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Notice of Annual Parish Council Meeting

on

**Saturday, 17th May 2014
from
10.00am - Noon**

in the Village Hall

All parishioners are invited to attend

See page 13 for more information



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REGISTERS FOR APRIL 2014

BRAUNSTON

Funerals -

April 3rd 2014 - Margaret Chamberlain

April 5th 2014 - Dot Ward

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

On the perils of making hay while the sun shines



A parishioner, back from a trip to Scotland, has just shown me a letter from an ancient newspaper. It was written by a clergyman around 200 years ago (at a guess), and is an outraged attack on the local Laird for making hay on the Sabbath

"This quiet district" (it begins) "has been scandalised by the violation of God's ordinance and the law of the land, in the persons of those who should have been examples of godliness, and pious observers thereof, on the Lord's Day. Yesterday, being a remarkably fine day was spent by the Laird and a large party of gentry visiting him, in haymaking. The noise and laughter when tossing the grass with forks and skipping about the field shocked the feelings of every well-conducted person in the country... Such goings-on was never heard of on the Sabbath Day before." (His grammar, not mine, I hasten to add!)

It sounds to me as if the Laird and his friends were having enormous fun and they were not the only culprits on that devilishly tempting sunny Sunday. Another farmer also turned out his family to work and although their general behaviour was suitably "sober and earnest" the vicar was horrified to note that children were encouraged to work too, thus *"instilling their youthful minds with pernicious ideas of Sabbath observance."* Rather to the good vicar's understandable, (but not very Christian,) satisfaction, the Sabbath-breaking harvesters got their comeuppance. The hay having been cut on Sunday, the heavens opened that night and the newly cut hay was spoiled, whereas the uncut hay remained "in fully better condition than what was worked yesterday". How different things are today! The Scottish minister must be spinning in his grave! What with the shopping and the shopping and the eating-out and the sport and the shopping the Lord's Day doesn't get much of a look in with many people now contractually obliged to work on Sundays and deprived not only of worship time but also family time. A day off in-lieu is not the same if your family are all at work when you are off!

I dislike the moralising and hectoring tone of the clergyman's complaint but I agree that the loss of the Sabbath is a pernicious thing. Not just because it means that fewer people get to church but because the Sabbath was meant as a gift. God ordained a day off out of love and the wisdom that we need time to rest, be with those we love, eat together, worship together, play together (nothing wrong with a bit of skipping around in fields and giggling!) and remembering that there is more to life than work and chores. It's a time to regroup, remember the big priorities and be refreshed. Even the least religious of you can hardly argue with the benevolence of the intention even if the ruddy church over the centuries did turn it into a stick to beat people with. As Jesus put it "the Sabbath was made for people, not people for the Sabbath"

It's food for thought. We cannot turn the clock back but for the sake of ourselves, our families and our society we can try to receive and enjoy that day of rest and recreation as it was intended by God.

Every blessing
Sarah

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2014

April's floodlighting

- 1st April - * Janet & John's Wedding Anniversary
3rd April - With thanks for the life and work of Margaret Chamberlain
5th April - * Love to all the family, from Geoff & Jean
5th April - In memory of Dot Ward
10th April - * Happy Birthday Phyl - with love from Ken
12th April - In loving memory of Thirza Pittam - 100th birthday, Love from the family
17th April - For Sheila and Sam's 50th wedding anniversary
17th April - Celebrating Sheila and Sam Hiscock's Diamond Wedding. Apologies for wrong entry last month
26th April - * Julie's Birthday
28th April - In loving memory of our dearest friend Glad Owen 2 yrs ago. We miss you so much. Always in our heart. Lynn and Jim x
28th April - Congratulations Laura and Eric Kibblewhite on your diamond wedding anniversary from the Bowls Club
28th April - Celebrating Eric and Laura Kibblewhite's Diamond Wedding



May's floodlighting so far ...

- 1st May - * Thank you to all who join in with village organisations
5th May - * Rowena & Mark's Wedding Anniversary
26th May - Remembering Iris Fearn's Birthday, with love Pete, Kate, Benjamin and Lucy

* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - 20th April 2014

Floodlighting Request Forms available at the back of the Church.
Minimum charge £6

DAVENTRY HEALTH WALK SCHEME

Help yourselves get fit by joining in our 30/40 min Health Walks around the village.

Walks in May will take place on following Thursdays, 8th, 15th and 22nd from outside The Cake Slice Tearooms, in the High Street. at 2. pm

All are welcome (no charge) but please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be over fields.

Leader Rosemary Kendall (01788 8905)

BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Fun in The Park

Sunday 11th May

2 - 5 pm in the

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NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.

First the bad news..... It is sad to report that as a result of the thoughtlessness of one or two individuals we have experienced two problems in the Pocket Park. The new hedge at the bottom of the field has had all the bamboo canes stolen. This has meant that we have had to remove all the clear plastic guards that the bamboos supported. We have also had the stepping stone across the water feature in the garden smashed and large stone slabs moved. **PLEASE HELP US!** If you see anyone doing anything that damages the park please report it! It is very disheartening to experience such mindless anti-social acts when all we want is a beautiful area for all to share.

The volunteers continue to work hard to improve this wonderful village amenity. We are ably supported by Parish Council employee, Dennis. He has repainted the benches in the Pocket Park and weeded the new hedge area at the bottom of the field. He will soon be clearing the paths in the garden area of weeds and undertaking other useful tasks. The volunteers have been planting new trees and shrubs in the whole area. Plans are well advanced for putting in a new "kissing gate" towards the bottom of the copse so that prams and wheel chairs will be able to access the main field more easily. We have also been planting a great many poppy seeds and growing wild flower seeds for planting out in a few weeks time. Thank you to the local people who are taking time to grow the £50 worth of seeds provided by our Parish Council. The field looks particularly beautiful at the moment - do go and admire the wild spring flowers that are growing. We are very hopeful that the extra plants we are putting in will look splendid later on in the year. The Parish Council has also paid for a complete survey of the trees in the Pocket Park and work has been undertaken to make sure they are safe and in good order.

Thank you to all those people who have made such positive comments about the whole area. A special plaque has been placed on the fence near the new beech hedge. It records our thanks for the generosity of the Dunkley family for the donation they made in memory of a relative. Their gift has also made possible the purchase of the new "kissing gate".

DON'T FORGET! --- if you would like to help contact Andrew (890826) or Brian (899262). We would welcome your help!

BRAUNSTON PARCELS

It is now just over seven years since the first of the Braunston parcels were sent out to Afghanistan in April 2007. I well remember the elation felt by everyone at the Post Office and village shop when we eventually sent them off! Since that time 1,360 parcels (and 300 helmet warmers) have been sent to many members of our armed forces. Parcels have been sent to those in the Royal Marines and to the Royal Navy but overwhelmingly to various regiments of the British Army. The current recipients of our parcels are members of the WARTHOG GROUP of the 9th/12th ROYAL LANCERS.

In the latest letter from the officer commanding of the Warthog Group, Major Tilney tells of the pressure that his troops are still under during their deployment. They are still going on dangerous operations throughout Helmand province and being out in theatre for a very long time. Quoting from his letter, he said that during a recent operation

"ONE OF OUR VEHICLES HIT A HUGE MINE RESULTING IN TWO CASUALTIES. IT WAS A TERRIBLE DAY FOR US, BUT WE TAKE STRENGTH FROM THE FACT THAT OUR EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING ENABLED US TO DEAL WITH THE VERY DIFFICULT SCENARIO WITH THE UTMOST EFFICIENCY AND PROFESSIONALISM. OUR INJURED MEN ARE RECEIVING THE VERY BEST OF CARE BACK IN THE U.K. AND PRAYERS AND EXPECTATIONS ARE THAT THEY WILL MAKE GOOD RECOVERIES. AS THEIR COMMANDER, I CAN REPORT THAT I WAS HUGELY PROUD OF THE BRAVERY OF BOTH THOSE INJURED, WHOSE CONCERNS WERE ONLY FOR EACH OTHER AND ALL THOSE INVOLVED - WHO WERE EXCEPTIONAL UNDER VERY TESTING CONDITIONS."

He concludes his letter by thanking us for our continued support as every parcel is much appreciated by all who receive them.

My thanks too, go to everyone who continues to donate to "the box" as its contents really do mean so much to a small section of our military personnel serving in dangerous conditions.

Val Worrall



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- 5.00pm - Pre-Syllabus Ballet (5-6yrs)
- 5.45pm - Pre-Primary Ballet (7-8yrs)
- 6.30pm - Primary Ballet (8-9yrs)
- 7.15pm - Grade 1 Ballet (10yrs+)
- 7.45pm - Grade 2 Ballet (12yrs+)
- 8.15pm - Adult Ballet (no exp req)

Acting, Performance & Singing

Tuesday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

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

Dance, Gym & Ballet

Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

- 5.00pm - Gymnastics (all ages)
- 5.30pm - Street Dance & Modern (8yrs+)
- 6.30pm - Grade 3 Ballet (13yrs+)
- 7.15pm - Grade 4 Ballet (14yrs+)

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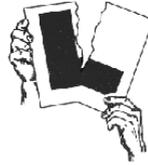
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Saturday 17th May

Braunston Village Hall

7:00pm for 7:30pm

Teams no more than 6

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This year we are changing the format with a short formal part of the meeting, then continuing with displays by local organisations including a major display by the Neighbourhood Plan team on what has been achieved so far.

There will also be an opportunity to make comments on various parts of the village with suggestions for the future direction of the village. The areas that have been selected are The Playing Fields, Jetty Field, Village Hall, Welton Road Playing Area, The Green, Timebank, Community Car plus another suggestion board for any other subjects.

Also, as part of the formal part of the meeting a resolution has been submitted that the Parish Council should enter into a Public Works Loan Board of up to £75,000 to purchase and install a skateboard facility at the Playing Fields Site. The final amount of the loan will not be known until grant applications have run their course.

200 Club Winners Latest results 2013/14			
Date	Number	Winner	Prize
27.02.14	039	B Oliver	£50
06.03.14	007	L Crooks	£10
06.03.14	184	T Waddleton	£5
13.03.14	079	P Dunkley	£10
13.03.14	163	R Harper	£5
20.03.14	053	K Kendall	£10
20.03.14	127	E Gwynne	£5

JUMP TO IT FOR THE FRIENDS

A tale of budgie-jumping (that's "budgie", not "bungee"), parrot-shooting (think about it) and Hen-gliding (ditto) was one of the highlights of a folk evening at the Village Hall last month.

Another was that the event raised more than £700 for the Friends of All Saints restoration appeal.

The entertainment was provided by musicians who perform regularly in "Folk at the Oak" at Crick. They were back in Braunston by popular demand and, once again, giving their services free of charge to boost the appeal fund.

Their return visit was organised by Andrew Alsop, a committee member of the Friends, and is the latest in a series of events intended to safeguard the future of the village's best-known building.

More events are already planned, including A Celebration of Gilbert and Sullivan on Saturday 14 June, with the proceeds being split between the Scouts and the Friends, and a weekend of Arts and Crafts by Braunston people on 16 and 17 August: if you have something you could show, then Andrew would like to hear from you (01788 890826).

And if you like a tippie...or two...or three...then keep Friday 3 October free. This date has been provisionally booked for a fun evening where the wine will be flowing free and there will be the chance to pit your taste buds against the experts. More details soon!

Meanwhile, the Friends are anxious to involve as many village people as possible in their project to safeguard the most important building in Braunston. A major challenge now is to sign up many more village residents as Friends of All Saints, so that this community can demonstrate that even those who do not attend the church still see it as an asset and an essential part of village life.

You don't even have to budgie-jump: just a couple of pounds a month will do very nicely. Details of how to sign up are on the Friends website.



The Royal British Legion - Braunston & District.

The Branch will be running a trip to the RAF museum on Wednesday 25th June. Transport cost will be approximately £12 with entrance being free. This is a very extensive collection and the site has good facilities including a restaurant. Anyone wishing to go please contact the undersigned. Open to non-members subject to space availability.

We are still awaiting the outcome of the Parish Council's application for funds to carry out renovation of the War Memorial which we hope can be completed by the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1.

The next meeting of the Branch will be at the White Horse, Welton, on Tuesday 13th May at 7.30 pm.

The monthly luncheon will be held at the same location on Wednesday 21st May at Midday.

Tony Saunderson - Tel. No. 01788 890797.

THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.

The History Society A.G.M. was held on Tuesday 15th April in the village hall. It was very well attended and those present were informed about the extensive and interesting programme for the new society year. If you would like to find out more then contact our secretary, Annie (891179), or Chris, our Chair, (890448). WE WARMLY WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.

Our next meeting is on TUESDAY MAY 20TH AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL. Mike Constable, Curator at the Stoke Bruerne Museum, will give a talk entitled " Not such idle women." Members enter free of charge and visitors pay £2. Come along and find out about what we have to offer!

Braunston Toddler Group

Braunston Toddler Group runs every Tuesday throughout the year. 1 15pm-3pm Term time for just £2 per family. Holiday sessions are 9 30am until 1pm and this is just £3 per family and it includes lunch.

Louise Knowler from distinctive will be along with free laundry powder samples and laundry advice for the young and sensitive skin. Dates tbc.

We re in the process of arranging many different activities this year including Little Saints Rugby Coaching, Sure Start Messy Play sessions, and a Mini Disco, and are also speaking with the local Police and Fire services to see if we can arrange visits. Please keep checking on our Facebook page and on braunston.org for times and dates of the aforementioned events.

Jenni's Jottings

I learnt the origin of a word this month. My brother was signed in as a judge in a wonderful ceremony in Yorkshire. The court was full of judges, barristers and court officials in black gowns and short wigs. The main judge entered to court in red silk robes and a beautiful wig down to his shoulders - in fact a big wig! I knew a bigwig referred to someone important but now I realise that is where the expression came from. It was a marvellous occasion and we certainly do Pomp & Circumstance well in this country.

Another piece of good news is the Chris has finally got his bandages off his legs after more than 6 months. We would like to thank all of those who have wished him well and asked after him.

Yet another piece of good news is that we seem to have been blessed with a pair of Peregrine Falcons nesting on the Church spire. Many people have seen them, I haven't yet but have heard them a couple of times. Won't it be wonderful if they raise a family and stay around?

My final piece of good news is that we raised a little over £400 for the upkeep of the Church with our Easter Egg raffle. Thank you to all who bought tickets and supported us again.

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and have an excellent May.

Jenni

p.s. A Vicary Joke (with apologies to Titus & Rufus)

Sarah was invited to attend a house party.

Naturally, she was properly dressed and wearing her Clerical Collar.

A little boy kept staring at her the entire evening.

Finally, she asked the little boy what he was staring at.

The little boy pointed to the vicar's neck.

When Sarah finally realized what the boy was pointing at, she asked the boy;

"Do you know why I am wearing that?"

The boy nodded his head, and replied,

"Yes, It kills fleas and ticks for up to three months".

A plea to Braunston Village residents - from Braunston Village residents!

In Braunston, we love our dogs, just as we love responsible dog owners and dog-walkers who clear up after their dogs as the vast majority indeed do. We definitely DON'T love or appreciate dog 'poo' that's left around for other people to walk or step in, neither do we love the small minority of dog-owners who don't - or won't - clean up after their dogs.



No matter how much it's discussed, it seems that the age-old problem of dog fouling in the village just won't go away and if anything, appears to be on the increase, particularly during the hours of darkness and in areas around the High Street. Judging by the comments posted on the 'Braunston Bugle' Facebook page, a sizeable majority of residents feel very strongly about it, citing numerous examples of having to clean shoes, clothes and push-chairs after stepping in dog waste that hasn't been cleared up. Popular opinion seems to be one of adopting a 'zero-tolerance' approach, with 'naming and shaming' (i.e. on the Facebook page) also being suggested.

The law on dog-fouling is clear. Under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, any person who allows a dog in their charge to foul any area to which the public has access is committing an offence. If an authorised officer witnesses a dog owner or walker not cleaning up after their dog, they may be given a fixed penalty of £75. Refusal to pay the fixed penalty may lead to court action and a fine up to £1000 plus court costs.

Given the seriousness of the situation, village residents are asked to be extra vigilant and to report anyone who is seen allowing their dog to foul in a public area without cleaning it up. Instances should be reported to the Dog Warden, Environmental Health Department, Daventry District Council on (01327) 871100, with as much information as possible, including:

- " time, date and location of incident
- " frequency of offence if it happens regularly
- " description/breed of dog
- " any other descriptions to help identify the offender
- " a photo of the dog/incident is useful to identify the dog (but may not be used as evidence)
- " reporter's address and phone number
- " name/address of offender if known.

Dog fouling IS unpleasant and poses a serious public health risk to anyone who comes into unprotected contact with it. It's a small minority of residents who are spoiling it for the rest of us, so let's do something positive to stop it and them. Braunston is a lovely village as we all know, so let's help keep it that way. Thank-you.

CHURCH SEWRVICES AND EVENTS MAY 2014

Day		Time	Event
Thu	1	19:30	Bell Ringers
Fri	2	19:30	Bible study- Resurrection!
Sat	3	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	4	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
		13:45	Baptism Robinson
		18:30	Evensong - Br
Mon	5	00:00	No Little Fishers
		19:30	Church Choir
Tue	6	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	7	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
		15:30	Worship on Wed at School
Thu	8	19:30	Bell Ringers
Fri	9	19:30	Bible study- Resurrection!
Sat	10	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	11	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Morning Prayer Ash
		11:00	Baptism Williams
Mon	12	14:00	Little Fishers
		19:30	Church Choir
Tue	13	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	14	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Thu	15	19:30	Bell Ringers
Fri	16	19:30	Bible study- Resurrection!
Fri	16	12:00	Wedding Grant/C onlin 12
Sat	17	17:30	Youth Church
		19:00	Quiz Night
Sun	18	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
Mon	19	14:00	Little Fishers
		19:30	Church Choir
Tue	20	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	21	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
		15:30	Worship on Wed at School
		19:00	Wedding rehearsal
Thu	22	19:30	Bell Ringers
Fri	23	13:00	Wedding Warltier and Peake
		19:30	Bible study- Resurrection!
Sat	24	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	25	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Breakfast Service Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion Br
		13:30	Baptism Hopcraft
Mon	26	14:00	Little Fishers
		19:30	Church Choir
Tue	27	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	28	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Thu	29	19:30	Bell Ringers
Fri	30	00:00	Wedding rehearsal
		19:30	Bible study- Resurrection!
Sat	31	17:30	Youth Church
		14:00	Wedding Sergent and Goodyer

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS MAY 2014

Thursday	1st	9am Braunston Canal Society: Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	5 th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	6 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: Women's Institute
Wednesday	7 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	8 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Sunday	11 th	Fun in the Park
Monday	12 th	14.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	13 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 Royal British Legion at White Horse Welton
Wednesday	14 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	15 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	17 th	10 am – Noon Annual Parish Meeting: Quiz Night
Monday	19 th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	20 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group:19.30 History Society
Wednesday	21st	Royal British Legion Lunch at White Horse::Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	22nd	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	26th	10am Friendly Club Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	27 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	28 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	29 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	31 st	19.30 Cinema Club

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BRAUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY

Our progress has continued this during April aided by the good weather. Work on the moorings above the top lock and an extended litter pick have kept members busy.

The Stop House garden has presented us with several surprises in the area where we no longer mow regularly. Apart from the 200 plugs of 10 different varieties planted this month we are also very pleased and excited by the wild flowers appearing in the area which has obviously been mown off in the past. We have an excellent selection of early bulbs, but also a patch of Cowslips, Cornflowers, Hardy geraniums and several others yet to be identified. The condition of the remaining grass continues to improve and we are about to plant a number of annual wild flower seeds.

Our next work party on May 1st hopefully will see a return to our lock painting, There are signs that the volunteer lock keepers will be joining in with us on this - this and CRT's repairs to the footpath above lock 2 should all lead to an improvement in the general appearance of the lock flight.

Chris Burton 01788 891546

Raffle Tickets - SUMMER FETE

All Saints' Church
Braunston



£250 Cash Prize

Please find a book of raffle tickets enclosed to be drawn at the Church Fete on the 7th June.

We hope you might buy some of these tickets. They are 50p each, £2.50 for the book.

If you wish to buy, please complete the counterfoil, and return with the money to either Braunston Post Office or 30 Church Road, Braunston.

Thank you



Hope & Homes for Children

Hope and Homes for Children

Funds Raised since last shown in BVN	
Money raised from Penny Pots	£ 48.96
Donations	£ 35.00
Bringing the total raised since 1 March 2014	£ 126.95

WANTED

Teddy Bears And Toiletries
For a Tombola At the Church
Fete on the 7th. June

Thank you all so much Brenda Hobbs on behalf of
Hope and Homes for Children
Tel 01788 899086

Braunston Pre School

Braunston Pre-School coffee morning raised £294.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us on the day, from all the generous donations and helpers to the visitors on the day. Also we would like to thank

Braunston butchers, Braunston Stores, The cake slice, Charisma Hairdressers, Distinctives, Louise Knowler, Kunis Café, Hellidon Lakes, Tesco's Daventry, Costa Daventry, Leisure Lakes, Jewel on the Square, Nolans Jewelers and Max Speilman
For their kind donations of raffle prizes and refreshments.

Braunston Cinema Club

Saturday 31 May 7.30pm

Sunshine on Leith

(PG 2013) featuring music by The Proclaimers...

Homemade food is available. Bring a bottle.

Tickets £4 members/£6 non-members

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FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
May 2014		
17th	Annual Parish Meeting	Braunston Parish Council
17th	Quiz Night	All Saints Church
June 2014		
7th	Church Fete	All Saints Church
14th	Gilbert & Sullivan Evening	All Saints Church
July 2014		
	Car Boot Sale (to be confirmed)	All Saints Church
August 2014		
1st	Car Treasure Hunt	All Saints Church
16th & 17th	Arts & Crafts Weekend	Friends of All Saints
September 2014		
13th	Proms Night	All Saints Church
20th	World's Biggest Coffee Morning	Macmillan Cancer Support
27th	Fund Raising Day	Air Ambulance
October 2014		
6th	Harvest Supper	All Saints Church
11th	Heritage Day	Dick Herne Braunston History Society
18th	Quiz Night	All Saints Church
November 2014		
1st	Barn Dance	Friends of All Saints
1st	Autumn Craft Fair	Twinnors
15th	Autumn Fair (to be confirmed)	All Saints Church
15th	Autumn Quiz	Twinnors
January 2015		
	Burns Supper	All Saints Church



Dot Ward

died at home
on Monday, 24th March
very suddenly and without pain
whilst in Tony's arms.

Tony, Kate, Emma & Tom
sincerely thank everyone
for their kind support, messages of condolence
and for the wonderful attendance at her funeral service

Thank you all - so very much

Last month All Saint's Church had a visit from The Rt. Reverend John Flack, Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Peterborough Diocese. Bishop John praised our Church and said what a lovely friendly village Braunston was. Photograph by Cedric Wasser





Abigail Campbell

District Councillor

Public engagement

In my other life, I work with books, publishers and writers. I did an English degree. I've done a course on feature writing. So, you'd think writing would come easily to me. But you'd be wrong. These pages are hard graft. They take me hours. I often enlist the help of my family (Frankie, 8; Billy, 6; and Tom, 30-something...). And 9 times out of 10 they arrive with the long-suffering editor (sorry, Jenni, this one is going to be no exception) minutes before the deadline.

But I keep trying! And I try to be as relevant and readable as I can. Because I think it's important you know what I'm doing to represent your interests, and also how you can get in touch with me. I'm delighted when people email or call to follow up on things I've written. I give a short report at the beginning of every Parish Council meeting, too.

I have asked the Scrutiny and Improvement Committee of the District Council to look at quality of public engagement carried out by the Council as a whole. The Council often carries out surveys and consultations with the 78,000 residents in the District. On average, around a hundred people might respond. Most of the meetings we hold are open to

the public; usually just a handful of people attend.

Over the next month the Scrutiny and Improvement Committee will be looking at all the ways the Council consults with and involves local people and how it provides opportunities for you to have a say. When there is less money to go round, I think it's even more important we engage effectively with residents about how funds are spent, and the services we provide. You can access a short online version of a survey about public engagement on the consultation page of www.davertrydc.gov.uk. If you'd like a hard-copy please let me know. The deadline is 15 May.

Timebank

Spring is in the air! It's the time of year for spring cleaning, gardening, diy-ing, starting something new... And why not do it through the Timebank? Contact our very own village timebank matchmaker, Anita Lowe, for more details: anitaylowe@aol.com

Ward Walkabout

My next ward walkabout is along **School Close on Saturday 10 May**. Look out for the cards I'll deliver shortly before this date, and then put one in your window if you'd like me to call by. Best wishes, Abigail

Email acampbell@davertrydc.gov.uk; Phone 01788 891782;
Twitter [@campbellabigail](https://twitter.com/campbellabigail); Facebook Abigail for Braunston and Welton

ARE YOU GIFTED AND TALENTED?

We are having an exciting weekend at All Saints' Braunston on SATURDAY 16TH AND SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST! It is a special "Celebration of Braunston Village Arts and Crafts." If you are involved in any form of art or craft work and would like to display **YOUR** work for others to enjoy then please contact Andrew Alsop (01788 890826, thealsops@chibley.co.uk) There is no charge if you simply want to display your work. If you want to sell items then we would ask for 10% of your takings which will go towards the restoration appeal. We welcome all Braunston residents – YOUNG and OLD to take part. More details will appear in the June edition of the BVN but please contact Andrew **NOW** to register your interest.

It will be an interesting weekend when we not only celebrate the talents of our local residents but you will also be able to have a light lunch or afternoon tea. The church will have a display of what needs to be done for the restoration and the fabulous TIME LINE is there for all to see!

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ORGANISE AND RUN THIS SPECIAL WEEKEND! ALL OFFERS GLADLY WELCOMED – AGAIN CONTACT ANDREW!

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Braunston Timebank

It's that time of the year - so much to do, so little time. With a string of bank holidays lined up and better (fingers crossed) weather you may be looking around and making a list of everything that needs to be done. If you are wondering how on earth - or when! - you are going to manage it, you may be interested to know that there are some very lovely people in Braunston who are prepared to give their time to help.

Timebank volunteers have offered to help fellow Timebankers out; gardening, simple home repairs, painting and decorating to name a few. If you would like to know more - and are happy to register with the Timebank - contact the Timebank using the details below.

Timebankers have also offered help with car and bike maintenance, de-cluttering, running errands - such as going shopping - as well as wanting to share their skills in sewing, crochet, knitting and crafts. That's just a taster.

Timebankers are ready to give their time with things that we may take for granted; a bit of companionship, help with preparing a meal or two, a lift into town to pick up some bits and pieces. There isn't a catch - it's free to register or to use the help that's on offer; it's a way of spreading neighbourliness around the village.

We welcome new members to the Timebank, either individuals or local groups/societies. We would love to hear from people who would like a bit of help. Please get in touch to register or find out more using any of the following:

Ring Anita on 01788890769

Email: anitaylowe@aol.com

Email: braunstontimebank@gmail.com

Facebook : Braunston Timebank

Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute



**Next Meeting :
May 6th**

Resolutions

Challenge - Hand Made Get Well
Card - to be donated to W.I.

We will make cards after the
Resolutions.

* We will have a raffle this
evening*

Barbara 01788 890452

Friendly Club

Next Meeting: Monday. May 12th
An outing to Stratford - on - Avon by
DACT. Bus leaves The Green at
11am and leaving Stratford at 4pm
for return.

Wednesday, May 28th
A Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
from 10am to 12 noon.

Gill Powell 890763

**TO BOOK THE
VILLAGE HALL
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**Braunston Fishing Club
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Every Thursday throughout the
year

**8.00pm in the Village Hall
Non members welcome**

G Donald 891264

Rainfall

**No information
received**

Braunston Walkers

Walk Saturday 190414 - Ilmington (c.10 miles)

Well, what can I say, this walk has everything including a visit to the highest point in Warwickshire, an unsolved murder mystery, tales of witchcraft, spooky black dogs, a contender for the best pub in Britain, great company, fine weather and a thoroughly enjoyable day out. We drove to Mickleton in Gloucestershire, where the Three Ways Hotel hosts the famous Pudding Club which Bharat is training for. Leaving the cars at the old church we set off at a cracking pace onto a field path where Philip told us about the unsolved murder of an alleged witch, Charles Walton, in 1945 on the nearby Meon Hill which could be seen off to the north west. It is a grisly tale of witchcraft and brutal murder. To add to the mystery a similar murder occurred in 1879 at the same spot. The 1945 murder remains unsolved despite the efforts of Detective Fabian of the Yard who returned each year on Valentines Day hoping to lure the murderer out. There is also a tale about a Black Dog, the harbinger of death which has been seen around here and tales abound of frightened villagers turning ashen at the mention of the dog. Suddenly, as Philip told us these tales, a black dog emerged from the bushes and we skedaddled, to be honest very slowly, steeply uphill, to a beautiful grassy valley with a carpet of bluebells set off by white blossom in the trees which is part of Kifstgate Court Gardens a creation of three generations of women. It looks well worth a visit but is somewhat overshadowed by the National Trust gardens at Hidcote Manor, which is literally next door and on our route. We walked along a forest track beside the gardens peering along the avenue of beeches with a statue of Hercules at the end. If you have never visited the gardens I would highly recommend it as it is spectacular. We met up with two more walkers at the car park who had sensibly avoided the first steep hill but would not be spared the others of which there were many. On the edge of the Cotswolds, the dizzy highest point in Warwickshire at 261 metres (856 feet) above sea level, the Ebrington Hills may only be a quarter of the height of Snowden but it felt more like the Himalayas as we trudged up the old bridle way to reach the summit with fantastic views over hills into Gloucestershire and the Malverns in Worcestershire. We stood and gazed at the view enjoying Peter's humbugs, Brian's fruit pastilles and Ronald's wine gums. At the highest point there is a radio mast and satellite dishes but we crossed a small road and started downhill through another bluebell lined, woodland copse to reach another small road where we turned right and after a small climb on the road we reached a footpath off left. This leads through Madgecombe Coppice and emerges above a lovely valley where the magnificent early 18th century, Foxcote House stands. We paused at the old house and then walked through a copse and over fields to reach another minor road which winds its way above a fantastic, meadowed valley with the unlikely name of Cathole. This road has fabulous views over Warwickshire. We wandered along to Jerusalem Barn before turning through an electronic gate (how hi tec are we) back into the Foxcote estate. We turned right over Knowlands Hill which crosses Pig Lane before dropping steeply downhill to reach Ilmington and The Red Lion. It's a fantastic pub and even the onslaught of 18 hungry walkers didn't faze them. We supped pints of well kept, Old Hookey and were soon tucking into scrumptious sausage and onion baguettes. The

landlord even threw in several bowls of delicious chips as we filled his restaurant. A great pub and of course really highly recommended. After a lunch, some of Bharat's sticky toffee pudding and a cupcake supplied by Jane who was celebrating a special birthday we needed to walk up some more hills. We wandered through the village which is timeless especially Middle Street which is too narrow for cars and has a small stream with tiny bridges and even a waterfall. Just perfect. We went into the 12th century St Mary's church seeking carved mice. The furniture made by Robert Thompson (the mouseman) of Kilburn in Yorkshire contains his signature mice. There are 11 of them in the church but we only found three including one on the church door. We left Ilmington nestling in a beautiful valley and climbed uphill and over fields with more fantastic views to reach Stoke Wood and Upper Lark Stoke where we joined the road back up to the summit point of the Ebrington Hills. Thankfully the way back was all downhill retracing our steps back to the cars at Mickleton and home for a cuppa. I got hopelessly lost coming home which would have been fine except I was leading a group of other cars whose bemused occupants must have thought I was barking. Never mind it was a great day and as Daxa said in her email "amazing, amazing, amazing; weather, walk, pub, food and company!" It doesn't get better than that. Our next walks are as follows:

May 17th Aynho and Deddington (c. 11 miles), June 21st Moreton in the Marsh (c. 10 miles)

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two worthwhile causes. Half the money collected will go
towards the money needed to send Alisdair Rolt to Japan in
2015 where he will represent Northamptonshire at the World
Scout Jamboree. The other half will go to the All saints'
Restoration Appeal.

Do come along and enjoy a glorious evening of classic
"Gilbert and Sullivan" - and support the fund raising efforts!

Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
Angling Club	Chris Miller	891938	
Air Training Corps	Stuart Chadwick	078844 02797	Boys & Girls 13-18yrs Every Monday & Thursday
Army Cadet Force	David A Hurley	890095	Boys & Girls 13-18yrs Every Tuesday evenir
Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	891935	Thursday Evenings 7.30pm-9pm
Braunston Canal Society	Chris Burton	891546	
Braunston Cinema Club	Sandy Mac Donald	891488	
Braunston Ladies Group	Julia Beattie Margaret	890488 890780	Meets Monthly
Braunston Players	Chris Grossart	890491	Annual Show plus informal get togethers Alternate Weeks
Braunston Singers	Jacqui Lancaster	891018	
Braunston Walkers	Phillip Ray	891437 891384	Walks of 7-10 miles around the area
Church Choir	John Viggars	0247667 9967	Mondays 7.30-9pm
Conservation Group	Pat Herlihy	890590	
Cricket Club	Simon Stapley	890475	
Fishing Club	G Donald	891264	Bingo every Thursday evening 8pm village Hall
Friendly Club (for over 60's)	Gill Powell	890763	
Friends of Braunston School	R. Undy r.undy@hotmail.co. uk	0781469 5160	
All Saints' Kids Club Sunday School	Revd, Sarah	890298	
Gardens Assn.	Chris Grossart	890491	
The Dick Heme Braunston History Soc.	Annie Rogers	891179	Meetings 3 rd Tuesday of the Month
Braunston Primary School	Sue Rigby Headteacher	890494	
Playing Fields Assn.	Linda Hawkins Wendy Wilson Louis Prat	890583 890348 890766	
Little Fishers	Veronica Smith	899155	Under 5's with parent: Mondays 2pm All Saints' Church
Pre-School	Braunstonpreschool @googlemail.com	01788 891891	Mon – Fri am during term time in village ha

Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
Royal British Legion	Colin D White	890390	2 nd Tuesday of month At 8pm
2 nd Braunston Scouts - Group Scout Leader	Steve Rolt	07956 682733	
Explorer Scouts Boys & Girls	John Driver	07798 645581	Every Monday 10 ½ - 14 yrs
Beavers for Boys and Girls	Joan Bishop	01327 878178	Every Tuesday 5 ¾ - 8 yrs
Scouts for Boys & Girls	Stuart Muddiman Via Steve	07956 682733	Every Wednesday 10 ½ - 14 yrs
Cub Scouts for Boys and Girls	David Coleman	07796 336985	Every Thursday 8 – 10 ½ yrs
Explorer Scouts	Steve Rolt	07956 682733	14-18yrs Boys & Girls Alternate Mondays
Short Mat Bowls	Alan & Mavis Eley	890011	Thursdays 13.45 Village Hall
Adult Tap & Ballet Classes	Julia Beattie	890488	Wednesdays 19.35 – 21.35 Village Hall (Term time only)
Toddler Group	Mandy Byrne	07530 947159	Term time 1.15 to 3pm first visit free £2 per family session thereafter. Holidays 9.30 to 1pm £3 per family session incl. lunch Social Events & visits to and from Quincy-Voisins
Twining Association	Eric Baker	07724 565617 123363	
Village Hall Committee	Jac Morris	01788 890686	Village Hall Bookings
Women's Institute	Barbara Bury Sue Goodchild	890452 891806	1 st Tuesday at 19.30
WEA Workers Educational Assoc	Jackie Green	890145	Thursday Evenings at school Autumn & Spring Terms
Yoga Group	Sheila Beckett	891831	In Village Hall Term Time Only
Youth Club 9-15years	Judy Morgan		



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