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Village

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Our beautiful Peregrine Falcons. (see Frosty's report on Page 23)

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REGISTERS

BRAUNSTON

Funeral:	7th February	Peter Andrews
	9th February	Paul Doman
	26th February	Derrick Turner

ASHBY

Funeral:	22nd February	John Ramsbotham
	28th February	Barbara Crisp

May they rest in Peace and rise in Glory



PARISH PAGE

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The council currently has three vacancies, please contact the clerk if you are interested in being co-opted to the council

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.

5th March	Full Council Meeting
2nd April	Full Council Meeting

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc

CHURCHWARDEN'S LETTER



ARRR, me hearties!

Why are pirates called pirates? Because they arrrr. That's one of my favourite jokes and it last had an outing on 19th September – International Talk Like a Pirate Day. I have become fascinated, and not a little bewildered, by the fact that we now seem to have a special day for just about anything you can think of. Being a Yorkshire lass I am happy with Yorkshire Pudding Day (4th Feb) and, being a dog lover, National Puppy Day (23 March) also appeals. Some of these days make total sense. Puppy Day serves to highlight the need for homes for orphaned pups as well as to educate people about the horrors of puppy farming. International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (26 June) aims to raise awareness of the major problem that illicit drugs represent to society. At the time of writing it is approaching Random Acts of Kindness Day (17th Feb). This one puzzles and rather saddens me. Have we really got to the point where we need a special day to remind us to be kind? We live in an age where the Internet allows instant comments from both acquaintances and complete strangers. Anonymous bullies can cause humiliation and untold grief. Email removes the nuances of verbal communication and can result in misunderstandings. The stresses of everyday life can cause us to be curt, frustrated and angry. I confess I am not immune to shouting at other drivers from the safety of my own car (and secure in the knowledge they can't hear me!). Perhaps a reminder to be kind is not such a bad thing even though I am sure most of us are, or intend to be, most of the time. Kindness is contagious and is a gift that costs nothing. It makes people feel good. Research shows that helping others can be beneficial to our own mental health. It can reduce stress, improve our emotional wellbeing and even benefit our physical health. Or, according to the book of Proverbs (16:24) "Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body". So nothing new in that research! I am going to challenge myself during Lent to consciously carry out at least one act of kindness every day. This could be telling someone I am proud of them, encouraging someone, passing on a good book, buying extra food for the food bank, smiling at someone on the street, letting someone into my lane in traffic, picking up litter, calling a relative I haven't spoken to for a while, or making a donation to a charity. There are so many ways. Happy Random Acts of Kindness Day. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" Galatians 6:9).

Anne Parker - Tyler

Parish Council News

New shelter at bus stop

The new shelter was put up on 1st February. It is at the stop used by buses to Rugby. This site resulted from the consultations we carried out through the Braunston Village News and with Northamptonshire Highways and Stagecoach. Passengers waiting to go on buses to Daventry and Northampton can also use the shelter as there is a clear view of buses arriving at the junction from Barby Road.

We would like to acknowledge the support given by the Village Hall committee in siting the shelter here without reducing the number of spaces in the car park. Their cooperation has allowed it to be put on land controlled from within the village enabling us to make the base and use a recommended contractor of our choice to construct and erect the shelter.

The base was prepared over the winter by a number of volunteers. Most of all we are greatly indebted to the work of Richard Pachesa and the loan of equipment from the Braunston based company, Expert Fencing, without which the work could not have been completed.



FLOODLIGHTING 2017



February's floodlighting

10th February - * In memory of Mansel Davies

12th February - * Gordon & Helena Lane Anniversary

18th February – Treasured memories of Eric Kibblewhite, forever in our hearts. Laura and Family

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

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

23 rd February - In loving memory of Shelley from Mum, Dad and family

26th February - Alan Pittam's 80th birthday love from all the family

March floodlighting so far ...

13th March - * In memory of Chris Woods, friend & ringer

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

29th March - In loving memory of my wife Pat Edwards on what would have been our 49th WeAnniversary today. Love always, Dave

30th March Birthday wishes today for a very special and much-loved Wife, Mum and Nan Pat Edwards with all our love Dave, Mark, Dawn and families

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

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – **18th February 2018**

Floodlighting

If you wish to have All Saints' floodlit for a special occasion it is very helpful if you could use one of the request forms from the table at the back of the church. The current fee is £7 per entry, although you can give more, and we ask that you try to keep the length of the dedication for inclusion in the BVN to not more than 12 words. The completed form with the donation can then be left at the village Post Office.

Please ensure that your request is submitted in good time before the BVN closing date of the 18th of the month.

JENNI'S JOTTINGS

Isn't nature wonderful? My maternal grandmother had 'The Sight' and as children all our childhood ailments were treated from Granny's cupboard. In the last week I have helped two of my dear friends with Friars Balsam and Tincture of Myrrh both old fashioned remedies, both natural and I am pleased to say I now have two friends free of mouth ulcers and congestion. We sometimes forget that most modern medicines are based on common or garden plants. Any rumours of me being a witch are entirely untrue!

A big thank you to all the people who offered to distribute the BVNs we had a marvellous response. If anyone doesn't receive a copy of the magazine please do get in touch and we will make sure that you do. There are always extras copies in the Post Office, Church, The Community Café and the pubs.

I didn't get any replies for my request for crafts in the café, Come on all you crafters get in touch. We have a wonderful display of Brian Oliver's fabulous prints of the village at the moment. If you have never visited the café, please come and join us. You will be sure of a warm welcome and some tasty things to eat and drink.

I don't give up anything for lent as I have the willpower of a brainless jellyfish. However, I shall follow the example of Anne Parker Tyler (Page 5) and try and do an act of kindness any day. It doesn't need to cost anything at all.

Have you seen the new Bus Shelter? It looks rather good. I wonder what will happen to the old Bus Shelter which doesn't look very happy now.

Well, I am off to buy some snowdrops in the green to plant here and there look out for them next year.
Enjoy March everyone. See you next month.
Jenni



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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

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

Friday

Gymnastics (all ages)
5.00pm - 5.30pm

Street Dance & Modern (8 yrs+)
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Grade 4 Ballet (15 yrs+)
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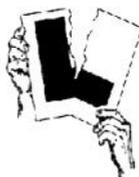
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W.I. Trips

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Thursday March 15th to Sewing for pleasure at the NEC,
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Tuesday May 8th to Trentham Gardens and shopping
village, cost between £20 and £30.

There are a few places available on both trips for
non-members. If you would like more information on either of
these outings ring Barbara on 01788 890452 or Sue on
01788 891806

VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

WEEKLY

			CONTACT	
Monday	Pilates	6.45pm	Sam	07593 913686
	Pilates	8.00pm	Sam	07593 913686
Tuesday	Pop Mobility	2.00pm	Lorraine	01788 890846
Wednesday	Braunston Art Group	2.00pm	Alan	01788 890164
	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	Jenny	01788 890186
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

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

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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.**

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A Message from our Councillor - Jason Pritchard

As we are approaching Easter and Spring, my continued involvement as your advocate and representative within district council matters seems to also have some familiarity as elections approach in May (other wards) and the third year commences of my tenure, although there are some changes afoot in the very near future. The first change is the new 'waste partnership venture' to replace the current provision by the outgoing contractor Amey Enterprise. This new venture will culminate in a **three weekly** collection for the **black bins** and a **2 weekly collection** for recyclable plastics etc, and a **weekly** collection for food waste. There is also an additional annual fee to opt into a 2-weekly garden waste collection. I opposed this upon several grounds that when this model was introduced into areas like Bury, this saw a dramatic increase in fly-tipping. I also felt that individuals were actively being encouraged to put green waste into landfill if they were not going to opt into a fee paying arrangement. The district has had high recycling rates previously and was seen as a beacon for other local authorities unfortunately, as a reward we can see a reduction in general waste collection and ostensibly an additional tax for green waste. I would like all of us to monitor fly-tipping as Braunston and Welton are particularly susceptible due to the proximity to a large urban area and the major carriageways that are close by. I will be working alongside and with Braunston Parish Council to monitor any difficulties.

Separately, as you may be aware, the Conservative County Council administration has been served a section 114 notice preventing all new expenditure, after a projected £21.1 million overspend. This is the first County Council to have been served this notice in 20 years. It demonstrates gross financial incompetence regardless of the fact if the current administration made local M.P.s (Chris Heaton-Harris) and central government aware. It is only now that those M.P.'s are disassociating themselves from the administration, calling for resignations. Perhaps the sale of the newly built £53 million NCC headquarters opened only 5 months ago may assist. No new expenditure and swathing cuts will fall upon bus subsidies, winter maintenance and libraries. These are all essential for a rural community like ours. If this administration was representative of my own party, I would be equally appalled.

More positively, the community continues to excel in relation to its cohesiveness and warmth it displays to one another and visitors. Parish council developments have seen the green triangle being created for the future positioning of an installation. Some creative ideas have been appraised accordingly. Welton Road play area has been transformed through the hard work of individuals, with special thanks being directed to Richard Patchesa. It remains an absolute privilege to serve as your District Councillor. Remember you can email me at any time and I will reply in a timely manner.... JPritchard@daventrydc.gov.uk.'

Kindest Regards, Jason Pritchard

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR MARCH 2018

Day		Time	Event
Fri	2	19:00	Sung Compline
Sun	4	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Parish Communion Br
		18:30	Evensong - Br
Tue	6	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	7	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Fri	9	19:00	Sung Compline
Sat	10	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	11	08:00	Morning Prayer Br
		09:15	Holy Communion or Family Service Ash
		11:00	Mothering Sun Family Service Br
Tue	13	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	14	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Fri	16	19:00	Sung Compline
Sun	18	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
Tue	20	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
Wed	21	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Fri	23	19:00	Sung Compline
Sat	24	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	25	07:00	Holy Communion Br
		08:15	Breakfast Service Ash
		10:00	Palm Sun Family Communion Br
		17:00	No Labels Worship
Mon	26	18:00	Holy Week Sung Compline
Tue	27	08:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close) - Br
		18:00	Holy Week Sung Compline
Wed	28	11:30	Peace at lunchtime
		18:00	Holy Week Sung Compline
Thu	29	18:00	Holy Week Sung Compline
Fri	30	10:00	Messy Easter (tbc)
		14:00	An Hour at the Cross
Sat	31	17:00	Passion Narrative & Music Service
Sun	1	09:15	Easter Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Easter Family Communion Br

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS MARCH 2018

		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	1st	Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	5th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	6th	W.I. : Beavers
Wednesday	7th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	8th	Fishing Club Bingo: BVGA Meeting
		Jetty Field Work Party: Scouts Cake Stall
Saturday	10th	
Monday	12th	Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	13th	Royal British Legion Meeting:Beavers:
Wednesday	14th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls:W.I. Trip:
Thursday	15th	Community Gardening: Cubs: 20.00
		Fishing Club Bingo
Saturday	17th	Bring & Buy Coffee Morning at the Church
Monday	19th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	20th	Beavers: History Society
Wednesday	21st	Royal British Legion Lunch: 9pm Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	22nd	Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	24th	Cinema Club: Twinners Quiz
Monday	26th	Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	27th	Beavers: BVGA Talk
Wednesday	28th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing
Thursday	29th	Club Bingo:
Saturday	31st	Cinema Club

In November Avery Bazin-Ball from the village was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 2. There has been some tremendous support and activity from the community, so we thought it might be an idea to explain a little bit more about this condition.



Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is a rare, genetically inherited neuromuscular condition. It causes progressive muscular weakness and loss of movement due to muscle wasting. This affects crawling and walking ability, arm, hand, head and neck movement, breathing and swallowing.

SMA affect the nerve cells called lower motor neurons which run from the spinal cord to the muscles. These lower motor neurons carry electrical signals from the brain to move the muscles used for crawling and walking. These signals also control movement of arms, hands, head and neck as well as breathing and swallowing. For these lower motor neurons to be healthy, our *Survival Motor Neuron 1 genes* (SMN1) genes must produce enough Survival Motor Neuron (SMN) protein.

Most people have two copies of the SMN1 gene. People with the main types of SMA have two faulty copies of the SMN1 gene, which means they are unable to produce enough SMN protein to have healthy lower motor neurons. This causes their lower motor neurons in the spinal cord to deteriorate. This restricts the delivery of signals from the brain to their muscles, making movement difficult. Their muscles then waste due to lack of use; this is known as muscular atrophy.

There are four main types of SMA: Types 1, 2 and 3 appear in childhood; Type 4 appears in adulthood and is also known as Adult Onset SMA. Avery was diagnosed with SMA Type2, and he will need costly supportive aids for standing and a powered wheelchair to get around.

Though this is a serious neuromuscular condition that traditionally has significantly shortened life expectancy, improvements in care standards mean that with the appropriate equipment and physiotherapy most people can live long, fulfilling lives.

Those wanting to follow Avery's story can do online:

www.facebook.com/smatype2

Those wishing to donate towards his fund for equipment and treatment can do so at www.gofundme.com/averyspecialjourney

Avery's parents Alex & Lisa can be contacted at bazinball@outlook.com

Craft Fair

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th October 2018

We are starting to plan the 2018
Braunston Arts & Crafts Festival

The festival is to show people the talents of those who live in Braunston and surrounding areas, to open our iconic church to people from near and far and to celebrate community life in our wonderful village.

We expect to have more contributors this year so if you wish to display your art or crafts please register your interest **NOW** to avoid disappointment.

For Details please contact Sheila Parr

Tel: 01788 890932 Email: Sheilaparr@hotmail.com

BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday March 20th 7.30pm in Village Hall

Tonight we are showing a b & w film from 1945:-

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Look forward to seeing our members. Guests welcome, £2 on the door.

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 starting and finishing up at our Community Cafe. All are welcome but please wear suitable footwear as some walks will be across fields.

Walks will start from outside the Community Cafe at 2pm on Fridays the **2nd, 9th and 23rd** March
Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

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BRAUNSTON WALKERS

Saturday 17/3/18

Newnham

Twelve of us met up at the village hall and chose our lunch from the varied menu on offer at the Romer Arms. What an earth to choose from such a long list of good things? We drove over to Everdon, avoiding potholes, for the start of the walk. It was a bright day with lots of Snowdrop lined banks as we parked near the Plough and set off on the road down to the delightful hamlet of Little Everdon. We wandered past some lovely old stone cottages and then took a Bridle Way passing Captain Hawkin's cricket pitch standing behind the big house. A lovely spot and we were soon walking along the Nene Way, a 177-mile-long distance footpath that follows the River Nene. The views all around were fantastic as our path ran along the valley with the river below. As it was not a frosty night the mud was sucking at our boots, a bit like walking through a grubby tapioca pudding. Boots were increasing in size when we emerged on a small road with views across to Weedon and the old cavalry barracks. We enjoyed Nigel's sweets and walked in an orderly single file along the road dodging the occasional car to find the footpath back toward Newnham. We trudged up a steep muddy hill above Dodford Mill Farm and then along field edges to reach Newnham Lodge Farm, one-time home of Nigel Lawson the politician. After a couple of unplanned deviations, we were soon entering the village of Newnham and very soon reaching our lunch at the Romer Arms. I often recommend pubs on our walks but this one is certainly one of the best. Wonderful Portuguese cooking from Mariah's Kitchen. You may remember them from the cafe in Sheaf Street Daventry, but they now run this pub. The service is very good. The food was all really magnificent but Nigel and Judith's casserole dish full of rice, clams and prawns was a triumph. Do visit them soon. You will not be disappointed. It's excellent food at pub prices and the Spitfire beer was great too.

Sadly, we had to tear ourselves away for the last stint, the walk over fields back to the cars at Everdon. This is a great walk with stunning scenery and a pub to die for.

Our next walks are as follows:

10/3 Borough Hill (was to be a London Walk but consensus was to postpone till later)

21/4 Harbury

18/5 Broughton

16/6 Carsington Water in the Peak District

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FROST'S NATURE NOTES

Speeding in Braunston

Five years ago the fastest creature in world came to Braunston and set up home on the church tower. The Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrines*) really is the fastest mover in the entire animal kingdom, with an officially timed flying speed of 242 miles per hour. The peregrine is a large, handsome and powerful bird of prey with long, broad, pointed wings and quite a short tail. When at rest in the tower it shows its blue-grey plumage. It has a distinctive black cap and black moustache on its white face. It sports a finely spotted waistcoat.

On the wing it is fast and agile, darting down on prey birds in the air or on the ground. It is in these killer dives, called stoops, that it reaches its incredible speeds. It can take surprisingly large birds, crow or pigeon size. Indeed in the USA it is known as the duck hawk because it kills mainly smaller waterfowl. The mallard and other assorted hybrid ducks on the marina however seem to be generally safe.

Over the years peregrines have suffered illegal killing from gamekeepers and been a target for egg collectors and illegal falconers but tougher legal protection and less pesticides in their food chain have seen numbers recover. Peregrines have been moving south and changing their nesting habits too. They previously made their homes in natural cliffs and rocky outcrops. Now they have learnt to adopt the man made cliffs of church and cathedral towers.

Favourite food of the peregrine is the pigeon. Indeed much of the persecution of this falcon over the years has come from pigeon fanciers, understandably angry at the falcon snacking on their champion racing birds. During wartime the army officially waged war on peregrines because they disrupted military carrier pigeon posts.

The top secret carrier pigeon service used by our undercover agents in occupied Europe was developed the wife of the MP for the Northamptonshire constituency that included Braunston. Mary Manningham-Buller, Viscountess Dilhorne, trained carrier pigeons that were parachuted in tiny wicker baskets all over Europe. Brave anti-Nazi agents used them to send home crucial messages. One pigeon returned to Bletchley Park, the famous Enigma code-breaking station, with the first reports of Hitler's top secret V2 rocket strapped to its leg.

Peter Frost

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



EASTER SERVICES & EVENTS

Palm Sunday - 25th March

Palm Sunday Family Service: 11am at All Saints'

All are very welcome to join us in a joyful celebration of Palm Sunday

Good Friday - 30th March

Messy Church Easter Workshop: 10am at All Saints'

For children and parents. Just what it says on the tin! Messy! This is Holy Week brought to life for youngsters and will end with the lighting of a gigantic cross made of candles.

An Hour at the Cross: 2pm at All Saints'

A quiet and meditative reflection on Jesus' crucifixion with music and words. For those who wish to enter the mood of the day and reflect prayerfully on how and why Jesus had to die. Can be hard-hitting and promises food for thought.

Easter Saturday - 31st March

Passion Narrative & Music Service: 5:30pm at All Saints'

A reading of the whole story from Mark's gospel interspersed with well-known hymns to highlight the story.

Easter Sunday - 1st April

Family Communion & Chocolate!: 11am at All Saints'

All are very welcome

NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD

Spring Work morning Saturday 10th March

Don't forget our first work morning will be held on Saturday 10th March starting at 9am (the finish time will very much depend on the weather!). During this work morning, we will be tidying up broken branches or anything damaged by the recent winds, removing some tree guards that are no longer required, replacing lost bark and aggregate to keep the paths in the field safe. Please come along and join us if you're available. Just bring gardening gloves and garden shears and we'll provide the coffee and cake.

Also, our next Jetty Field meeting will be held in the library room in the village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th March. Again, please come along if you would like to contribute to this wonderful site.

CRAZY HORSES ENTERTAINMENTS

We are now doing Bouncy Castle Hire for Garden Parties. We also do Disco's for Birthday Parties, Funerals and Christenings

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An Update from Maggie our Parish Nurse

Hello everyone,

It's now over a year since I've been in the post and I can honestly say, it's been a privilege meeting and getting to know the people of Braunston.

Having nursed for more than 30 years, working in the community for 20 of those years, I can honestly say, you are a friendly, caring community, looking out for the needs of your neighbours and friends. I'm still impressed at the number of voluntary organisations providing various activities to support physical, mental, social and emotional wellbeing and not just the number but the quality of care those groups offer.

I remain thankful to Reverend Sarah, Joanne Gibson, Dr Geoff Waghorn and Jane Moore in the steering committee who saw health as a core aspect of sustaining wellbeing and therefore to seek to promote health for all in Braunston. I'm grateful the church chose to fund my role as a parish nurse as a result,

As your parish nurse, amongst other things a great deal of my time has been spent liaising with other health, social and voluntary agencies with the aim of providing holistic care to all I have visited. Sometimes it's just a listening ear, accompanying someone to GP/hospital or simply explain medication or illness. My role is to complement NHS, not to replace it. Therefore for example I don't do dressings, injections etc as I did previously as a nurse in the NHS.

The important thing is that I have time to sit down with you (which unfortunately I did not have available working in the NHS) and do my best to give you the support you require, or put you in touch with someone else if necessary.

I have visited many people in Braunston, of all ages and needs and you can contact me on my details below for a chat or request a home visit.

I work 2 days per week, usually Wednesday and Thursday. Outwith these times you can contact me through the pastoral care team at the church who will pass your details onto me on my return. I work under the Nursing and Midwifery Council, code of professional conduct, so you are assured of confidentiality.

Wishing you all the best of health,
Please get in touch.
Maggie

Contact details:

Tel: 07495873565

Email: parishnurse@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk or

Email: pastoralcare@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
MAR		
15th	Trip to NEC	W.I.
17th	Braunston Bakes	
24th	Quiz Night	Twinnors
APRIL		
21st	Cakes, Coffee & Crafts	Twinnors
MAY		
8th	Trip toTrentham Gardens	W.I.
12th	Quiz	All Saints' Church
JUNE		
9th	Summer Fete	All Saints' Church
AUG		
3rd	Car Treasure Hunt	
SEPT		
8th	Ride & Stride	All Saints' Church
22nd	Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day	
22nd	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints' Church
OCT		
6th	Quiz	All Saints' Church
13/14th	Craft Fair	All Saints' Church
DEC		
1st	Christmas Fair	All Saints' Church
14th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints' Church



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 Wednesday 21st March 2018
 Between 10 am—1pm**

BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

Sat March 31st in the Village Hall

**“VICTORIA and ABDUL”
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23rd March 2018

16.50—17.10

THE BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB

Monday 12th March - 2pm to 4pm

Village Hall

Members will be enjoying tea, cake and making something for Easter.

Non-members are very welcome to join our meetings.

Monday 26th March - 2pm to 4pm

Village Hall

Members will be enjoying tea, cake, chat and bingo.

We meet in The Gallie Room at the Village Hall.

For more information telephone

Jenny 890186

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT

The Next meeting of the Branch will be at the Sporting Club Barby at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 13th March.

The March Luncheon will be held at the George Hotel, Kilsby on Wednesday 21st March at Midday.

All are welcome to attend these events including non-members.

Tony Saunderson.

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leyclayson@gmail.com
01788 899138

Braunston Women's Institute



Next meeting;-
Tuesday March 6th

The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Our speaker tonight is Sue Donovan who will explain the Intricacies and delights of Traditional Egyptian Dancing. Any queries, contact Barbara on 01788 890452

See P10 for information on forthcoming W.I. trips

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

RAINFALL— 2016/2017/2018

All in mms

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jan	53	72	55	62
Feb	31	37	47	
Mar	25	79	54	
Apr	14	43	12	
May	45	33	71	
Jun	25	68	32	
Jul	48	8	54	
Aug	44	60	53	
Sep	33	43	72	
Oct	48	16	11	
Nov	61	74	29	
Dec	72	21	92	
<u>Total</u>				
mm	499	554	592	
ins	20	22	23	

Information provided by Rob Buckley

A LASTING LEGACY FOR BRAUNSTON

Peter Andrews knew he was dying. So, he sent out his Christmas greetings in September. Then he sat down and wrote his own funeral eulogy.

On 7 February Tim Coghlan, owner of the Braunston Marina, delivered that eulogy – with a few embellishments – to a packed congregation at the Rainsbrook Crematorium in Rugby.

What Peter's words did not spell out was his extraordinary generosity to several charities. It was left to Tim to reveal that Peter had given an amazing £100,000 to the *Canal and River Trust* for a local project and donations totalling more than £50,000 to *The Friends of All Saints* in Braunston.

His gifts to *The Friends* were all the more remarkable because Peter had become a non-believer. “I have had a reverse Damascene moment”, he would say, referring to St Paul's conversion to Christianity on the road to Damascus. But he loved the church building, whose spire he could see from his home in Brindley Quays.

His first major gift was £20,000 to the restoration appeal – the biggest single donation from any individual. *The Friends* showed their appreciation by electing him as their honorary president. They also arranged for the funeral wake to be held in the church.

Peter's other great love was the canal. For several years he owned a narrow boat *The Nifty Fifty* (a reference, said Tim Coghlan, to his age when he bought it). He counted Tim among his many friends and it was to Tim that he entrusted his self-penned funeral eulogy.

That eulogy revealed an academic background possibly belied by his casual appearance and untidy long goatee beard. He was a former grammar school teacher with a degree in electrical engineering, was a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society, and had been Chief County Coach for small bore rifle shooting in Hertfordshire. He moved from teaching to the Advisory Unit for Computer-based Education, ran computer courses for teachers and created Windows software for schools, “some of which is still in use today” he said.

Last year a growth on Peter's tongue was diagnosed as cancerous and inoperable. It gave him time to prepare and, having no immediate family, to make further donations to his favourite charities. He died on 18 January, aged 83.

His gift to the Canal and River Trust is for the specific project of a new wheelchair-friendly footbridge over the canal at Braunston Marina.

It is to be named “Peter's Bridge”.



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**BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION
MARCH EVENTS**

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Sunday 4th March and every Sunday until the end of May.
GARDEN STORE IS OPEN. Come along between 11am and 12pm to the Village Hall for all your gardening needs. Known for the amazing quality of its 8ft canes, come along to also buy composts and fertilisers. **See the separate list on page 37 for items and prices.**

Thursday 8th March 7.30pm at the village Hall.
Planning meeting for future events.

Thursday 15th March 10am at the Village Hall.
COMMUNITY GARDENING. Join us for some easy weeding and light pruning to keep the Jubilee Garden, Herb bed and planters looking tidy.

Tuesday 27th March TALK at the Village Hall 7.30 to 9pm.
FROM MUD TO MAGIC
– An eye for design at Upton House.

Talk given by Alison Hodge from this local National Trust property. £3 entry. See posters, website and Bugle for more details.

Membership of the BVGA is free.

Pick up a membership card at any of our events and join in with our many activities in 2018.

For more information contact Kate Mawer 890340 or via our BVGA pages on the village website. <http://www.braunston.org.uk/>

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Result of annual competitions 2017

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We are a friendly club that meet every Thursday at 1.45pm to 4.00pm. All are welcome, soft flat shoes only requirement.

Mavis Eley (sec)

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION

Buy garden and allotment supplies in the village

The Braunston Village Gardens Association store will sell composts, fertilisers and canes at the Village Hall. 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 every Sunday 4th March to 27th May from 11 till midday.

We will deliver to any Braunston resident who does not have transport. Please call 890340 for more details.

No need to order these items. Just turn up and buy:

Compost – multi purpose	40 litres	£3.60
Compost – Peat Free multi purpose	50 litres	£5.00
Compost – Ericaceous	40 litres	£4.00
Compost – John Innes No.2 or No.3	25 litres	£3.80
Growbag	For 3 plants	£2.30
Bamboo Canes	8 ft	£0.55
Tomorite	1.0 litre	£4.00
Doff Slug Pellets	350g	£2.00
Bark Chips	75 litres	£6.00
Fertiliser - Fish Blood & Bone	1LB 60 7LB £3	14LB £5
Fertiliser – Bonemeal	1LB 70p 7LB £3.50	14LB £6
Fertiliser - Growmore	1LB 90p 7LB £5.50	14LB £9
Fertiliser for roses	1LB 80p 7LB £5	14LB £8
Pelleted Chicken Fertiliser	1LB 50p 7LB £3	14LB £5

GONGOOZLERS REST CAFÉ BOAT

We are now open every day from 9am to 2pm.

You can find us on the towpath at the entrance to the Marina.

In Memory Of Sue Youdale

A Very Special Friend

This years fund raising will be in aid of the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.
This includes monies raised from the sale of duck feed. Further fund
raising initiatives will follow

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