Notice of Annual Parish Council Meeting

on
Saturday 16th May 2015
From
10.00am — Noon
in the Village Hall

All parishioners are invited to attend

This year we are continuing 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.
The Blessed Virgin Mary &
St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers

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REGISTERS FOR APRIL 2015

No Events
Parish councillors: -

Abigail Campbell  t: 01788 891782
Alan Mawer  t: 01788 890340
Chris Johnson  t: 01788 891597
Graham Newman  t: 01788 890143
Hannah Smith  t: 01788 890704
Louis Prat  t: 01788 890766
Mark Fitzhugh  t: 01788 890732
Peter Biggs  t: 07828 064906
Pete Morgan (Chair)  t: 01788 891462
Sandra Ashford  t: 01788 899287
Sue Harrison  t: 07769 589459

**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.

11th May  Full Council Meeting
16th May  Annual Parish Meeting (Village Hall 10.00am to noon)

1st Jun  Full Council Meeting
4th Jun  Jetty Fields Sub Committee (5 Mill Close)

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website
Church Floodlighting

Not shown in the previous edition
25th March – In Memory of 1st Braunston Scouts who fought in the 1st World War

April’s floodlighting so far
1st April - * Janet & John’s Wedding Anniversary
5th April - * Love to all the family, from Geoff & Jean
9th April - * Happy Birthday Rosemary
10th April - * Happy Birthday Phyl – with love from Ken
10th April – Happy Birthday Mum, miss you so much. Love from the family, Jean and Brian xx
12th April - Happy 60th birthday Barbara. Love Richard, Vicky, Isabella and Craig
19th April - * In loving memory of my wonderful parents, Alan and Nancy Matthews, on their 71st wedding anniversary. Rest in Peace.
26th April - * Julie’s Birthday
28th April - Memories of Glady. Passed away April 28th. Three years have passed with sadness. Always in our hearts, Love Lyn +Jim xx

May’s floodlighting so far …
5th May - * Rowena & Mark’s Wedding Anniversary
8th May - For Nigel Sykes on his 60th birthday

* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

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

SOME VILLAGE FUND RAISING NEWS

Swan and Duck Food

Is now available to purchase on the Gongoozlers Rest Cafe Boat.

50p per bag, all proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support.

The first bag of feed was kindly donated by Chris and Jenni Burton. It is great to feed the ducks and swans but bread doesn’t do them any good
On loyalty to the tribe

My first sweetheart was a fanatical supporter of Aylesbury United Football club and referred to me as ‘Honey-monster’. You can see why the relationship didn’t blossom. ‘Honey-monster’ I could forgive but with his utter devotion to Aylesbury FC it was clear even to the 9 year-old me that I would always be second best. I bumped into him again recently and discovered that, although now a university professor he is still going to every possible Aylesbury match and has instilled into his own children the same passion for his club.

There is something touchingly heroic about such tribal loyalty, particularly to a club so conspicuously absent from the top tiers of the football league where the passion must sometimes seem - let’s face it - unrequited. We generally approve of such devotion, even as we marvel at it and it doesn’t usually do much harm when it comes to football. The team wins or loses on the day and everyone goes home for tea. Barring any actual punch ups the results are soon tomorrow’s chip paper and the impact on the world at large is zero.

Other kinds of tribalism are less benign though. And we are seeing some of them as we approach the General Election. (“Oh- here she goes!” you may be thinking through gritted teeth. “Ruddy church sticking its beak into politics again.” I’m sorry if you feel that way but the thing is that Christianity is an ethical as well as a mystical faith, and since individuals live in communities the church is bound to be involved in matters that determine the quality of human life. The days may have gone when it offered directives for the solutions of social and economic problems but it still has a legitimate ethical signposting role.)

Tribal loyalties in the political arena are increasingly troublesome. Arguably, party politics no longer serves society well. Politics is not football. It has repercussions on real lives on a grand scale. And tribal loyalty to any party, regardless of its policies or the competence of its leaders is not necessarily smart.

Society will always be full of vested interests but a political system can either feed them and let them grow fat, stifle them completely or work out ways of making them serve the general good. It’s not a party matter of rich versus poor, old versus young, Immigrant versus native, worker versus management, Christian versus Muslim - it’s a matter of community finding a loving way to live and function in which we all understand our mutual dependence as the foundation of a society that works and flourishes.

Difficult? Definitely. But no party or ruler has ever shown me a more credible vision for society than the Kingdom of God, with its promises and guidelines of justice, peace and love in community. Those promises are a helpful yardstick for evaluating the manifestos of any of the parties - if you can hear them through the soundbites, the slanging and the smear.

No party is Aylesbury United FC and deserving of blind loyalty. Voting ethically rather than tribally may have something to commend it if we want to make sure that the political Honey Monster does not help itself to all the sugar puffs. Thinking about what, rather than who we are voting for might moderate the greedy beast.

Sarah
NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.

FIRST THE GOOD NEWS! We have a work morning on SATURDAY 2ND MAY FROM 9.00 TO 12.00. We will be preparing the garden and the top of the field for a very special occasion on SATURDAY 16TH MAY FROM 2.00 P.M. UNTIL 4.00 P.M. The details of this are in this edition of the B.V.N. If you can spare an hour or so please come along and you will be made very welcome!

NOW THE BAD NEWS! We have been experiencing a problem with a group of young people who have been damaging trees, spring flowers and the water feature. A beautiful, young fruit tree that was in flower has been snapped off close to the ground. The whole area of the Pocket Park is maintained, in the main, by volunteers. It very dispiriting to see their work undone by mindless acts of vandalism. We ask everybody to be vigilant and report any incidents to our Parish Clerk, Steve Rolt, or the Police. The garden area is designed for people to appreciate the calm environment. There is plenty of space in the field for more energetic activity! We all want the whole area to be a place where local residents and visitors can enjoy this wonderful amenity.

HEART START – SUCCESS!
36 BRAUNSTON RESIDENTS WERE EXTRAORDINARY! Such was the response to the offer of the Heart Start courses we had to run three! Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue supplied the instructors and the feedback from those who attended was very positive. We now have thirty six more people in our community who will be able to respond in a positive way, if needed! Nationwide three million people of all ages have taken the course. If anyone else is interested in finding out more about these courses then contact the Parish Clerk, Steve Rolt. A big thank you to Braunston Primary School and the Village Hall Committee for allowing us to use their premises to hold the courses.

Church Fete Raffle Tickets
To win £150 purchase raffle tickets enclosed.
50p per ticket. Complete the counterfoil and give with the money to the post office or 30 Church Road
Jenni’s Jottings

Well, here we are again. Another month gone. Some bright spark told me recently how many shopping days to Christmas – they look quite attractive with a black eye!!!

I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely sunshine over the last few days. It is supposed to get colder in May so blame Chris, he has turned our heating off!

There seems to be much going on in the village during May. Personally, I am really looking forward to the Braunston Bakes on 2nd. Not of course that I will be eating anything, but it is only polite to buy things when they have gone to the trouble of making them, if I get any more rotund I will be bouncing round the village.
I am so pleased that Jetty Field is going to be used more and more, with the Picnic and other events later in the year. I was sad to see that one of the pretty blossom trees had been vandalised, such a shame and so pointless.

Please remember the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 16th. This is your chance to tell the committee what you would like in the village. There will also be a chance to see what is happening with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Something else for us to be proud about – Our own Steve Rolt, Scouter and Clerk to the Parish Council has been awarded the Silver Acorn for his fantastic work with scouts.

Many of you may know that I volunteer with the Canal & River Trust in the little ‘museum’ at the Stop House, we could do with a couple of extra volunteers. It isn’t a difficult job, just talking to people and pointing them in the right direction for help. If you are interested please give me a ring or come down to see me at the Stop House, I am there every Friday between 10 and 4 and I make a mean cup of tea or coffee.

Enjoy the Merry Month of May
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BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL. KEEPING YOU INFORMED!

This is our second edition of what we hope will be a regular article in the B.V.N. We want to keep you informed about YOUR village hall. We want to hear from you about your suggestions on how we can make improvements and offer more in order to make the hall a place everybody can use!

In the last few weeks the library has been redecorated and a new carpet laid. Plans are in place to improve the lighting and redecorate even more areas of the building. The car park is an area in great need of resurfacing. New clubs are starting to book and use the hall on a regular basis. To keep making progress we need YOUR HELP!

We have our Annual General meeting on **MONDAY 20TH JULY at 7.30 p.m.** and would welcome as many parishioners along as possible. We can elect two, new members to our committee. We can also co-opt more if we get more than two, suitable people put their names forward! Applicants need to be “hands on” and be prepared to undertake some of the basic jobs so that we can achieve even more. These could be exciting times for the improvements to OUR VILLAGE HALL!

We are also looking for a person with experience in fund raising. A person who has experience in obtaining grants. **ARE YOU INTERESTED?** Please ring Graham Newman, chairman of the Village Hall Committee, and talk to him. He will show you around the hall and talk to you about the exciting plans that we have to improve our community centre. Ring him - **01788 890143** and find out more. You will be made very welcome and your help will be valued!

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On the Green, 12pm to 4pm
BBQ, Antique Organ, Teas, Face Painting, Swing Boats, Bouncy Castle,
Fire Engine, Vintage Cars, Cake, Plant, Book & Handicraft Stalls & more

Fun Dog Show! 💚
Entries on the day from 12 noon, Judging from 1pm
Our judge is Miss Heather Chaplin,
Chairperson of Wellingborough and District Canine Society
Classes: Handsomest dog, prettiest bitch, cutest puppy, best veteran,
best child handler, best rescue dog, most appealing eyes,
best condition, best crossbreed, best pedigree.

Enquiries to Mrs Gloria Brough on 01327 876 638

Grand Raffle £150 1st prize!
Enclosed with this BVN is a book of raffle tickets to be drawn at the fete.
We would be very grateful if you would be prepared to buy some tickets.
If you wish to buy, please complete the counterfoil and return with money
to Braunston Post Office or 30 Church Road, Braunston - Thank you!

Childrens’ Fancy Dress
Fancy Dress Competition - Come as you like, entry FREE!
A small gift for every child that enters. Parade at 12:30pm.
Registration details to follow.

Running a Stall, growing Plants, making Crafts, Tombola
Prizes, making Cakes or helping in any other way!
If you are willing to help with any of the following at the Fete, please call
Andrew Alsop on 01788 890 826 - your help will be greatly appreciated!

Fete proceeds in aid of All Saints’ Church, Braunston
Braunston Parish Council - Braunston Neighbourhood Plan
Please come and talk to us at the Annual Parish Meeting, 10.00-12.30 on Saturday 16th May in the Village Hall. Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be there to discuss the plan.

What have we done so far?
The Steering Group consisting of councillors and other volunteers has researched Neighbourhood Plans and carried out consultations including the Community Survey, a 'Business Breakfast', a housing event, discussions with young people and stalls on The Green. We have involved more people by setting up Working Groups. We successfully applied for a grant and professional support to help the work. We have attended training and liaised with external bodies.

What have you told us?
In your responses to the Community Survey you overwhelmingly told us you supported the idea of proceeding with a Braunston Neighbourhood Plan. A similarly high proportion of you said that you liked living in Braunston. The things that you like about living in Braunston are being part of a friendly, rural community that is quiet and peaceful. Young people in particular said how much they liked living in a village. You said that you like the shops and amenities in the village as well as the activities run here.
There were concerns about dog fouling, parking and the supply of housing suitable for older residents and for young people in the parish looking for housing they can afford. You want the land between us and Daventry not to be built on. Some people wanted more traffic calming measures, others wanted existing ones removed.

How have we responded to your comments?
After the consultations we identified four topics that the
Braunston Neighbourhood Plan will focus on – Housing, Transport and traffic, Character and amenities, Business.
These themes will run through the Neighbourhood Plan that we are now drafting. We are carrying out work to identify Character Areas in the village. Some of the concerns you have, such as dog fouling, are not planning issues. These points are being followed up by the Parish Council in other ways.

What will we do now?
As well as writing the plan and its associated documents, our time-line for the next year covers the actions that communities have to take to achieve a Neighbourhood Plan. These include consultation with Daventry District Council and a range of statutory bodies such as English Heritage. An independent examiner will be appointed by DDC to test whether our draft meets the basic conditions for a plan. There will then be a Community Referendum in which all registered electors in the parish will have the opportunity to support or reject the plan. We hope this will be in May 2016.
BRAUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL
INTRODUCTION TO A COUNCILLOR

MARK FITZHUGH

I lived in Northampton until I was 25, living with all the noise from the traffic and people going about their daily lives. A place where you see and talk to people every day, but you don’t know who they are.

19 years ago I moved to Braunston and married a local girl. Within a very short time people would say good morning to me, use my name and ask if I was ok. I soon realised I was living in a very close knit community where people help one another for no reward, as a whole it’s still like that today.

Over the past 19 years we’ve had three children go to Braunston school, and go to the village Scout group. I have been on the parish council for nearly three years now in that time I’ve seen some issues that just keep coming back, speeding, parking and dog fouling to mention a few.

This year’s Parish Council AGM is on Saturday May 16 from 10.00 am until 12.30 pm. Please come along and see what we have been

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**MoonWalk Breast Cancer Disco**

Avril, Jackie, Fiona and Natalie would like to say a huge THANKYOU to all who came to the disco held on 11th April in the Village Hall and supported this worthy cause. We are humbled by the fantastic £643.16 that was raised on the night and it gives us the impetus to complete the walk! The evening was a great success with many suggesting this type of event should be repeated! Thanks are also due to those who provided food, flowers in vases, running the tombola, taking the tickets on the door and those who assisted in the clear up the following morning.

We would like to give special thanks to Simon, from the Mill House, who gave up his time to run a fantastic Disco and to Dave Lawson who gave up his time to sing live songs from the 50'sand 60's. Both received much praise on the night and since.

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### Some actual ‘Funnies’ from a Northern Church Magazine

Lost : Ginger cat, answers to Ging. Reward, neutered like one of the family

A nearly full church had a minutes silence with a trumpeter from the village orchestra

Village Hall Extension: The official opening is the 27th April. Please note the Village Hall will be closed until the opening. It will be closed again after being opened, but will open temporarily on the 24th for a rehearsal of the opening after which it will be closed until the opening. It will remain closed after the opening after which opening and closing times will be as normal.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the field next to the church. Please bring a blanket and be prepared to sin.

For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Eight new choir robes are needed due to the addition of new members and the deterioration of some of the older ones.

He was a talented photographer of scenes of lakes, rivers, streams and ponds, indeed he could never pass water without taking a photo of it.

In loving memory of John Brown who pissed away peacefully in hospital
Award for Scout Leader

Steve Rolt, the Group Scout Leader for the 2nd Braunston Scout Group has been awarded the Silver Acorn in this years St. Geoges Day Awards by the Scout Association. The Silver Acorn is awarded for service and endeavour that which is distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding.

Steve has been a leader Scouting for 30 plus years and has been involved with the Braunston Group for 14 years. Under his leadership the Group has grown significantly in numbers on both the young people and leadership team fronts. When asked he said that the improvements in both the level of Scouting offered and the improvements to the Den fabric are the things that he is most proud of, he also would to thank all the leaders who have helped him during his Scouting life.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH
Life isn't measured by the number of breaths you take,
But by the number of moments that take your breath away.

Anonymous
The Dick Herne Braunston History Society.

We have a very interesting talk to offer members and guests alike at our next meeting on **TUESDAY 19TH MAY AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.** Enid Jones, of the Northamptonshire Association of Local History, will be giving a talk entitled “**A NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HERO, LT. WILLIAM RHODES- MOORHOUSE V.C. R.F.C.**” This is the story of the first airman to receive a Victoria cross. It tells of his adventures as an early aviator and his death flying a daring mission over the German lines in a BE 2 biplane on the western front in the First World War. This should be a really good evening so do come along! Members free. Guests £2. **All are welcome!**

We have a very interesting and varied programme of talks and visits during the next twelve months. Come along and find out!

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After two successful years you are **Invited to our third Marie Curie Tea Party**

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The venue for Armed Forces Day service has had to be changed and will now be held at Kilsby church on 27th June at 10.30 am. Members of the legion to parade at 10.15 am.

You are reminded that May 8th is the 70th anniversary of VE day when 6 years of misery and suffering was brought to an end in Europe. We should all remember the immense gratitude we all owe to all those who served in our forces, many of whom did not return, that we may enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today. Of course, the war in the far east continued for a few more weeks. The Royal British Legion continues to help many surviving members of our armed forces who served in that war, and their dependents, and in subsequent conflicts. The Legion is always pleased to receive new members and donations so that the Legion’s work can continue.

The May luncheon will be held at the George Hotel, Kilsby, on Wednesday 20th at midday. All are invited to attend, no pre-booking necessary.
The next meeting of the Branch will be on 12th May at the White Horse, Welton, at 8.00pm.
Tony Saunderson   Tel. No. 01788 890797

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2015 – Celebrating our 60th Year
May Events

Sundays 3rd May to 31st May 11am–12pm
At Village Hall-GARDEN STORE OPEN

We hope that you enjoy shopping locally for your composts, canes and much more. We are very happy to deliver for those people without transport,

GARDEN STORE PRICE LIST 2015

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Prices as at 22/5/2015

Saturday 18th May 10am to 11am – Village Hall – COMMUNITY GARDENING at the Jubilee Garden and Triangle.

Please ring Kate on 890340 for more details about any of these events.
The Mobile Sight Centre will visit New Daventry on Wednesday 20th May 10am—1pm

THE MOBILE LIBRARY
The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall
On Friday 22nd May
17.10 to 17.50
## FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

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Thanks again to the people who came along to the working session at the playing field on Easter Monday. We got a lot done, but there are still plenty of jobs to do, so if you spot something which needs attention please drop us an email at bpfa@hotmail.co.uk or via our Facebook page. The field belongs to the village, and it needs us all to do our bit – whether that is litter-picking or maintaining the pavilion. One task we would like to complete is to concrete the path – any offers of help for this would be very welcome. We are now registered with the timebank, so if you are a member then you can even bank any time you spend at working sessions. If you have an hour a month to help manage the field by joining the committee then please drop us a note. It would be lovely to have your input.

We are looking forward to our “fun days” on the second Sunday afternoon of the month in May, June July and September. If you have never come along to one then please do - these are relaxed afternoons, with a bouncy castle and field games for the children (Jenga, connect-4, space-hoppers, stomp rockets, bubbles etc). Bring a blanket and a pic-nic and watch them burn off some energy, or come to the pavilion where we will have cakes and steaming mugs of tea for you! The second fun day (in June) coincides with an event on the village green, so watch this space for any changes!
Fun Days: May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, September 13th

Circus Ginnett: The circus will be visiting the field again this year on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd. This was a real success last year – if you missed it here is your chance to catch the show! Have a look at their web site or Facebook page for more details.
Abigail Campbell
District Councillor

Tip
In February, Northamptonshire County Council closed the tip in Daventry for two days a week, in an effort to save money. Over the past few weeks, the queues for the tip have regularly stretched back to the Browns Road roundabout. It seems to me that fly-tipping has increased over the past few months and I wonder how the savings made by reducing the tip’s opening hours compare with the costs of dealing with the fly-tipping. If you have any thoughts on this issue to share do let me know, and I will pass them onto DDC and NCC.

Dogs
Daventry District Council is to launch a public consultation over plans to fine dog owners up to £1,000 if they are caught without the means of clearing up after their dog. It is thought to be the first authority in the country to consider introducing the power. If approved, the new rules would force owners to show how they will clean up dog mess if stopped by dog wardens. Consultation will start after the elections, in mid-May. DDC already uses three dog control orders targeting dog fouling, dogs in play areas and dogs on leads. Under the new proposals, owners caught without a bag or other means of collecting dog mess could be issued with a £100 penalty notice, with the potential of a £1,000 court fine if left unpaid. DDC is also consulting on a new dog control order which would make it an offence not to keep dogs on a lead around Daventry Country Park. Please do take part in the consultation in May if you can – it’ll be on www.daventrydc.gov.uk or in Daventry library.

Separately from this, officers from DDC are currently talking to Braunston residents who expressed an interest in becoming a volunteer dog warden in the village. If you missed the notice about this opportunity in the BVN last year and are interested then do get in touch with me and I can tell you more about it.

Maple Close
I understand that Midland Rural (working with East Midlands Homes Group) intend to submit their planning application for the extension of Maple Close very shortly. The application will be for 10 homes for affordable rent and 2 homes for shared ownership. If approved and developed, all applicants for the new housing will need to have a qualifying local connection to Braunston.

My next Ward Walkabout will be on Saturday 16 May 2-3 around Eastfields, Dark Lane and Maple Close. Earlier that day it’s the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall, and it’d be lovely to see you there.

With best wishes, Abigail

email acampbell@daventrydc.gov.uk call 01788 891782 or 07989 421836
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Come join our
PICNIC
IN THE POCKET PARK
Saturday 16th May
From 2pm
In Jetty Field, Braunston
(Near the Village Hall)
Raising money for the Friends of Braunston Pocket Park

Come and Enjoy:
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Braunston Women’s Institute

Next Meeting:-
Tuesday 5th May at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

After discussing this year’s Resolution we will have fun making Get Well Cards

Contact Barbara on 01788 890452

Braunston Friendly Club

Next Meeting:-
Monday May 11th
Picture Quiz by Gill

Wednesday May 27th
Coach Outing to Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Coach leaves Green at 10.30
Cost including entrance fee is £14
There are still tickets available. Speak to Gill

Gill 890763

Braunston Fishing Club

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

RAINFALL— 2014/2015

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Information provided by Rob Buckley

TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL
CALL:-
Mrs Leyla Clayson
62 high Street
Braunston
Leyla_geric@hotmail.com
Frosty’s Spring – Gorgeous drapery and sailing swans.

Spring it seems comes a tiny bit earlier every year? Trees come into leaf sooner. Migrant birds arrive earlier with swallows now a week ahead of their dates in 1970. For me, here in Braunston there are two sights that confirm spring is really here. One is the huge frothy clouds of hawthorn blossom. Despite its common name ‘May blossom’ hawthorn seems to get earlier in April every year. ‘Ne’er cast a clout till May be out’ runs the old country wisdom. It is certainly old, recorded in 1732, but certainly older than that, but does the saying mean don’t discard warm clothing until the end of the month of May, or until the may blossom is fully in bloom?

Hawthorn hedges are extremely common in and around our village. The name ‘Haw’ comes from the Old English word ‘hage’ for hedge. Nationwide as many as 200,000 miles of hedge-row were planted in the Parliamentary Enclosure period, between 1750 and 1850. Northamptonshire’s finest poet, John Clare was an agricultural labourer planting those miles and miles of hawthorn hedge as the rich land owners grabbed the common land. The work literally drove Clare mad and he ended his life in Northampton General Lunatic Asylum now St Andrew’s Hospital. Yet he could still write lines like ‘O’er woods where May her gorgeous drapery flings’.

The other real proof that Spring has arrived for me is the little train of ‘ugly ducklings’ swimming behind our resident pair of mute swans. ‘Yon sailing swans with arching necks’ as Clare would have it. They could hatch anything up to ten cygnets this year but how many will make it to adult status and full white plumage? Crows, herons, magpies, and pike kill cygnets while young and full-grown swans are also the prey of foxes and mink. The few that do make it to adulthood will be driven away by Mum and Dad - Cob and Pen - first to find a flock and then eventually to their own lifetime mate and their own nesting site.

Did you know that our Braunston mute swans have a very good claim to be the heaviest flying birds in the world? Forget the condors of the Andes or the albatross of the Southern oceans they don’t even come near. Only a large male Kori Bustard in Africa might just pip our nearly 40lb (18 Kilo) mute swan, by an ounce or two at an official weigh in.
Braunston Village Gardens Association

Looking ahead to June and July
Dates for your diary

Braunston Village Open Gardens
Sunday 21st June 1pm to 6pm
Gardens open, refreshments including home-made cakes
(All proceeds will be going to Macmillan Cancer Support)

Plant stall
(All proceeds will be going to Friends of All Saints Church)
And, new this year, a Garden Book stall

Braunston Gardens Competition
An unknown date – the BVGA members don’t know!
At some time during June, July or August there will be a
garden judge visiting the village to judge our gardens for
the many and varied prizes and trophies.
All gardens that can be reasonably viewed from a public
right of way will be considered for prizes in the following
categories:

❖ Millennium Cup – presented to the most well-decorated business
premises on the High Street
❖ New cup for 2016 donated by John Dennett – presented to
the most well-decorated business premises other than on the High
Street
❖ Front Garden – presented to the best garden in the village.
(1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes awarded)
❖ Containers – presented to the best containers in the village.
(1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes awarded)

We hope that this competition may inspire and encourage you
with your garden this spring and summer.
Braunston Walkers - Walk Saturday 25/04/15 Weston

This walk takes in George Washington's ancestral home in Sulgrave and some fantastic countryside near Brackley. Due to the deadline date for the BVN this month we are writing a review of the recce for this great walk. We parked in the old village of Weston and set off over fields in the sunshine but with a keen, cold wind. Ideal walking weather that managed to keep us cool. The views all around the rolling countryside here are just magic. We followed the River Tove over the disused Grand Central Railway which also passes between Braunston and Willoughby and eventually came out of fields opposite the imposing Sulgrave Manor which was flying the Stars and Stripes flag, the pattern of which was originally on the Washington family coat of arms long before it was adapted in the new world. We walked through Sulgrave passing another large manor house which had a display of vintage Aston Martins parked outside. We followed the road out of the village towards Helmdon which was our planned lunch stop. After a mile or so on the quiet road a footpath took us off right and over fields full of lambs only recently born. With no Nigel, Judith or Terry we were severely lacking sweets. In the distance was the imposing sight of the Helmdon viaduct, three arches that used to take the old railway over a valley. Our path lead us onto the viaduct which we crossed and then we clambered and slithered down an extremely steep, muddy slope to the road that goes a few hundred yards into Helmdon. We soon found the Bell pub and were served a pint of Dorset brewed bitter and a toasted sandwich, not haute cuisine but good walkers fodder. All too soon we had to pull on our boots and set off through a network of paths to join a field path for a mile or so to reach Astwell Castle farm with its castellated tower which has stood since 1471 and is now incorporated into the old stone farmhouse. A great sight. Just past the farm we came to a track and turned left downhill and between two beautiful lakes at Astwell Mill which is now a B and B. These splendid lakes were owned by Towcester Angling club and I quite often used to escape there for some relaxing coarse fishing when I lived in nearby Silverstone. Our path back to Weston started with a bridle way and then a path alongside a stream back to the car and home for a refreshing cuppa. This is yet another excellent walk not far from home. Our next walks are as follows;

16/5/15 Compton Verney (c.10 miles), 20/6/15 Adlestrop (c.10 miles)
We have received the Faculty from Peterborough Diocese giving us permission to carry out the restoration work on our church roof and high level stonework. So now we are waiting to hear from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for their approval of our Second Round Submission before we can proceed with the work. We can only hope that there is not too much delay as we clearly want to get the work done during the summer months. Once HLF give us their approval we have to supply updated cost spreadsheets and programmes etc (based on the HLF approval date) before getting their permission to start on site. We are continuing to assemble this documentation in readiness for the HLF approval.

In the meantime we are progressing the parallel activities on new church guide sheets and presentations covering the building’s architecture and history. Currently we are finalising the design and format of the new area information boards to be placed in the church. Hopefully in next month’s BVN we will be able to give a positive indication of the date for the repair work to get underway.

**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 in May will start from outside the Community Cafe at 2pm on Fridays the 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th

Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)
BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

Proudly Presents on Sat Jun 6th
Doors open 7pm, film starts 7.30pm
“The Pink Panther”
Peter Sellers, David Niven, Robert Wagner, Capucine & Claudia Cardinale
French police Inspector Clouseau tries to catch The Phantom, a jewel thief whose identity and features are unknown—and is right under his nose
Homemade refreshments available
Bring a bottle

Tickets £4.50 members/£6.50 non-members
Book in advance or tickets available on the door.
Tel: 07989 421836 or braunstoncinemaclub@gmail.co.uk
I don’t often have any spare space so I would like to take this opportunity to add some of the photographs you have sent me.

Thank you Ann-Marie, Jim and Frosty
BRAUNSTON SHOW  
TO SHOW WHAT VILLAGERS CAN DO  
SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2015  
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE BVGA  

We look forward to seeing you in this special year and thought that you may like to see some of the class titles so that you can begin to get ahead in your planning!  

Save time and check out all the classes online today at www.braunston.org.uk/gogshow.

Choose your classes, enter, review and change at any time between now and September. OR enter as in previous years using the schedule and entry forms available from July.

Photography classes this year are:

All photographs to be shown unframed, max size 20cm x 15cm (8" x 6")

103. Out and about in Braunston
104. In the garden
105. Reflections
106. Shadows
107. Friends
108. High Speed

Computer enhanced images. Show two images (each image max size /x 5") side by side; the original and the enhanced image. Use the titles below.
109. Image improvement
110. Creative fun!

Children’s only classes.

5 to 11 year olds
124. An unframed photograph max size 20cm x 15 cm with the title “In the garden”
125. An unframed photograph max size 20cm x 15 cm with the title “Fun”

11 to 14 year olds
132. An unframed photograph max size 20cm x 15 cm with the title “The Great Outdoors”
133. An unframed photograph max size 20cm x 15 cm with the title “A day out”

New classes or new titles in other classes are:

Vegetables - Look will now have their own class so get sowing.
Home Produce - Sonses are back due to popular demand!
Handicrafts - A new class for jewellery has been added. The college title will be “60 Years of gardening”. We are also splitting 2 and 3 dimensional craft in the any other craft section to encourage more wood turning, pottery, resistant material type entries.
Please let us know what you do as a hobby but that has no place to be entered in the show so we can add it in. For example in the past we were asked for a class for eggs.

Any questions?
Contact Kate Mawer either via the website or by telephone 890340

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