Notice of Annual Parish Council Meeting

on
Monday 8th May 2017
From
8.00pm

in the Gallie Room at the Village Hall

All parishioners are invited to attend

As not to clash with the Braunston at its Best event being held it has been decided to revert back to a business style meeting for this year.

A resolution has been submitted that the Parish Council should increase the Public Works Loan Board loan application to £90,000 (£50,000 already approved by the village) to install a skateboard facility at the Playing Fields Site. The current funds raised for the skateboard project of £13,000 will be combined with £77,000 from the PWLB for the skateboard park. The remaining £13,000 of the PWLB would fund the upgrade of play equipment at the playing field. The additional £40,000 loan would require an increase in the Council Tax precept of approximately £1800 per annum which equates to £2.21 per annum per household. The initial £50,000 is funded by existing grants given to the Playing Fields from the Parish Council.

Full agenda available on the parish webpage
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Secretary:  
Arthur Old— 01788 890987

REGISTERS FOR APRIL 2017

BRAUNSTON

Wedding:  15th April - Shevone Thuraisingham and Joel Willis

Funerals:  10th April - Sylvia White  
12th April - Christopher Woods  
21st April - Steven Tuckwell

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory
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

8th May       Full Council Meeting (7pm)
              Annual Parish Meeting (8pm in Gallie Room)
5th June       Full Council Meeting

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website
www.braunston.org.uk/bpc
Missed from the March edition: -
22nd March - For David Fennell on his birthday from all at PAL.

April’s floodlighting
1st April - * Janet & John’s Wedding Anniversary
1st April In loving memory of you Mum, miss you every day. Love from Angela & Trevor
3rd April - * Happy Birthday Pat
4th April - Happy 80th Birthday John Lilley, love from family & friends
5th April - * Love to all the family, from Geoff & Jean
9th April - * Rosemary Ann Harding. Happy Birthday
9th April - For Irene on her special day from Friends and Family
14th April - Congratulations Alison and Adrian on your 10th wedding anniversary. Love from all the Dunns
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
20th April - * Michelle Cotton - 40 today! - with fond memories of your time in Braunston. Love from your family and friends! Xxx 'Cheers!'
26th April - * Julie’s Birthday
27th April - In loving memory of our beloved great-granddaughter Ava-May on her seventh birthday.
29th April - Remembering Daniel Pacton on the twinning weekend (France). Miss you.
30th April - Suzanne, Mike and family

May’s floodlighting so far …
4th May - For Sylvia, who didn’t quite make her 85th birthday. R.I.P.
5th May - * Rowena & Mark’s Wedding Anniversary
24th May - Remembering Dave on the anniversary of his birthday, love Pat & Family

◆ = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – 18th April 2017
On being a little bit proud

I know that it isn’t considered entirely polite to blow one’s own trumpet. “Bragging and boasting is never appreciated or attractive to the beholder” as my granny would frequently point out if my sister and I got cocky. But I’ve been thinking about the fabulous initiative to celebrate “The best of Braunston” and I think it’s wonderful. After all, no one lights a lamp and then hides it under a bucket (to paraphrase Jesus, who has a much better sense of humour than people give him credit for.) We should indeed celebrate and reveal what is good, abundant, healthy and brings light and life to this community. I’m really looking forward to hearing about the people, achievements, ideas, groups and places that make Braunston the community it is.

I’m looking forward to sharing the church’s role in that community too—not just because we maintain the iconic building that gives the village some of its visual identity, but because we pray for you all every day and keep an eye on the spiritual well-being of the community. Because of the work that we do in supporting our village school and among the sick and dying and lonely. Because of the lives that are transformed in Christ’s name. Because of our Parish nurse and our initiation and financial and practical support of community initiatives like car and café. Because of the shape that the church year gives to life here for believers and non-believers alike and because we have the privilege of playing a part in celebrating the births, loves and lives of many villagers in our ministry of christenings, weddings and funerals. I’m proud that the church in Braunston plays its part, among many others, in making Braunston the community it is.

Yet in the celebration of our strengths we must not forget those among us who are vulnerable and abused. There are elderly people in this village who are neglected and cheated by family and neighbour. There are children here forced by adult sinfulness and selfishness to grow up too soon. There are those who despair so much that they do not want to live. There are those in serious poverty (not just “I can’t afford a smart-phone”.) I fear that God must rage at what happens to his most vulnerable children in the midst of our apparently successful and happy community, even as he rejoices with us at what is good.

Ruddy Church. Always spoiling things with inconvenient truths. Well perhaps. Sometimes in the past the church itself has been the problem and I’m ashamed about that. But nonetheless every community needs a watchman on the walls to point out what endangers its flourishing just as it needs a rat catcher or a wasp-nest remover or a sewerage unblocker. None of these will ever win the “Best of Braunston” awards but in the finding and identifying and rooting out of unpleasant problems the community may truly flourish.

Sarah
Here I am again,

The magazine is so full this month that I almost had to give up my page for someone else! There seems to be a lot happening in the village over the next couple of months. I am really looking forward to May 6th when we have the Braunston at its Best in the Village Hall. I shall be there with the BVN archives, magazines from way before I was in the village. It will be interesting to see what else will be on display.

Chris and I had a wonderful time away in Suffolk and I managed to go in the sea twice! (Well OK my feet and ankles did). The beach was very pebbly which was good for collecting stones but not nearly as nice as my wonderful Northumbrian sands. Bramble wasn’t keen at all as she didn’t like the pebbles and was scared of the waves. Nevertheless we had a great time, marvellous food and some lovely walks.

By the time you read this I will have been to two funerals in the village. Both Sylvia White and Steve Tuckwell will be sadly missed by me and many others in Braunston. Steve hadn’t been here for very long but had thrown himself in to volunteering in a great way. My condolences to both Colin and Jan and their families.

I was so pleased to be part of the team who won the lemons at the Twinners Quiz. Apparantly the aim isn’t to come last but we did with great aplomb and I enjoyed my lemon. Perhaps Quizzing isn’t for me, however, much fun was had by all.

I love the picture on page 29. I wonder if anyone recognises anyone from that photograph. Please let me know if you do,

Well, until next month I leave you with good wishes to enjoy Spring in our lovely village.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

To all Braunston residents:
I am writing to inform you that the affordable houses off Maple Close should be available to let towards the end of May 2017. The NRHA Housing Officer will be taking nominations for the new homes from Daventry District Council in April. It is, therefore CRUCIAL that qualifying local people to be housed in this scheme make sure that they bid for the new affordable homes on the Daventry’s DC’s Home Choice System.

Steve Rolt
Clerk to the Parish Council

BRAUNSTON WOMEN’S INSTITUTE

Presents
2017 Spring and Summer Fashions by Wanda of Dunchurch

Tuesday May 9th at 7.30pm in Braunston Village Hall.
Tickets cost £5 and this includes a complimentary drink.
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Braunston Village Hall, Braunston
NN11 7HW
www.braunstonpreschool.org

Thank you all for your prayers,
kind thoughts, cards, flowers,
comfort and love to us all
following the death of my
husband Eric Kibblewhite,
over the last 2 years and
especially the last sad and very
difficult months. The end of
which felt like Easter morning.

Thank you all so very much
Laura Kibblewhite and family

Eric Kibblewhite
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE WHAT OUR VILLAGE HAS TO OFFER?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ONE OF OUR VILLAGE GROUPS?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER? COME AND JOIN US AT

BRAUNSTON AT ITS BEST

SATURDAY 6TH MAY
11.00AM -3.00PM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!
THE SHEAF STREET HEALTH STORE

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Quote of the month

All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.

Walt Disney wrote this. Julie Leadbetter

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The Braunston Bake Off 2017

June 10th on the village green with Braunston Fete

As last year’s bake off was a great success and enjoyed by many I’ve decided to do it all over again.

**The classes:**

**Adults**

Anything goes – Open class to create whatever you wish.

Royal Puddings – A super fancy pudding.

**12 -16**

Fit for the queen – it’s her birthday so make something truly fantastic.

**11 & Under**

Six decorated cupcakes – Inspired by your favourite book.

**£2 per entry**

The money raised this year will be donate to The National Brain Appeal.

Bakes to be in the tent by 12:30pm

Judging at 1pm & prizes at 3pm
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PLANT SALE

Saturday 6th May 11am to 3pm
Bedding plants, perennials, shrubs all at great prices.
Find us in the car park at Braunston at its Best.

GARDEN SHOP OPEN

Sundays throughout May 11am to 12pm.
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CHILDREN – we have sunflower growing kits too.

HEDGEROW AND HERB WALK – BOOK NOW

Tuesday 27th June at 7.00pm - National Herb Centre.

This visit will cost £8, including hot drink and herb cake. We will be travelling in members cars to the venue.

We look at forward to meeting you at our events.
For more information please contact Kate Mawer mawerk@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01788 890340.

Find out more information on the Braunston website – search BVGA.
BRAUNSTON CHURCH
FETE
SATURDAY JUNE 10TH
On the Green, 12-4pm

BBQ, Teas, Cakes, Bouncy Castle, Plants, Books, Cards,
Treasure Hunt, Dog Show, various other Children’s Activities,
Bargains & Handicraft Stalls & more

Grand Raffle £150 1st prize!
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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, Your Café 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.
Registration details to follow via School.

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 these at the Fete, please call
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Fete proceeds in aid of
All Saints’ Church, Braunston
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working harder to give you extra!
HEALTH WALKS

All are welcome to join in our Health Walks in the Village. Walks last approx 30/40 minutes starting and finishing up at our Community Cafe.
Please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be across fields.
Walks will start from outside the Community Cafe at 2pm on each Friday during May
Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday May 16th in the Village Hall, 7.30pm

L.N.B.P.

A presentation on the London Narrow Boat Project based here in Braunston. LNBP provide canal boat holidays and canal boat experiences for schools and community groups and has been doing so for over 35 years.

by Mick and Karen Weatherburn

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Our first work party of this year was at Lock 3 on the 25th March. Members worked on painting and general tidying up. We have also been asked to assist CRT with repairs to the tow path. This work will be spread over several days. We always require more volunteers. Anyone interested is welcome to talk to us at the “Braunston at its Best” event on Saturday 6th May at the village hall.
Beacon Hill, Leicestershire - 15/4/17

Eleven of us met up for the drive to Beacon Hill (814 feet) and after a bit of faffing about placing cars at various points along the route, we all met up at Beacon Hill car park. A short climb and we were on top of a 700 million year old volcanic outcrop. Fantastic views over Loughborough and to our right the Old John tower in nearby Bradgate Park. A school boy, Roger Mason, found a 400 million year old fossil of life that existed under the sea here in 1957 proving that this area has some of the oldest rocks in Western Europe. The fossil is known as Charnia Masoni after the area, Charnwood Forest, and the school boy who went on to become an archaeologist. It was cold up on the ridge but dry so we were soon off romping downhill through heathland and woodland with Bluebells peaking out to make the most of the sun before being smothered by the ever growing forest canopy.

We turned right off the main path and crossed a road to reach Broombriggs Farm Country park and our path took us up alongside another wood and Windmill Hill which stands above the lovely old village, Woodhouse Eaves. Arriving in the village we were soon admiring the slate clad, properties. It is one of a handful of beautiful villages nestling in the woods in this beautiful part of Leicestershire. We walked through the village and joined the Leicestershire Round a great walking route with super gates and bright yellow signs. No excuse for getting lost here and only two stiles. Hooray! Our path took us around Rushey Hill Farm and over fields of golden Rapeseed with the sound of steam trains on the Great Central Heritage Railway over to our left. We arrived at yet another beautiful old slate village, Swithland. All the houses are clad in Swithland slate, from the nearby quarry, including our pub the Griffin Inn. After getting our boots off we were soon ensconced with Foaming pints of Tiger and wonderful baguettes "Bob's Bangers and fairground onions" and super large chunky chips. What more could. You ask for? It's a great old pub, good food, beer and service, well worth a visit if you are over that way. After lunch, we left the village on field paths in beautiful sunshine to Swithlands Wood on a woodland path lined with white anemones and bluebells and then crossed a road and started the long climb up into the deer park of Bradgate. Some brave souls, not me I hasten to add, climbed the steep hill up to the imposing Old John Tower (705 feet) which looks like a beer mug standing on the hill. There are amazing views of Leicester from here. I had seen them doing the recce the previous week so didn't really feel I needed to do it all again. We left Bradgate and found an ice cream man in the car park where we indulged ourselves standing in the sun before crossing the road to walk along the intriguingly named, Joe Moore's Lane, and then starting the walk up through Lingdale Golf Course and back to Woodhouse Eaves where we had left a car to get drivers back to the car park which on the recce had been a long and extremely arduous climb. This area is like a bit of the Peak District plonked down just north of Leicester, is part of the National Forest and is well worth a visit. We had a great walk in stunning scenery. Our next walks are as follows: 

May 20th Frankton 9 miles (please let me know if you are coming so that I can give Phil Kirk an idea of numbers), June 17th Broadway 9 miles.
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### Pre-School Monday-Friday - braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

**Upcoming Events**

**Saturday 6th May from 11.00am-3.00pm, ‘Braunston at Its Best’**. All of our marvellous groups will be taking part providing refreshments, demonstrations and information about the activities that take place in our village. Why not come along and join in the fun and find out what’s happening in our village.

The Gallie Room is available most weekday afternoons from 1.30pm, it has a kitchen attached to it which makes it ideal for events and meetings.

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

Would you like to start a group in the Village Hall? Do you have any ideas for activities in the Hall? For more information and bookings contact Leyla on 01788 899138
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Puddings and Performances

Saturday June 17th
7:15pm for 7:30pm
Braunston Village Hall

BYO Drinks & Glasses
and if you want,
a picnic meal to compliment our fantastic puddings!

Tickets £6 (includes puddings)
from the Boat Shop, Bottom Lock
Tel 01788 891 310
The growing season is upon us!
Spring is blossoming in Jetty Field at the moment with the Pocket Park full of daffodils, winter pansies and blossom! It is such a lovely season. Our workdays now become more frequent and we're looking to hold them every month from April to September. We are very excited to be part of Braunston Open Gardens this year so we have plenty of work to be doing to get the pocket park looking at its best. We will be publishing all the workday dates in the next BVN and we always add them as events on the Facebook Braunston Bugle Page. So please look out for these. Anyone is welcome to join us! Just bring your gardening gloves and pruning shears and we will provide the coffee and cake.

We will also be holding our Jetty Field meetings monthly until October. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 4th May from 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Please come along and join us and help us input into our plans for this wonderful site.

Zara Corbin

MARIE CURIE FUND RAISING

The Braunston Singers are hosting an afternoon tea and every penny goes to the wonderful Marie Curie nurses who do a marvellous job. It is on Saturday 13th May in the village hall starting at 2pm and finishing at 4pm the cost is £6.
There are scones with fresh cream and jam. Homemade cakes. Cucumber sandwiches and as we in Braunston are so sophisticated, the crusts will be cut off. Unlimited tea and coffee. All served by the Braunston Singers and who will entertain you with song.

This is our third year of fundraising for this charity and hope many of you will be able to come.

You can contact Jacqui Lancaster 891018, Linda Harris 890528 or any of the Braunston Singers to obtain your tickets.

If anyone can donate cakes this would be appreciated
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Friday 26th May
16.50—17.10
# FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

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BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

Sat May 27th 7.30pm in the Village Hall

“Eddie the Eagle”
2016 : Cert PG

The story of Eddie Edwards, the notoriously tenacious British underdog ski jumper who charmed the world at the 1988 Winter Olympics.

Homemade refreshments available
Bring a bottle & a glass
Tickets £4.50 members/£6.50 non-members
Book in advance or tickets available on the door
Tel: 01788 890508 or: batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com

All Saints’ Church
Quiz Night

Saturday 6th May
Braunston Village Hall
7pm for 7:30pm start

Teams no more than 6
£10 per person includes Quiz & Supper
Sign up at Church or phone Pat on 01788 899 157

Bring your own drinks. Book by 1st May.
Looking good in mink.

As winter comes to an end and the ice on the Marina comes and goes some owners of sealed up boats that haven’t been looked at since autumn are in for a unpleasant surprise. Just like most other inland waterways Braunston’s canals and moorings have visits from mink. If mink invade an unattended boat they can make a smelly mess. They will rip up upholstery to make a comfortable nest and their spraint - a posh word for poo – has a decidedly fishy taint.

The mink that make their home beside out canal are a non-native species the American mink (Neovison vison), which originated from animals brought here for fur-farming. Dirty old men like me still remember Diana Dors and her mink bikini. Some people believe that our huge wild population of American mink originated from mass releases from fur farms by animal rights activists in the 1990s. In fact, mink farms had been established in the UK from the 1920s, by the 1950s there were 400 registered farms in the UK, and many backyard breeders.

Escaped mink were first confirmed to be breeding in the wild in 1956. British mink farming was finally banned completely in 2000. The mink kept in modern fur-farms were very different from those of the 1920s, having been selected for ease of handling and exotic colours. Consequently, many of the mink released in the attacks of the 1990s were quickly re-caught and the remainder probably contributed little to the wild dark brown mink population that survives today.

Mink like to live near water and are seldom found far from riverbanks, canals, marinas, lakes and marshes, making Braunston a perfect home for mink. Even when roaming, mink tend to follow streams and ditches. They prey on fish and other aquatic life, small mammals, birds and eggs. They have been a major factor in the tragic decline of the water vole. Mink are widespread all over England.

If you see an animal something between a small cat and a ferret beside or in the water it is probably a mink. They have a dense coat of deep brown fur, which often leads to cases of misidentification with our rather similar native otter. Mink are smaller and slimmer than otters. In addition, otters are shy animals unlikely to be seen during the day - quite unlike their confident American cousins who is out and about at all hours. The mink is extremely successful and, despite a vigorous trapping campaign numbers continue to grow.
BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

INVITE ALL THE FAMILY TO

THE PLAYING FIELD ON

Sunday 14TH MAY

FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY FUN
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CAKES, TEA, COFFEE, etc.
CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

**Braunston Women’s Institute**

Next Meeting:-
Tuesday 2\(^{\text{nd}}\) May at 7.30 in the Village Hall. We are pleased to have our County Advisor, Christine Farmer, to help us make sense of this years’ resolution.

Contact. Barbara on 01788 890452

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**Braunston Friendly Club**

Next Meetings:- Monday 8\(^{\text{th}}\) May 2pm The Gallie Room in the Village Hall. Barbara Cook will show us the art of flower arranging.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome. Join us for a cup of tea, some cake and a chat.

Monday 22\(^{\text{nd}}\) May
Afternoon visit to Canons Ashby to enjoy the gardens, shop and tea. 1.30pm leaving from the Village Hall.

Gill 890763

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**Braunston Fishing Club**

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

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**RAINFALL— 2016/2017**

All in mms

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Information provided by Rob Buckley

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**TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL**

CALL:-
Mrs Leyla Clayson
62 High Street
Braunston
leylaclayson@gmail.com
01788 899138
Dear residents of Braunston,

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful Easter with your family and friends. I would like to bring to your attention the Annual Parish council meeting on My 8th. This will be an opportunity to see what work has been completed over the last 12 months and discuss funding for the new skate park and playground.

Separately, the District council has been in consultation with a waste management company in recent weeks to establish a joint venture when the new service commences in 2018. Although I am sure the provider has a good record in relation to delivery, the effect of a three-weekly general week collection needs monitoring. In other councils, they have seen an increase in fly-tipping, as I have evidenced at various meetings. Any increase in fly-tripping now or in the future needs reporting directly to the District Council to ensure our villages remain beautiful and clean.

From time to time there are funding opportunities that are available through various bodies. These funding opportunities may benefit businesses, voluntary groups and associations. I would like to ensure that Braunston is at the forefront of any possible initiatives. Please ensure the parish council clerk has your email contact to ensure these opportunities are disseminated widely.

Other Matters:

The pot-holes within roads close to the village are cavernous and some remain unfilled, I have asked the County councillor Malcolm Longley to formally raise this with Northamptonshire Highways as this is unacceptable. It has been suggested that funds are not available to repair these roads. If you have reported damage to roads and there has not been a satisfactory response, please let me know so that I can follow these reports up to conclusion.

There are county council elections and now a general
election within the months of May and June respectively, I am glad there are opportunities for residents to express their wishes in relation to the future of the county and the country. A time to maintain the status quo or a time to establish change.

It is nearing the completion of my initial year as your district councillor, and as I have stated before it has been a privilege to represent you. Please continue to contact me with any issues or difficulties and I will do my very best to assist you all.

Councillor Jason Pritchard

Let’s get moving!
A new exercise class starts on 2\textsuperscript{nd} May

**POPMOBILITY**
**TUESDAYS**
**AT BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL**
2pm to 3pm - £4

*Popmobility* is a dance based exercise class suitable for all ages and abilities. Lorraine is an experienced teacher who enjoys classes where there is a good mix of ages and abilities.

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Many thanks to the following who have donated prizes for the Raffle which is part of the Church Fete on the 10th. June 2017

Campbell’s Estate Agents - £150 plus the cost of printing the raffle tickets
Village Meats - £25 Meat Voucher
Admiral Nelson - £30 Meal Voucher
Central Podiatry - £38 Voucher
The Old Plough - Meal of 2
The Boat House - £20 Voucher
Gongoozlers Rest Café - £20 Voucher
Braunston Village Stores - 3 bottles of Italian Wine
Your Café – Two Cream Teas for 2
Love Ballet Dance School - 3 Free Lessons Voucher

A book of these raffle tickets are enclosed. These can be purchased at 50p each by completing the Counterfoil and taking the money and counterfoil to the Post Office, or Your Café.
The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Tuesday 9th May at 8.00pm at the George Hotel, Kilsby.

The May luncheon will be held on the 17th at the Sporting Club, Barby, at Midday. As usual, no booking needed – just come and select your meal from the full menu.

Tony Saunderson
Tel. No. 01788 890797.

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We are lucky enough to be twinned with the delightful village of Quincy-Voisins, a few miles to the east of Paris, on the doorstep of EuroDisney and, Brexit or no Brexit, we are really looking forward to our friends visiting us over the May Bank Holiday week-end.

Sixteen families with twelve children are arriving and over the weekend we plan to take them on a guided trip around the Black Country Museum and to have a games afternoon followed by a banquet and disco at Home Farm. At other times the hosts are free to do whatever they or their guests would like to do.

If you would like to know more about our activities then please contact us at Twinners@Braunston.net

Also, everyone is welcome to come along for drinks and nibbles at our A.G.M. at the Village Hall on Monday 12th June at 8pm
Braunston Good Neighbour Scheme needs you!

Looking for committee members & volunteers. Please contact Laura Cooper on 07759 537836 or lauracooperbpc@outlook.com

Art in the Church

Between Easter and the first week in June All Saints’ is proud to exhibit an exhibition of 8 paintings by local artist and theologian, Elizabeth Gray-King. It is called “Octave” and comes with a series of thought provoking questions to explore. Why not drop in and take a look? You’ll find it on the left hand side of the church in the side chapel. We are grateful to the Westhill Trust and to Elizabeth for lending us this collection which will go from Braunston to other churches around the country.
Braunston Show

Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September 2017

We look forward to seeing you at the Braunston Show in September and thought that you may like to know the titles of this year’s \textit{photography} classes so that you can get snapping!

\textbf{Adult photography classes}

Not digitally enhanced:

- Out and about in Braunston
- In the garden
- Power
- Animal Antics
- Frozen
- Portrait

Digitally enhanced images:

- Image improvement (Open Class i.e. also open to exhibitors who live outside the village)
- Creative fun!

\textbf{Children’s photography classes:}

\textbf{Under 5s:}

- Outdoors

\textbf{5 to 7 years:}

- Birthday fun! (Open Class i.e. also open to exhibitors who live outside the village)

\textbf{8 to 10 years:}

- Friendship (Open Class i.e. also open to exhibitors who live outside the village)
- Fun outdoors

\textbf{11 to 14 years:}

- Colour
- Family

\textbf{N.B.} Children can also enter any of the adult classes.

\textbf{Details of photograph sizes and display instructions will be published in the Show Schedule which will be delivered to every household in the village in July.}
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