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Notice of Annual Parish Council Meeting

on

Saturday 14th May 2016

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



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REGISTERS FOR APRIL

BRAUNSTON

Funerals

April 8th	Julie Doman
April 18th	June Foley
April 20th	Ben Berry
April 22nd	Ken French
April 25th	Carol Davey
April 27th	Pat Cullinane

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

PARISH PAGE

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Parish councillors: -

Due to election results not being available until 9th May there are no councillor details this month
Please check the village website for details after 9th May

Forthcoming meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the following meetings. Unless indicated, meetings are held in the library at Braunston Village hall at 7.30

16th May	Full Council Meeting (delayed due to election)
6th June	Full Council Meeting

**All Agendas and Minutes are available on the
Braunston Website or the Parish Council area
<http://www.braunston.org.uk/Braunston-Parish-Council>**

FLOODLIGHTING 2016

April's floodlighting

1st April - * Janet & John's Wedding Anniversary
3rd April - * Happy Birthday Pat
5th April - * Love to all the family, from Geoff & Jean
8th April - * In Memory of Anna.
9th April - * Happy Birthday Rosemary
10th April - * Happy Birthday Phyl – with love from Ken
17th April - * Janet & Alan Atack's 45th Wedding Anniversary
19th April (Primrose Day) - * In loving memory of my wonderful parents, Alan and Nancy Matthews, on this their 73rd Wedding Anniversary. Rest in Peace, together again
26th April - * Julie's Birthday
27th April - In loving memory of our beloved great granddaughter, Ava-May on her 6th birthday
28th April - For our dearest friend Gladys. Left us 4 years ago. Always in our hearts. Miss you so much. Lynn and Jim



May's floodlighting so far ...

5th May - * Rowena & Mark's Wedding Anniversary
5th May - * Celebrating Brian & Marty's Wedding Anniversary
19th May - In memory of Beverly on her birthday
22nd May - Remembering our dearest mother, Gladys Elizabeth Wood on her birthday

* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**When the past comes knocking, don't answer,
It has nothing new to tell you.**

SARAH'S LETTER



On the stories we tell ourselves

I know I'm feeling persecuted when I find myself being reprimanded by my car. The deceptively meek and innocuous-looking vehicle is a small, red, old series Nissan Micra- really not sexy unless you think a wheeled jelly bean has sex appeal, not at all fast, can only carry golf clubs if you snap them in half and with no throaty snarl in its revs (unless we are talking about me on a bad day.) It is not really a car to pose around town in but is basically reliable and competent and inoffensive. And yet there are days when this modest little vehicle crushes me in spirit. It happens when I switch on the ignition and watch the check lights come on all over the dashboard- you know, battery, handbrake, water and so on. The red light that gives me pause is the one that stays on the longest, shines the brightest and shouts accusingly "AIRBAG"!!

Anyone who preaches for a living and has even the scantiest notion of self-critique must surely momentarily question whether the car might be telling a truth that parishioners are too polite to mention! I hope not but I cannot entirely discount the possibility. Mostly I can put away the thought very quickly but on some days the question lingers disturbingly.

I think we all have times when our confidence plummets and when we fall prey to negative thoughts, lowest self-esteem and start to believe far-fetched stories in our own heads that seem sensible but which actually are untrue and which can do damage. When we are tired, grieving, or perplexed by the behaviour of others we can create stories of perceived slights in our own minds that have bad consequences for ourselves and others. For example, more than once I have received a confidential nudge that someone is hurt and angry because they think I do not like them. On investigation this has never turned out to be based on anything other than me concentrating on not hitting a cyclist and failing to wave, or me not wearing my glasses- so again, failing to recognise someone or making a flip joke that was not received as such. The story that gets in the heads of those blurry unrecognised folk of a judgemental, unkind, bigoted unloving vicar not liking them because (for example,) they are not perfect little church goers quite possibly says more about their view of themselves than mine!! I like almost everyone (and if you are thinking grumpily "except me!" then stop it immediately. That may well be the story in your head. And we all have them. My car thinks I'm an airbag.)

We need to be self-critical to a point. Of course we do. Or we would be monsters and tyrants. But we also need to recognise the difference between that and paranoia- stories that we tell ourselves that feed our fears and self-dislike and that may have little substance. The thing is that God knows us and loves each of us and if we seek his voice and his approval we don't need to listen to the stories in our heads.

Every blessing, Airbag.

NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD

Spring is in the air at last, the daffodils are out and the sun is shining and work continues to be quietly done in Jetty Fields. We are now in receipt of a picnic bench for the field and this should be erected by the end of May. We hope that you will all enjoy using it whilst eating your lunch or sitting with a flask of tea and admiring the views.

We are holding a work morning on Saturday 7 May. If you enjoy gardening, feel like getting a bit of exercise then we really could use your help. Refreshments will be supplied, hopefully a cake, so another reason to pop along. If you can only manage an hour we would be most grateful.

Please contact Pat Herlihy on 01788 890590 to pledge your help and for more details



Another great photograph of Braunston by Anne-Marie Harris, which would have been on the cover but for the Parish Council notice

JENNI'S JOTTINGS

I know I say this every month but where has last month gone? April was true to its name with sun and showers but great for the gardens. I can't believe we still have daffodils, they seem to have bloomed for months!

I really enjoyed the Braunston Players Murder / Mystery performance and of course got the wrong murderer! I have had my own mystery this week. Looking out of my window overlooking the field leading down to the canal, I saw something very green hanging from a tree. Thinking it may be a plastic bag and dangerous to birds I decided to investigate. Taking Bramble my trusty sight hound we set off to inspect. It wasn't a bag it was one of those objects that hangs on a clothes line covered in pegs for hanging socks, pants etc on! Why you ask? With Bramble hiding behind me we peered into the undergrowth for any one sheltering there, but no sight. I know animals are clever but the thought of rabbits and foxes hanging up their smalls was quite funny. We left it there and next day it had gone! Very odd.

On a sadder note we have had a dreadful month for funerals in the village. Our prayers and thoughts with the family and friends of those no longer with us. Especially for my dear friend Carol Davey. I will miss our chats and her beaming smile, such a brave lady.

Lots going in May, not least the Parish Council election on 5th May. There is a short synopsis of their views on 39-42. Please do go and vote, we need people to continue working for us and our wonderful village.

Whatever you are doing, enjoy May.

n.b. I have tried really hard to correct any mistakes, but I am quite happy to have them pointed out to me but

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Prize Ballerinas 2 (3-5 yrs) 4:50pm - 5:10pm	Pro Sybilus Ballet (5-6 yrs) 5:10pm - 5:45pm	Solo Dance & Modern (8 yrs+) 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Pre-Primary Ballet (7-8 yrs) 5:45pm - 6:30pm	Primary Ballet (9 yrs+) 6:30pm - 7:15pm	Grade 1 Ballet (10 yrs+) 7:15pm - 7:45pm
Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+) 7:15pm - 7:45pm	Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+) 7:45pm - 8:15pm	Grade 3 Ballet (12 yrs+) 8:30pm - 9:15pm
Adult Ballet (no exp req) 8:15pm - 8:45pm		Grade 4 Ballet (13 yrs+) 9:15pm - 9:45pm

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The Wheatsheaf Old Boys' Pool Team

The 'Wheatsheaf Old boys' pool team are the newly crowned Division 2 champions of the Daventry pool league. This was a great achievement and was down to dedication, reliability and definitely not taking things too seriously. Although competitive and enjoying winning results this could not have been achieved without three essential ingredients: **Jo-Jo Payne** taking any opportunity to provide her comments (Very amusing), provision of legendary cheese scones (**Wendy Wilson**) and of course alcohol. The other teams in the league provided great hospitality and this involved trips to Daventry, Weedon and Woodford.

The team consisted of **Glen Thompson (captain)**, **Martyn Thomas**, **Dave Kendall**, **Daz Pettifer**, **Darren Brown**, **Rodney Cooper** and **Jason Pritchard**.

The win was a close run thing and after 18 games, the team won on 'frame difference' by 2 after finishing level on points. Next year into League 1 for the first time, but still the same enjoyable approach will be seen.

The summer team have just started their league and the Skittles team are nearing the end of a successful year.

'Scones are a mans' best friend along with several pints of real ale..... need to get some training in'.



Picture: Daz and Rodney accepting trophy at the AGM.

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BRAUNSTON CHURCH FETE

SATURDAY JUNE 11TH

On the Green, 12-4pm

BBQ, Teas, Roundabout, Morris Dancers, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Sweet Trailer, Vintage Cars, Cake, Plant, Book & Handicraft Stalls & more



Bring the pooch!

Fun Dog Show!

Entries on the day from 12 noon, Judging from 1pm

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 10 Countryside, 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.

Theme: ROYALTY. Registration details to follow via School.



Running a Stall, growing Plants, making Crafts, Tombola Prizes, making Cakes or helping in any other way!

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SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2016

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

Photography classes:

Out and about in Braunston
In the garden
Patterns
Birthday Fun!
It's raining again
Feathered friends

(For these classes, photographs to be shown unframed, max. size **20cm x 15cm / 8" x 6"**).

Computer enhanced images:

Image improvement
Creative fun!

(For these classes, show two images (each image max. size 13cm x 8cm / 7"x 5") **side by side** - the original and the enhanced image).

Children's classes:

Under 5s
115. Outdoors
5 to 7 year olds
120. Splash!
8 to 10 year olds
129. Splash!
130. Selfie with a friend
11 to 14 year olds
139. A day out
140. Selfie with a friend

(For these classes, photographs to be shown unframed, max. size **20cm x 15cm / 8" x 6"**).

New classes/titles for 2016:

Handicrafts

94. A painting in oils or acrylics (mounted or un-mounted)
95. A drawing (any medium – mounted or un-mounted)
97. The collage title is "The Rio Olympics"
98. A homemade felt/felted Christmas tree decoration

Any questions?

Contact Kate Mawer (890340) or Helen Morgan (890164) either
by telephone or the village website [http://
www.braunston.org.uk/bvga](http://www.braunston.org.uk/bvga)

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS MAY 2016

Day		Time	Event A = Ashby B = Braunston
Sun	1	09:15	Holy Communion A
		11:00	11 am Parish Communion B
		14:30	Baptism Thomas
		18:30	Evensong - B
Mon	2	13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	3	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	4	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Fri	6	19:00	Sung Compline
Sat	7	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	8	08:00	Holy Communion B
		09:15	Holy Communion A
		11:00	Family Service B
Mon	9	13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	10	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	11	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
		15:30	WOW
Sat	14	14:30	Wedding Gray/ Malhi- A
		17:30	Youth church
Sun	15	08:00	Pentecost Holy Communion B
		09:15	Holy Communion A
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church B
		15:00	Deanery Pentecost Service- Everdon
Mon	16	13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	17	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	18	12:30	Peace at Lunchtime
		01:30	School Pentecost Service
Sat	21	00:00	Wedding Blanchard Jones-A
		17:30	Youth church
Sun	22	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Breakfast Service Ash
		11:00	Family Communion Br
Mon	23	13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	24	09:00	Morning prayer - B
Wed	25	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
		15:30	WOW
Sat	28	14:00	Wedding Clark Smith
		17:30	Youth church
Sun	29	13:00	Ashby teas
		18:00	No Labels Worship
Tue	31	09:00	Morning prayer - B

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS MAY 2016

Monday	2nd	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	3rd	13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 W.I.
Wednesday	4th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	5th	Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	6th	Youth Club
Sunday	8th May	2pm FUN DAY on the playing fields
Monday	9th	14.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
		13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers: 20.00
		Royal British Legion, White Horse, Wel-
Tuesday	10th	ton
Wednesday	11th	19.00 Yoga: BVGA planning Meeting
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	12th	Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	14th	19.00 Quiz Night in Village Hall
Monday	16th	Explorer Scouts
		13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers: 19.30
Tuesday	17th	History Society
		Royal British Legion Lunch at George
Wednesday	18th	Hotel, Kilsby: 19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	19th	Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	20th	17.10 Mobile Library: Youth Club
Saturday	21st	9am Plant Sale
Monday	23rd	Explorer Scouts
		13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers: 14.00
		Friendly Club Garden Centre Visit: 18.15
Tuesday	24th	BVGA Garden Visit
Wednesday	25th	19.00 Yoga
		13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00
Thursday	26th	Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	27th	Mobile Library
Saturday	28th	Cinema Club

THE DICK HERNE HISTORY SOCIETY

Following our AGM in April, our next meeting is a society meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 17th May in the Library at the Village Hall. Jenny Coy is going to give us a short talk on first steps in researching your family history, and this will be followed by a look at some of the documents we have in our archives.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The society has now published a book on 'Pubs in Braunston' which has been written in the form of a guided walking tour, and we hope that lots of people will buy and enjoy it. Over time there have been in excess of 20 drinking establishments in Braunston! The book costs £4 and will be available from most retail outlets or from committee members.



Braunston Short Mat Bowls Club

At the recent competitions Sue Goodchild won the Accuracy Cup with 23 points.

The Knockout Trophy was won by Alan Eley (Chick) after a keenly contested final match with David Walters.

We are a friendly group of local people who meet in the Village Hall on Thursdays from 1.45 to 4pm for a couple of hours of fun, relaxation and light exercise. Why not come along and have a go?

The only requirement is flat soled shoes. We have sets of bowls for loan and all the members are eager to show you how it is done?

Mavis Eley (Sec.)

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - BRAUNSTON AND DISTRICT

Members of the Branch attended a very interesting talk given by the RAF association on Barnes Wallis.

The Branch has been invited by the RAFA to attend the next talk to be given the first Tuesday in June at the ex-servicemen's club Hillmorton on RAF crew burial sites in Germany.

A number of members have yet to renew their annual membership. This can be done direct using their membership reference shown on their renewal form and telephoning 08088028080, Option 1, and paying by debit or credit card. Changes in the membership procedure have led to some confusion and any member having difficulty should contact Colin White.

The May Luncheon will be held at the George Hotel, Kilsby, at Midday on the 18th.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at the White Horse, Welton, at 8.00pm on 10th May.

Tony Saunderson
Tel. No. 01788 890797

NAB visit to Braunston

NAB is also extending its coverage of the Mobile Unit by arranging a series of visits to villages in the county from May 2016. The unit will be in the village hall car park between **10am to 11.25 am on Tuesday 10th May**

BRAUNSTON WALKERS

Walk Eydon Culworth (c.9 miles)

It was a grey Spring day but mostly dry as nine of us drove to the beautiful old Northamptonshire stone village of Eydon and set off over muddy fields on the path over the old Great Central Railway with distant views to the National Trust's Canons Ashby to reach the village of Moreton Pinkney with its old station, no longer used, a sad village with no pub or a railway! We made our way to the church and then took footpaths over more muddy fields full of sheep with lambs, a sure sign of Spring, to reach Fox Farm and Westgate farm which stand either side of the disused great central railway. Our path then turns off the road to take us to the delightfully named Zig Zag Farm. From here, tired of the mud, and to avoid a nasty rabid horse that had had a go at us on the recce, we followed the road and then took a fork right towards Culworth. After Fulford Farm with a strange construction that looks like a warehouse but is actually a residential building, we took more field paths along a beautiful green valley and emerged by the old church at Culworth standing on the brow of a hill 160m above sea level or 540 feet in old money. This was the headquarters of the notorious Culworth Five, a shady gang of highway robbers that used the old chest in the church to store their ill gotten gains. To the rear of the church is an ancient earthwork. We paused in the main street to admire the old iron clock made by the local Blacksmith and hanging on the wall of the smithy. When we reced the walk two weeks ago we were lucky enough to meet the blacksmith who had made the old clock and who told us about Furriers, who are allowed to shoe horses and blacksmiths who make the shoes. Piled up behind the smithy was a stack of old rusty horseshoes which should give Culworth good luck for many years. He also invited us in to see the intricate workings that he had hand made which power the old clock which only has an hour hand and the rhyme around its face:

***"If my time you cannot tell
Harken to my hourly bell"***

We walked down the road to reach the Red Lion and were soon enjoying the beer and delicious food. Highly recommended if you are in the area. After an excellent lunch we walked out of Culworth and downhill on field paths that eventually leads through the grounds of Eydon Hall and past the church back to the cars. This really is a wonderful walking area. We were soon on our way home for a refreshing cuppa!!

Our next walks are as follows:

21st May – Hook Norton,

18th June – The Stiperstones

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Gardening together in Braunston

May Events

Thursday 12th May 7.30pm – Village Hall – Planning

Meeting – all welcome

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

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

If you have plants that the BVGA can add to their stall then please bring them along on the morning between 8.30 and 9.00am. Call Kate 890340.

Tuesday 24th May 6.15pm Canons Ashby Garden Tour – Pre booking essential.

A guided tour led by the Canons Ashby gardeners. Please contact Kate 890340 to reserve a place and any additional information. The fee of £10, set by Canons Ashby, includes the cost of the tour and refreshments afterwards. We are able to provide lifts to Canons Ashby for those without transport and to reduce the number of cars.

Sundays in May 11am to 12pm - Village Hall – GARDEN STORE OPEN

Sunday openings that will continue through to 29th May. We hope that you will enjoy shopping locally for your composts, canes and much more. We are happy to deliver for those people without transport.

Gardens Competition

Judging will take place during the summer of all visible floral displays in the village; residential and business prizes will be awarded.

Please see our webpage for more details.

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



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for 2016**

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FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
May		
21st	Plant Sale	BVGA
24th	Cannons Ashby Garden Tour	BVGA
June		
5th	French Trip	Twinnors
11th	Church Fete	All Saints' Church
25th & 26th	Bargees Booty	Alzheimer's Research
July		
2nd	Braunston Bakes	
7th	Puddings & Performances	Braunston Players
24th	Jazz at Bragborough Hall	All Saints' Church
August		
6th	Music Festival	The Admiral Nelson
27th to 29th	Arts & Crafts Festival	All Saints' Church
September		
3rd	Braunston Show	BVGA
17th	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints' Church
24th	Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day	
October		
November		
23rd-26th	November Show	Braunston Players



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FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES

In search of the wild garlic

There is always something wonderful about foraging for free and delicious food. Be it sloes for Sloe Gin or bird cherries for exotic wild cherry vodka; puffballs – the most delicious and easily identified pick-your-own fungus; hazelnuts from a canal-side tree or perhaps the most popular of all – blackberries for homemade jam or an apple and bramble pie.

Watch any of the posh TV cooking programmes and you will have noticed that this year's must-pick plant is wild garlic (*Allium ursinum*). There is plenty of it to be found around the village if you know where to look and it is good to see our wonderful Braunston Bakes using it in some of their latest delicious creations.

Ransomes, buckrams, wild garlic, broad-leaved garlic, wood garlic, bear leek or bear's garlic – the plant has many names, is a wild relative of chives and shares that mild but fascinating onion taste. The plant's latin name, and at least some of its popular names, come from the fact that it is a favourite food for wild bears. Fortunately the last wild bear to be seen in Braunston was at least a thousand years ago. Wild boar also love the flavoursome plants and particularly digging up the tuberous roots.

At this time of year wild garlic grows abundantly in moist semi-shade under deciduous trees. It forms a dense carpet of growth often alongside bluebells. The plant comes into growth in winter, flowers in the spring before the deciduous trees sprout their leaf cover and it fills the air with a characteristic garlic-like scent. It has died down completely by the middle of summer. You can harvest some wild seed in early summer and sow it immediately in a moist shady corner of your own garden but be warned it can be invasive.

You can eat the leaves in a salad or in soup. In Cornwall they wrap Yarg cheese in the leaves. Village baker Anita Lowe harvested some to top a focaccia loaf. In Switzerland cattle are encouraged to graze on the plant to produce a mild but delicious garlic butter.

A note of caution wild garlic has been mistaken for lily of the valley, *Colchicum autumnale* and *Arum maculatum*. All three are poisonous and every year serious accidents occur from mis-identification. Grinding the leaves between clean fingers to check for a garlic-like smell is the best way to be sure.

THANK YOU'S AND ETC's!

Ken French's Funeral

Jean and Margaret would like to thank all of the people who have sent messages of sympathy following the death of their father Ken French on 25th March.

The support which we have received at this time has meant a great deal.

Thank you

If you have used the pavilion recently you may have noticed that the changing room is a bit more spick and span. Our thanks go to the football team for taking the time to take a few improvements. They are very much appreciated and it is great to have the team at the playing fields. Thank you very much and good luck for the new season.

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CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

Braunston Women's Institute



Next Meeting:-

Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30 in the village Hall.

This is our chance to discuss this years' resolutions which are "Appropriate Care for people with Dementia" and "Avoid Food Waste. Address Food Poverty". If you feel strongly about these issues come along and join us. No need to be a member. We will finish the evening with a light hearted quiz

Contact Barbara 01788 890452

Braunston Friendly Club

Next Meetings:-

Monday 9th May

2.30 in the village hall. A beetle drive

Tuesday May 24th

A visit to Barn Garden at Cotesbach. DACT bus to leave the Green at 2pm. Teas available at the Garden Centre

Gill 890763

Braunston Fishing Club BINGO

Every Thursday throughout the year

8.00pm in the Village Hall

Non members welcome

TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL CALL:-

Mrs Leyla Clayson
62 High Street
Braunston

Leyla_geric@hotmail.com
01788 899138

RAINFALL— 2014/2015

2015	2016
Jan 52.7	71.8
Feb 31.0	37.2
March 25.1	79.0
April 14.1	
May 45.2	
June 24.5	
July 47.8	
Aug 43.5	
Sept 33.2	
Oct 47.9	
Nov 61.3	
Dec 72.2	
Total 2015 498.5mm or 19.6 ins!!	

Information provided by Rob Buckley

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The trustees are delighted to announce that the Village Hall has a new sign. We would like to thank local residents and artists Alan & Helen Morgan who took on the task of creating this beautiful new board.

The project was started just before Ron Hough passed away but he gave his blessing to the new sign which replaces the sign that Ron painted many years ago.



The village hall would not survive if it were not for the volunteers that give their time freely to keep this building going. Maintenance is a major concern to the Trustees and we would ask that if any villager wants to get involved in giving the outside of the hall a new lick of paint then they contact our Chairman Graham Newman by e mail at grahamnewman2011@btinternet.com

Health Walks

Put a Spring back in your step by coming along and joining in our Health Walks in the Village. Walks last approx 30/40 minutes starting and finishing up at our Community Cafe. All are welcome but please wear suitable footwear as some walks will be across fields.

Walks will start from outside the Community Cafe at 2pm
Fridays, 6th, 13th and 20th

Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

All Saints' News

.....*The village grapevine*



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LITTLE FISHERS

Calling all mums and tots.

Little Fishers takes place in the Parish Room of the Church.

It is held on Mondays between 1.30 and 2.30

Come along for stories and games and snacks.

A great place to meet other mums (and dads) and let the little ones play.

Please contact Pauline Canning

On 01788 891456

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Ramblings of a passing Boater (Residing in Plymouth)

A View From the Cut

Over the years the cut (canal) has changed even the route it takes with the Oxford Canal now replaced in part by Braunston Marina and the flight of locks passing Jetty Field twice the size they once were. The boats have also changed from horse drawn dumb narrow barges to 70' motors with a butty astern to camping and hotel boats to today's large leisure industry and home to, to so many. Today's working boats have in part also changed from a means of getting cargo from one place to another although to a lesser extent this still happens with many of today's working boats being more like motorway service stations selling fuel, fresh food, novelty gifts, clothes, hardware and cafes one of which is here at Braunston. On the towpath the horses have been replaced by two legged walkers with a group of under 18's passing by on route to London the other day, cyclist of today race along for leisure or work as lock wheelers did in the past. The history of the cut because of this and the interest a number of television programmes generate is well documented and makes for some interesting reading.

From a passing boaters viewpoint what does Braunston look like from the cut in places probably not much different than hundreds of years ago with the Church spire (scaffolding now gone) visible for miles around like a homing beacon or lighthouse on the high seas. Nowadays through at night it may be illuminated as it was recently (1st April) for Janet and John's wedding anniversary I assume they were married some years ago "up the hill" at nearby Napton. Leaving Braunston the other day following our last stop over heading north towards Rugby looking

astern across the rigg and furrow fields, with lambs skipping around running back to their mothers as we pass, the top of the spire visible (but none of the modern houses) is this a different view than the true working boats had centuries ago? Braunston Junction and Entrance to the Marina with their recognisable iron bridges have not changed since the canal was re-routed and widened. Life in Braunston will have changed however you have done well no doubt with the help of the cut to retain a friendly general store complete with post office as well as a butchers and fish and chip shop well done and above all keep using them otherwise they will go and we on the cut will miss them as well. Reading as I do a soft copy (thanks Jenni) of BVN each month Braunston from the cut appears to have a great community and above all community spirit that I have not seen elsewhere looking in from the cut but no doubt as usual it is probably the few that provide this for the benefit of many.

I notice this month that Sarah (probably) feels guilty about the support she can give to the community and it is not how she would like it to be. Should she really feel this guilt? Like all work places nowadays the number of staff will have been reduced but the workload increases in her case the size of the flock increased with more and more homes being built will make it more challenging for her therefore should she really feel guilty? I do not believe so, should this guilt be passed onto her management and more likely the budget holders who do not see the impact they are having on individual members of staff or communities? Could Sarah do with more help - yes and it would appear if there are not more budget cuts she is going to get this with a Braunston Parish Nurse well done Sarah for arguing the case.

BVN reports residents are required to stand for the Parish Council having been a Councillor in the past it does take time but it is rewarding and essential to keep the community and Braunston functioning as it does so well today. Take care not to get like some of the villages in Devon and Cornwall with no community as all the locals have gone not least of all because they can no longer afford to live there only to be replaced by part time residents or those who think they are too busy doing other things to support their local community. As a result no one is available to stand on the Parish Council, empty the bins, keep the streets clean or in a lot of costal villages man the lifeboats or volunteer as fireman and coastguards because the community has gone.

I hope the news in April's BVN that the village party for the Queens 90th birthday is not going to take place and the notice YOUR CAFÉ is going to be closed for two weeks is not the start of the changing face of Braunston. As a generalisation as with a lot of clubs, organisations including Parish Councils the volunteers are generally getting older and other members of the community who benefit from the time others give need to perhaps step up to the plate and give some of their time. However I do appreciate work as Sarah indicated takes more and more time, as does family life so a balance does need to be struck and this may not include volunteering.

What is my contribution to Braunston from just another passing boat on the cut we do (well my wife) supports the shops, we on occasions have a meal in the local hostelry as boaters have hundreds of years, whilst she is in the shops I support YOUR CAFE until she joins me for a coffee. As a result of these visits to YOUR CAFÉ I have always been made most welcome and when passing we will continue to support the community but it also needs to support itself and not just rely on the few to do so much. I was however astonished to read how much support it (YOUR CAFÉ) gives to the community and therefore in part we along with others from the

cut play a small part in supporting Braunston.

Please keep the community spirit going as well as the friendship to us on the cut just as the village has for hundreds of years.



Looking astern (back) from A Frayed Knot is this any different to yesteryear?

AGEING WELL IN DAVENTRY DISTRICT WORKSHOPS

**Daventry District Council is holding a series of
workshops following on from the
Ageing Well Consultation**

**There will be a workshop in the Braunston Village
Hall , Gaillie Room on Wednesday 11th May 2pm
to 4pm.**

**Come along to meet other local residents,
community groups, partner organisations and take
part in a discussion about the results of the Ageing
Well Consultation.**

**There will be free refreshments, please feel free to
bring along a friend or family member.**

**Please RSVP to AgeingWell@daventrydc.gov.uk or
call Daventry District Council on 01327 871100 to
book your place onto a workshop**

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Dear Friend

Parish Meeting 2016

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Saturday 14th May in the Village Hall from 10.00am to Noon

We are continuing the format from last year with a shorter formal meeting with almost all reports being produced in a booklet and then asking organisations if they would like to have a display in the village hall to promote their activities.

We hope that your organisation will mount man a display at the meeting and also to submit a report to be included in the booklet. We require all reports to be submitted and confirmation of attendance by Saturday 7th May 2016.

Please return the slip below.

Yours sincerely

Steven Rolt

Clerk to the Parish Council

Please return to Steven Rolt, 82 Greenway, Braunston, NN11 7JT

We will / will not require a display at the Parish Meeting on the 14th May 2016*

We will/ will not be submitting a report for inclusion in the booklet

*** Please indicate as appropriate**

Organisation

**Name of
contact**

**Designation of
contact**

Email

ELECTION CANDIDATES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

GEMMA ADAMS

I'm Gemma Adams and am one of the nominees for the forthcoming Parish Council elections.

My husband, Lee, and I recently moved from Brackley, after spending nearly two years coming over for long dog walks with village friends. Lee and I fell in love with the area quickly and knew that we wanted to be here too, and we already feel welcomed into the community; making more friends in the village every day!

I have a PhD in Motorsport Engineering, but it took redundancy for me to realise that it was time to take a step back and enjoy life. I now work as a freelance automotive software engineer, and am very much enjoying getting into village life.

I look forward to meeting with you over the next few weeks leading up to the election and beyond as we settle into our new home in Braunston.

SANDRA ASHFORD

Do you want Braunston to remain as a village? Do you still want to be able to hop on a bus if you need one? Do you want your children to be able to buy affordable property in the village in which they grew up? Do you want to live in a village that you are proud of? These are just some of the things that I want for Braunston. If you want the same then please could I kindly ask you to vote for me, Sandra Ashford, on 5th May so that I may continue to represent your village how you would like it to be represented.

PETER BIGGS

My name is Peter Biggs, I have enjoyed the last two years as a councillor but I feel there is still more to do.

My wife Anne is a third generation Braunston girl and I have lived in the village for almost forty years. We have raised our family in the village and now our son and his wife are raising our grandchildren here.

My vision for Braunston's Future:-

More affordable houses to encourage our young people to stay.

A good public bus service.

Support for businesses to encourage local jobs

I am a very visible member of the council and have always made myself available to listen to parishioner's views whilst walking around the village with my wife and our dog Molly.

If you want someone who cares deeply about our village and keeping our rural lifestyle please put a cross next to my name on the ballot paper

LAURA COOPER

I have lived in the village since birthday, a total of 23 years. My family are all based within the village so Braunston really is home. I am currently studying Environmental Science at The Open University and will soon be looking for a part-time position.

I have a voice for the young community, I am easily approached by the younger residents and have a lot to give to the village. My main aims are:

Housing for the younger generation enabling them to stay within the village.

Creating more of community spirit, bringing more people out of their homes and interacting.

Making a safe place for children to play and teens to meet – such as a safe play area and the skate park.

Supporting local businesses.

Creating recycling programs that are not yet in place.

Braunston is a beautiful place to live and I want to help make it all that it could possibly be.

SUE HARRISON

I have been associated with Braunston for more than 40 years. I am married to Robert, a local farmer. We have 2 daughters, Kate and Claire who were born and live in the village. I have mainly worked in education as well as running several small businesses.

My priorities are to:

- listen to your views and act as your representative
- discuss policies and make the best decisions for our community
- support and encourage local businesses to provide employment
- promote affordable housing for our younger generation
- maintain Braunston as a vibrant, caring, rural community

Having served on the Parish Council for just over a year, with your support I would welcome the opportunity to continue. I am pleased that this is a contested election and I hope that you will vote and feel represented by your new Parish Council.

LIZZY IDDINS

So just a little about me. My name is Lizzy Iddins. I arrived in Braunston back in 1973 when I was crewing hotel boats & here met Alice & Adams father who was working for UCC at Bottom Lock. Alice & Adam attended Braunston school where Andrew my eldest grandson is also enjoying his schooling. am very proud to be part of the Braunston School team. For the past 12 years + I have supervised the after school club & I also am a dinner lady-both roles I enjoy immensely. Amongst my interests are canals & all class of boats, keeping hens & dogs, social history & the beautiful village & parish of Braunston in which I am so fortunate to reside.

CHRIS JOHNSON

I have been a parish councillor for the last year with responsibility for the Greenway and the closes, and have also been a member of the neighbourhood planning group for the last two years. We are very privileged to live in such a pleasant environment, relatively free from the stresses and pressures of city, town or urban living. If elected, I will seek to retain what we have and to avoid any unnecessary large developments that would destroy it.

Key issues -**Street lighting, Village maintenance, Village Hall, Road safety, Playing fields and play areas, Cycleway to Daventry, Jetty Fields, Skateboard park, Community car, Your Cafe**

Please see my manifesto on the Braunston Parish website.

If you would like to help me implement this, please vote for me. Thanks, Chris Johnson.

JO LONGWORTH

Hi my name is Jo Longworth and I am fortunate enough to be Braunston born and bred which means I can see how important our village is to everyone who lives here. I love being part of the community and enjoy being a part of the Scout group, the community car and village hall committee. I have felt very privileged to follow in my Mum and Great Grandads footsteps by being a part of the Parish Council and would love for it to continue. I love getting out and about in the village including going everyone's opinions and help to come to a conclusion that pleases everyone. If you have any questions, please let me know.

ALAN MAWER

As a parish councillor I have sought to include more people in our work through the Neighbourhood Plan steering group which I have chaired and the working groups consisting of volunteer parishioners working alongside councillors. I have set up the Bus Users Group which is liaising with Stagecoach and looking to improve the main bus stop.

I use the BVN and the website to report on the Neighbourhood Plan and other matters and to encourage people to volunteer. I have made myself available at village events to discuss initiatives.

I have represented Braunston at meetings in Daventry and taken part in training run by DDC Planning Department and by a county organisation. As a geography teacher I used my local knowledge to write a document with other councillors to lobby successfully the Local Government Boundary Commission not to include Braunston with about 15 other villages in one District Council ward.

PETE MORGAN

The Parish Council has very limited resources and is very limited in what it can do – but what it **CAN** do is influence and argue on behalf of the village as to how Braunston is maintained and developed in the future. It is therefore important that the Parish Council reflects the wishes and views of the village as a whole. Over the past twenty years or so, but particularly over the last three years when I have been its Chair, I have tried to ensure that the Parish Council is transparent in what it does or doesn't do and why and that it does reflect what you, the village, want to see happen here; if you think that the Parish Council has been successful in achieving this, please vote for me on May 5th.

GRAHAM NEWMAN

I am standing for election to the Parish Council. I have lived in Braunston for over 3 years and was an Estate agent and Property Manager until my retirement in 2012. I still work in sales, but now part time, with a boat brokerage based in Crick.

I am in favour of enforcing controls over speeding traffic through Braunston and currently lead the community speed watch scheme. I, along with the rest of my colleagues, strongly oppose the expansion of Daventry towards Braunston as we want Braunston to remain a village. Looking after the needs of the people of the Parish within the framework of the Parish Council, is paramount.

I have been part of the steering group that has written the Neighbourhood Plan and I am also involved in the following community groups: Braunston Memorial Hall, Braunston Community Car, Braunston Canal Society.

RICHARD PATCHESA

My name is Richard Patchesa and I've been a member of Braunston Parish Council for the past year. I am standing in the election and would like to briefly introduce myself.

I have lived in Braunston since June 2005 after living in Northampton for the first 28 years of my life, although I have been visiting Braunston since birth, as half of my family live here. I feel very lucky to have settled in such a friendly village with lots of great things to do, places to go and facilities to use, including a wonderful school which both of my children attend.

I'm particularly keen to get involved with recreation and play spaces for kids and open spaces for all to use within the village. Should I get your vote, I'd love to focus on these things and of course carry on where I left off with the rest!

JASON PRITCHARD

I have lived in Braunston for over ten years. My five children have all gone to school here, and one of my sons works in a thriving village business. My background is in nursing, and I currently teach student nurses at Coventry University. I'm passionate about ensuring people of all ages, have a say in the running and future development of their village.

Canal, food and farming businesses are fundamental to the success of each village, and need our support.

Safe recreational facilities for children and young people need updating and developing.

The traditions, history and appearance of our village need protecting and maintaining.

Younger people require opportunity, a safe environment to succeed and a say in their future.

Ensure that those who need help in our village receive it.

Thanks for considering me as a Parish Council candidate.

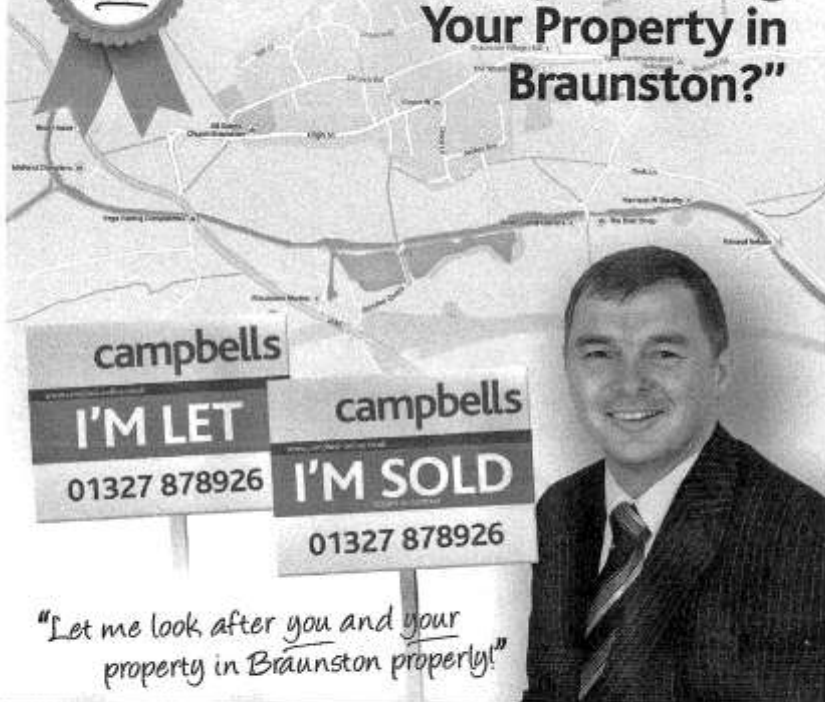
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