Thank you for not parking in front of the steps to the shop. It is a great help to many in the village if the steps with the white handrail are left clear.

Please also leave spaces at the other steps, particularly opposite the phone box so that people can go from Bunden’s Lane (the path from Archer Avenue) to the path to Church Road.
Vicar’s letter
Something Good

We are now at the beginning of Lent. This is the season in the church calendar when we try to follow Jesus’ example and aim to take positive steps to make the world a better place for everyone.

The day before Lent begins with Shrove Tuesday which was on 25th February. This is the day when many of you would’ve enjoyed pancakes. I wonder what toppings you chose for yours.

We had great fun with the children at the Shrove Tuesday service in
church looking at different pancake fillings and what works best. Discovering that toothpaste, onion and vinegar do not make good toppings – they could either spoil it, make you cry or taste very sour. Ice-cream, chocolate sauce and syrup were far more enjoyable and sweeter.

Poor decisions spoil the best experiences while good choices can add to the enjoyment.

Pancakes are usually round, like the world. Just like the toothpaste, onion and vinegar can spoil our pancakes, it’s also possible for us to spoil our environment, upset others and make choices that turn life a bit sour.

We encouraged the children to consider how life in our school and community can be spoiled because of inconsiderate words and thoughtless actions.

The ice-cream, chocolate sauce and syrup helped us to think about the importance of appropriate choices. A positive word or kind action can make life in school and our village a happier and more enjoyable place to be.

We have filled our pancakes with lovely fillings, how will you fill your day? We encouraged the children to remember the importance of courtesy, kindness and fairness and taking every opportunity to create and achieve something good.

The words of this well-known song that is often sung in church, has been sung by several famous artists and was sung at Princess Diana’s funeral are challenging and beautiful -

*Make me a channel of Your peace*
*Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope*
*Where there is darkness, only light*
*And where there's sadness, ever joy*

So, I encourage all of us to make positive choices that fill our community with fun, enjoyment and happiness this Lent and beyond!

God Bless,

Rev Nat
Church Floodlighting

These are all the requests received before the BVN deadline. The fee is £7 per entry, although you can give more. Please keep the dedication for inclusion to no more than 12 words and leave it with the donation at the Rectory or the Post Office by the 18th of the month.

* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

February

10th - * In memory of Mansel Davies

12th - * Gordon & Helena Lane Anniversary

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

21st - Happy 80th birthday to my wonderful Mum. Love from Amanda, Matt and Phoebe xx

23rd - * Happy birthday Zoe. Love, Mum

25th - Happy Birthday Pete! With all our love; Val, Rachel, Pete and Mosella

26th - * In memory of Les & Thirza Pittam

March’s floodlighting so far ...

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

15th - * In memory of Ada Littlemore, Boatwoman

15th - To celebrate Gez and Colin's 45th wedding anniversary

20th - * For Richard, with love on his birthday

26th - * Wedding Anniversary for Judith & Nigel Sykes

27th - * Pat and Alison's Wedding Anniversary

28th - * Our Wedding Anniversary. Jean & Brian Branch

30th - Remembering Pat Edwards on her birthday
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ALL SAINTS’ CHURCH

BRING & BUY

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 21st MARCH
10AM TO NOON

At All Saints’ Church Braunston
(In the Parish Room - to the right as you enter church)

Bring and donate unwanted gifts
Enjoy coffee and cakes
Browse and buy
Proceeds go to All Saints’ Church funds (Reg. Charity No 1173187)
Parish Councillors and areas of responsibility:

- Alan Mawer, Archer Avenue and Cross Lane t: 01788 890340
- Chris Johnson (Chair), Greenway and closes t: 01788 891597
- Graham Newman (Vice Chair), Marina, London Rd, Hill Row, Old Road t: 07710 290265
- Pete Morgan, The Green t: 07932 362768
- Joanna Longworth, High Street from Old Plough to The Green t: 07930 263113
- Lizzie Payne, High Street from A45 to Old Plough t: 07904 061548
- John Pomfret, Eastfields t: 07817 234727
- Peter Hawksworth, Ashby Road t: 07956 682733
- Robert Davey, Spinney Hill and closes t: 01788 891591
- Sue Harrison, Dark Lane t: 07769 589459
- Sandra Stapley, Welton Road, Maple Close t: 01788 890475
- Tom Sabin, Church Road, Barby Road t: 01788 891797

Forthcoming Meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend meetings. Unless indicated, they are held in the Meeting Room at Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

- Mon 2\textsuperscript{nd} March Full Council Meeting
- Mon 6\textsuperscript{th} April Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are on the Braunston website: www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc

and on the Parish Council notice board at The Green.
Changes on the Parish Council

Following vacancies that had arisen, the council were pleased to co-opt Peter Hawksworth and Pete Morgan who were welcomed to the council. Peter Hawksworth also volunteered to be the council’s representative on the Village Hall Committee.

Sue Harrison has volunteered to be the council’s representative on the Steering Group of Your Café.

Christmas Trees

The Parish Council agreed that the 2019 Christmas scheme was successful. The new option for participants to pay by bank transfer proved to be popular. It was agreed all houses in the High Street and The Green will be written to asking them to confirm participation in the 2020 scheme.

A361

The Parish Council contacted the company responsible for Highways to oppose the plan to close the A361 for most of February between the Farnborough Drive roundabout (entrance to Middlemore) and the roundabout next to the Mercure Hotel. The closure was for a contractor to dig a trench along this route in order to carry services. We had not been given details of a proposed diversionary route. We felt that the closure would have led to traffic between the M1 and Daventry using Welton Road and Braunston High Street to reach the A45. The Middlemore Residents Association had similar concerns.

Following these objections it was agreed that the contractor would research an alternative route for the trench using the open space to the east of the road.

Wheelie bins at Butlin’s Hill

Daventry Norse, the local contract services company who empty litter bins, has left an additional two wheelie bins on the verge by the junction of High Street and London Road (A45). The three bins are frequently filled with large bags of rubbish brought to this site. Water also collects in them.

It was agreed to move the bins inside the adjacent bus shelter for a trial period.
Archer Avenue
The Parish Council has asked Highways to repair damaged curbs and verges.

Street lighting
If you find a fault with a street light, please report it to the Parish Council.
Here a crew are replacing the sensor on a light in High Street which had been reported because it was remaining on during daylight hours.

Village Diary 2020
The village diary for this year has been updated and is on page 29.
**Bus route**

There has been a suggestion from one of the regular bus users in Braunston that an adjustment is made to the route of the D2. At present buses towards Rugby go round the Spinney Hill/Ashby Road/Welton Road loop in the opposite direction to Northampton bound buses.

The suggestion is that all buses go the same way along these roads as shown on the diagram. This would allow buses to pull up against a curb at all stops making it easier to get on and off. Passengers going towards Rugby from the stop by the Village Hall and waiting in the shelter would need to cross the road when the bus is approaching. However, Daventry and Northampton bound passengers already do this and bus drivers are considerate in this circumstance.

If you would like to comment on this suggestion please contact the Parish Council or speak to Margaret Hick at the bus stop by 13\(^{th}\) March.

The Parish Council is not able to make the change itself but, depending on your comments, would urge the bus company, Stagecoach, to do so.

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**Bin Collections**

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Thanks to your continuing support we have now been able to fit insulation in the main hall and stage area.

Both the insulation and our splendid new heating system were installed by local experts.

Without your support we could not carry on improving our Hall.

THANK YOU!

Hall hire charges

If you want to hire our hall please visit the website. Your bookings mean that we can keep improving the hall for your enjoyment.

For all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply. See our website: braunstonvillagehall.org.uk,

e-mail villagehall@braunston.org.uk

or phone 07890 072487.

Details of special events can also be found on the website.

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

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It would be great if you could help us out.

We represent the many and varied organisations that use **Braunston Village Hall**. We make up the **Village Hall Committee**.

Our organisations, as well as the businesses that use the hall, work with the volunteer Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Bookings Officer to coordinate its day to day running.

**We are a friendly and welcoming group of people. We embrace change and like to look at new ways of doing things.**

This year, after many years’ service, our Chair and Secretary are stepping down and we are looking for someone from the village to fill their places on the committee. **We think this could be you.**

If you would like to help the Village Hall move forward into the 2020s contact one of us or come along to a meeting to find out more about the role. We would value your response to our request, whether you are a long-time resident or new to the village. **So go on, get in touch today.**

**Speak to anyone on the Village Hall committee or contact**

Liz Fraser (Bookings Officer) and Ron Hunt (Treasurer) via villagehall@braunston.org.uk or telephone 07890 072487
Contacts for regular activities in the Village Hall

Some clubs take a break during school holidays. Please check with the contacts.

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**Pre-School  Monday-Friday - 01788 891891**  
braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com
Spring is showing its face and the children noticed the bulbs budding in the Pocket Park whilst taking part in their Forest School session. They have enjoyed learning in the outside environment and den building. Boggart creating and stick whittling has certainly enriched their experience.

The grounds at school are improving with a flourish of bulbs, thanks to Braunston’s Gardening Committee helping our Gardening Club. Our outdoor environment is looking brighter due to the generosity of Mr Tuck who has spent two days volunteering and cleaning all our windows, canopies and swimming pool roof.

We have been focusing on our role in the local, national and global community and have been fortunate to have visitors from different faiths who have broadened our understanding.

We continue to use the facilities around Braunston and you may have spotted us out and about. Thirty children use the playing fields to improve their cross country technique on a Friday lunchtime, whatever the weather. Look out for us and wave if you see us.

Our school clubs continue to grow as we strive to enrich the lives of others through art, photography, French, dance, drama, hockey and gardening. Please bring your talents into school and share them with us so that we can learn from you and in turn share them with others.

Next term FOBS (Friends of Braunston School) are aiming to raise funds in order to improve our pool environment. We hope to have this operational earlier than usual so that every child has more opportunities to spend time improving their swimming skills.

Thank you to the residents that are supporting our drive to ensure that parents park considerately and safely. Please be assured that we are active in our commitment to keep our children safe and care for our local community and environment. If you have any problems regarding parking issues, please call the school office.

Remember you can keep up to date with life at Braunston CE School by reading our newsletters and following us on Facebook.

Nikki Sawyer, Deputy Headteacher
Braunston Scouts

The paramedic evening was an exciting opportunity for the Scouts to meet and learn more about one of the emergency services serving their community. They got the chance to understand the daily routine of a paramedic and emergency incidents they see. They even got the opportunity to see around one of Northamptonshire's ambulances.

The evening gave them critical knowledge of basic first aid that could help save lives by covering CPR, choking and how to make a 999 call. This activity was supported by a 999 call operator who could simulate the experience so that when under pressure, the Scouts will know how to respond best to assist the emergency services.

We are looking forward to carrying on this first aid training in the new year, with the support of the emergency services.. This will allow the group to teach first aid to the Scout's highest level of learning which would not be possible without the support from David a Northamptonshire paramedic and Scout parent.

We look forward to learning more and hopefully will all gain key skills that we could use in the future to help someone in need.

For more information please contact gslbraunston@gmail.com
Braunston Cinema Club
Sat March 28th 7 30pm in the Village Hall
SOMETIMES ALWAYS NEVER
2018 cert PG13
Bill Nighy, Sam Riley, Jenny Agutter
A love of words helps a father reconnect with a missing son. Alan has spent years searching for his son, Michael, who stormed out over a game of Scrabble. His family are torn apart and he needs to repair his relationship with his youngest son, Peter, and solve the mystery of an online Scrabble player he thinks could be his missing son.
Homemade refreshments available to buy, please book tickets/food in advance to help with catering and seating.
Feel free to bring a bottle & a glass of your choice.
Members have priority
Film only: £4.50 members / £6.50 non-members
Tel: 01788 890508 or: batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com

Royal British Legion
Last November’s Poppy collection in Braunston amounted to the excellent sum of £2162. Although Braunston is now part of Daventry District RBL we continue to collect in the old Braunston & District area and the total amount raised was £5947. Many thanks to the large number of door to door collectors whose hard work made this possible and to the businesses who displayed collecting boxes and who continue to do so throughout the year. And, of course, thank you to all who so generously contributed.
You are reminded that the Legion is there to support all members of the services, both past and present, and their families and dependents. Do not hesitate to use the many services provided by the Legion as this is it’s main purpose.

Tony Saunderson.
Phone No. 01788 890797
**Braunston History Society**

Tuesday March 17th 7.30pm in Village Hall. Tim Coghlan’s talk on:

Aubrey Berriman, the Raymond’s shipwright.

Aubrey a qualified boat builder who sadly died in 2019 age 93, worked at Nurser’s, Barlow’s and Blue Line. He is remembered with affection by many Braunston residents.

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

**Braunston Friendly Club**

We meet in The Gallie Room at the Village Hall, 2pm to 4pm.

Members enjoy tea, cake and a variety of activities that are organised through the year. Please come along and join us to find out more about what we do. We have extra cups, cake and chat all ready for people looking to come along to their first meeting.

Monday 9th March – Accessories - 2pm to 4pm

Please bring along a favourite accessory. This may be something that you would wear or carry or take with you when you go out. We will share our stories about the items so come along and join in. The accessories could be something you use now or from the past.

We will have a trolley raffle today.

Monday 23rd March – Being creative for Easter – 2pm to 4pm

Joan, Alice and Sandra are going to join us this week to make some Easter items. You will have the chance to make your own Easter crafts and leave with something lovely to share with your friends and family. Do come along and join us.

We will have a trolley raffle today.

For more information phone Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340

**Braunston Paddox Cricket Club**

The Saturday Northants League fixtures have now been published and can be viewed online on Braunston Paddox Play Cricket. The midweek fixtures will be added in April. Past years’ results, averages and statistics are available on this site.
Playing Field Association

The metal door on the pavilion has been replaced. We are grateful to Martin Thomas for providing the work to do this.

Braunston Village Gardens Association

Now is the time to sow seeds so that you have some good entries for the Braunston Show on 5\textsuperscript{th} September. Please ring 01788 890340 if you have an idea for a class (vegetable, fruit, flowers, home produce, handicraft, photographs) that has not previously been included in the schedule. We are having a planning meeting on 13\textsuperscript{th} March. Let us know if you would like to join in.

The BVGA store is open Sundays 1\textsuperscript{st} March to 24\textsuperscript{th} May from 11 till midday at the Village Hall and sells items listed below. Products will also be available at the BVGA Plant Sale, the from 10 till 12 on Saturday 9\textsuperscript{th} May, part of Pop In to the Braunston Pop Ups. See page 29.

Peatlands store at least twice as much carbon as all of Earth’s forests so the easiest way to reduce our carbon footprint is to avoid peat based products. Peat extraction for commercial composts and grow bags is destroying a vital ecosystem.

We have replaced previous products with a new brand, a 40 litre size of peat-free compost. We are selling this at £3.60 which is cheaper per litre than the poor quality product supplied last year. It makes a useful grow bag and requires less feeding. We have been unable to source John Innes composts that do not contain about 25\% peat, so for this season we will continue to offer the two varieties listed.

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Braunston WI

Braunston WI is this year celebrating its centenary. So on Saturday, May 16th we hope many of you will find time to pop into the Village Hall to see what we get up to, and to help us celebrate our 100th birthday with a cuppa ... and of course there will be cake!

Meanwhile on Tuesday, 3rd March, at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall, Braunston members will welcome Maire Burt who will give us:

A Gentle Introduction to Mindfulness

Visitors are always very welcome to our meetings at a cost of £3, inc. tea and biscuits

Contact Valerie on 01788 891975

Braunston Neighbourhood Watch

In January a successful crime prevention event was held at the Village Hall with financial support from the Parish Council. More than 30 people took part in the bike event where cycles were security marked.

Neighbourhood Watch would like to thank Crime Prevention Officer, Kate Bailey and Police Community Support Officers Tara Cooksammy and Craig Egdell for the work they did at the event.

Julie Jarrett leads Neighbourhood Watch in Braunston and can be contacted through the Parish Council or on 07952 858418 or 01788 890121.

Braunston Twinners

Details of our Super Spring Quiz are on page 25.

Fishing Club

Braunston Fishing Club meets every Thursday at 8pm throughout the year for Bingo in the Village Hall. Non-members are welcome.

Harry: 01788 890396
Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

We asked the Parish Council to support the Report of Daventry District Council’s Task Panel on the Climate Emergency. The council gave its support and sent messages to each of the members of the DDC Strategy Group that passes recommendations to the Full Council. In addition, Jason Pritchard, the District Councillor for Braunston and Welton, will seek to speak at the Full Council meeting on 20th February. We continue to liaise with the cross-party group of councillors who prepared the report in order to raise awareness of the climate emergency at district level. The report and other documents regarding DDC’s response are on their website. If you are interested in reading these please let us know and we can send you the links.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for providing the group with a start-up grant of £150 which we will use to fund our meeting room bookings at the Village Hall. We are seeking funds from the Community Café to purchase equipment to monitor air pollution which we hope to use in local schools.

One member of our group held a useful meeting with the DDC Contract Manager for grounds maintenance and discussed tree planting, biodiversity and grass cutting.

Our group consists of twelve Braunston residents and business people. We would like to share information to make it easier to reduce Braunston’s carbon footprint. We are independent of any council or group; we will lobby councils and other bodies for policies to enable us all to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

If you are interested in finding out more, please email abigailathome@gmail.com or message 07989 421836. Our next meeting is at 7.30 on Thursday 27th March in the Village Hall. Please let us know if you would like to support the group even if you do not want to attend meetings.

Community Café

The café is open on:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday 10:00am - 12:30pm.
Storm Ciera had battered us the previous week and with barely a break along came storm Dennis. Needless to say, the ground was fairly saturated.

Only five of started out from Birdingbury. Squally wind and showers hindered progress as we walked by the swollen River Leamto Leamington Hastings where every garden was resplendent with snowdrops. It was their Snowdrop Festival but the weather was taking it’s toll and there were few visitors. We paused in the church porch by a wonderful pair of carvings of brightly coloured choristers. It is an artwork on the pilgrimage trail, the Via Beata, the 600 mile trail which also goes through Braunston.

We had to continue, heads down, into the strong gusty wind. Still trying to avoid the deluge and walking at a 45 degree angle we followed the road along a sheltering hedgerow, and took the lane to Broadwell, a delightful little village full of bungalows. We crossed the bumpiest football field and navigated our way over a field of crops where mud clung to our boots. By now wet clothes were beginning to stick to us.

The towpath was extremely muddy so we stayed on the road to The Boat Inn at Birdingbury Wharf. What a welcome sight that was. The greeting from the owner’s two massive bulldogs and the cosy wood burner was fantastic. We were soon tucking into excellent lunches.

Looking out of the window at the rain and the forecast of even heavier to come we elected to bail out and finish the walk halfway, cadging a lift back to the cars and home for a cuppa. Only Malcolm persevered back from Birdingbury to Frankton. We have never stopped halfway before but the weather just beat us this time!

Our next walks, where we hope to do the full mileage, are as follows:

21st March Everdon and Fawsley Park (a local classic)
18th April Welford
23rd May Stow on the Wold and Longford
20th June Peak District Stanton Moor
18th July Culworth

Ray Scrivens 01788 891384 rayscrivens@btinternet.com
Braunston Bakes
Our forthcoming pop-ups are at the Wheatsheaf on:
- Saturday 7th March
- Saturday 9th May. See page 29.
braunstonbakes@gmail.com

Community Car
The Community Car is for you. Available to all residents to make a short journey in or out of the village. Visit friends, shopping, hospital, dentist, doctors, appointments, etc.

Just call 07984 412921 (24 hours notice please)

Any payment is by voluntary contribution. The team would like to thank Nigel of Braunston Garage for his continuing support.

The Alternative Book Club
We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at The Wheatsheaf, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. On 23rd April we will be celebrating World Book Night. See page 27 or contact Caroline on 01788 899107.

Jetty Fields, Braunston’s Pocket Park
Winter is a relatively quiet time of year. Most of the vegetation is dormant, although with the mild and wet weather it will not be long before we will have to start mowing and weeding.

The committee has spent this time in preparation for the coming months. At our last meeting we welcomed representatives from the school and discussed how we can help with the school’s plans to develop their Forest School status. The children will be doing various woodland activities in and around Jetty Fields on Forest Fridays.

We discussed the three year plan which includes completing the fencing to the southern side of the Pocket Park, maintaining and making safe part of the path in the field and developing the bog area.

A gentle reminder to dog walkers. Whilst the majority of dog walkers are very good please can we remind you to clear up any dog mess and either leave it in the bins provided or take it home with you. This Is especially important now as we are encouraging children to make the most of the area.
The installation of a bench at Tommy's bridge in memory of Richard Bailey was a first for the BCS team. Richard's family and friends raised the funds and asked BCS to help by purchasing and installing the bench not far from where Richard had his mooring at Puddlebanks. Chris Burton, who has been instrumental in the success of the project, was in attendance on the day.

The other activities in December included onside and offside cutting of overhanging vegetation below the lock flight. This task party saw a record turnout of 18 volunteers. The arisings were transported by tug and flat to the Midland Chandlers water point where they were later chipped. The arisings from an offside cut above the flight were 'eco' stacked on the bank. Eco stacking of cut vegetation is all about creating additional habitats that provide food and shelter for existing species and encouraging additional ones in from neighbouring areas. It may seem untidy to some but nature likes it that way.

The January task parties were concentrated on edging the towpaths on the flight in preparation for resurfacing in the coming months. This, along with additional drainage, should help keep the towpaths accessible in times of heavy rain. The recent weather has highlighted several wet sections that could do with some Braunston Canal Society tlc.

The Society is always keen to welcome new volunteers so if you would like to come along and have some fun you can email me at braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com or phone/text me on 07817 435911. If you would like to see our previous activities check out our website at www.braunston.org.uk/bcs.

Clive
BVN finances 2019

The BVN is the official newsletter of Braunston Parish Council and All Saints’ Church. Administration, finance management, editing and distribution are done by volunteers at no cost.

Each year we publish 11 monthly editions. December and January is a two month edition. The newsletter is also published on-line at www.braunston.org.uk/

In 2019 printing costs came to £3938. We would like to thank the advertisers who contributed £3342.71 and other donors who gave £105. This left less than £500 for the two organisations to pay.

All Saints’ Church contributed $1/3$ of this, that is £163.43. The Parish Council paid $2/3$ amounting to £326.86.

The Parish Council contribution is less than budgeted by the council leaving more in the budget for other projects. The money comes from the precept which is paid by households in their Council Tax bills. The 2019 contribution represents 42p per average household, that is less than 4p per issue of the BVN.

Contributions to the printing costs of the BVN

- Adverts
- Donations
- Church
- Parish Council
Give your brain a spring clean at our Super Spring Quiz!

Braunston Village Hall 6.30 for 7.00 PM

Saturday 4th April

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Braunston Twinners
Come and join us at Braunston village hall for our cake and coffee fundraising day! Tombola, face painting and lots of other fun activities! All proceeds to go to the Marshall-Smith Syndrome Research Foundation.
Braunston’s Alternative Book Club are offering, to mark World Book Night,

FREE Books!

on

Thursday, 23rd April

at

YOUR CAFE  Braunston High St
10 - 11.30 am & 2 - 3.30 pm

and at

WHEATSHEAF PUB
The Green, Braunston
7.30 - 9.30 pm

just come along and make your selection!

If interested but cannot come please email:

lauracooper14@live.com or cdavina@hotmail.co.uk
Would you like to help produce the BVN?

A small team of volunteers take it in turn to edit the BVN on a rota. The editor assigned to a month receives submissions through the shared email account. Submissions on paper are collected from the Post Office. The editor is responsible for reading all submissions and making any changes that are required to achieve appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar. We also aim to work towards a fair allocation of space and use a style guide to ensure clarity and consistency of presentation.

We liaise with Peter Hobbs who manages the accounts to ensure that the business adverts, for which payment has been received, are included. Proof-reading is carried out by the team and by other volunteers.

The editing is done using Microsoft Publisher. We use a cloud, Microsoft OneDrive, to store items.

Please let us know if you would be interested in joining the team.

bvn@braunstonpc.org

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* Joint event. **Pop In to the Braunston Pop Ups.**

Buy locally grown plants and peat free compost on The Green, pop into the Wheatsheaf to indulge in tasty cakes then work off some calories helping to develop Braunston's Pocket Park.

The Jetty Field Committee, Braunston Bakes and Braunston Village Gardens Association have planned this joint event.
Directory of local businesses

The businesses whose advertisements appear on the following pages have contributed to the printing costs of the BVN.

Rates start from £110 for a whole year. For this your advert will appear in 11 editions distributed to all households in Braunston as well as appearing in the on-line edition in colour. Copies are also given to some businesses to be picked up by customers and visitors.

If you would like to promote your business or just support the BVN please email bvn@braunstonpc.org

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- Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+) 7.45pm - 8.30pm

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