having breakfast and my parents could not hide their alarm. Clearly something was wrong. I asked if I could help and was told that the best way to help was to go to school as usual. When I got home from school the beds had been removed from the three bedrooms and they were filled with all the essentials of my parents business, Andrews & Wells Ltd (A&W), gown manufacturers. A bomb had fallen near their offices in Oxford Street and caused damage beyond immediate repair. For the rest of the war we lived downstairs.

The government had encouraged everyone to make arrangements with either friends or relations to offer each other shelter should their house get bombed. This is just what happened to my aunt, uncle, two children and dog so they came to live with us. For a short time they lived in our lounge while we had the dining room and A&W had upstairs. We all shared the kitchen and bathroom. Fortunately they soon found a bungalow to live in
Frosty’s Nature Notes.
The man who saved the Purple Emperor

One of my favourite countryside writers is BB. That was the curious pen name of Denys Watkins-Pitchford. The name BB comes from the size of lead shot wildfowlers used to bring down a wild goose, and BB was an enthusiastic wildfowler. As well as wonderful wildlife writer he was also a great artist, a master of the art of scraper-board that was so evocative in black and white books of the post war years. It was Watkins-Pitchford’s illustrations that bought alive such books as Tom Rolt’s Narrow Boat.

Denys Watkins-Pitchford was born in 1905 in Lamport, Northamptonshire. A country vicar’s son he spent his boyhood wandering through the fields, developing his love of the outdoors. At 15, he left home for Northampton School of Art where he won a scholarship to Paris. Back in London he entered the Royal College of Art. In 1930 he became an assistant art master at Rugby School where he remained for seventeen years. Teaching in Rugby it is certain he would have known the countryside around Braunston well.

While still teaching he started his career as an author and an artist. He wrote under the name BB but used his real name as the illustrator of his, and other author’s books. He also wrote and illustrated hundreds of magazine articles. He produced sixty books. There were award winning children’s books; countryside books; books on wildfowling, shooting and fishing and some on travels with his caravan. Two of the best are *Wild Lone* the story of a Pytchley Fox, and *Manka, The Sky Gypsy* the tale of an albino goose. Both are masterpieces.

In 1974, his wife, Cecily, became unwell after working in their garden while a farmer was spraying his fields next door. She died a few weeks later. It confirmed BB’s long-held views on the harm insecticide poisons were doing to his beloved wildlife.

Perhaps his greatest achievement was that, almost single handed he saved Britain’s second biggest butterfly, the purple emperor, from extinction by raising them, safe from DDT sprays, in huge muslin cages in his Northamptonshire garden. The woods around what was his house are still the most important British site for this spectacular insect.
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