

BRAUNSTON NEWS

Village age

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Annual Parish Meeting Village Hall

Saturday 11th May,
2:00pm

This is an opportunity to find out about the work of the Parish Council including a proposal to update the street lights to LEDs. More details on page 9.



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BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

Baptism

Harper Daisy Dunkley - 28th April

Weddings

None in April

Funeral

John Hallam - 8th April

Vicar's letter

I'm writing this just after the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. It's probably out of the news as you read this but right now the reaction is everywhere. It's taken the headlines of papers across the world, and subjects of phone-ins, church bells are being rung to call people to prayer and the French government has cancelled all other business to focus on the plans to rebuild and restore.

It is fascinating that France is a country known for it's Catholic heritage and yet also as one of the most secular. Somehow this potential loss of a building evokes a reaction that reminds people that their history is important and that the Christian faith has a part in their lives. People are lining up to tell stories of the impact this iconic building has had on their lives, using words like 'mystery' and 'awe', 'amazing' and 'out of the ordinary'.

Of course, we too have an amazing heritage of churches and cathedrals in this country. Churches, like ours here in Braunston, were built to give glory to God and have been the home of worshippers for centuries. These buildings are important and can serve to draw us near to God, inspire us to worship and remind us of our heritage and that we are part of something bigger than ourselves.

Our church here is home to the worshipping community but it is also a space for quiet reflection or prayer. You are all welcome to drop in, the church is open all day, everyday, offering you a chance to be still.

There are candles you can light as you pray for loved ones and a prayer box where you can write a prayer, put it in the box and that prayer will be prayed during morning prayer each week.

Psalms 62:5 says, 'my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.'

John 14:27 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'

I pray that you will find a space that is out of the ordinary and discover rest and peace.

God bless you,

Rev Nat

BRAUNSTON CHURCH FETE

SATURDAY JUNE 8TH

On the Green & in the Village Hall, 12-4pm

*BBQ, Teas, Cakes, Bouncy Castle, Plants, Books, Handicrafts,
Wine Tombola, Jewellery/Gifts, Woodcraft, Lucky Straws & more*

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, Your Café or 10 Countryside, Braunston

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 Charles Dunn on 01788 812 143 - your help will be greatly appreciated!



*Fete proceeds in aid of
All Saints' Church, Braunston
REGISTERED CHARITY 1173187*

*Kindly sponsored by **campbells**
working harder to give you extra!*

Church Floodlighting

April's floodlighting

1st - * Janet & John's Wedding Anniversary

3rd - * Happy Birthday Pat

5th - * Love to all the family, from Geoff & Jean

9th - * Happy Birthday Rosemary

19th (Primrose Day) - * In loving memory of my wonderful parents, Alan and Nancy Matthews, on this their 75th Wedding Anniversary. Rest in Peace, together again

21st – For Juliet and Chappy on their Wedding Day

26th - * Julie's Birthday

27th – Loving memories of our great granddaughter Ava-May on her 9th birthday. Always in our hearts.

* . = Friends of All Saints' – A huge Thank You



Fun Dog Show

Saturday 8th June



BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GREEN



Part of All Saints' Church Fete
(Refreshments in Village Hall, BBQ and more)

£2 per Dog per class

Classes

1. HANDSOMEST DOG
2. PRETTIEST BITCH
3. CUTEST PUPPY (Aged 4-11 months)
4. BEST VETERAN (Aged 7 years & over)
5. BEST CHILD HANDLER (Child aged under 12)
6. BEST RESCUE DOG
7. MOST APPEALING EYES
8. BEST CONDITION
9. BEST CROSSBREED
10. BEST PEDIGREE.



ENTRIES ON THE DAY FROM 12PM - JUDGING FROM 1PM

REGISTERED CHARITY 1173187

May's floodlighting so far ... (received by the BVN deadline)

3rd & 4th – Tony Gilbert – Always in our thoughts. We miss you. Love, Ev, Steve, Len, & families

3rd & 4th – Remembering Daniele and Claud Palton on their special weekend, Suzanne, Mick and family.

5th - * Rowena & Mark's Wedding Anniversary

5th - Birthday Memories of Roger Thompson. Love & Miss You Bro. Sally

Floodlighting To have All Saints' floodlit please use one of the forms on the table at the back of the church. The fee is £7 per entry, although you can give more. Please keep the dedication for inclusion in the BVN to no more than 12 words and leave the completed form with the donation at the Rectory or the Post Office by the 18th of the month.

Church Diary for May

Wed	1	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Sun	5	11:15	Holy Communion & Junior Church
Tue	7	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
Wed	8	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Sat	11	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	12	11:15	Café Church at Village Hall. See below
Tue	14	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
Wed	15	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Sat	18	19:00	Quiz Night. Details on page 7
Sun	19	08:00	BCP Holy Communion
		11:15	Holy Communion & Junior Church
		17:30	Youth Church
Tue	21	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
Wed	22	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Sun	26	11:15	Family Communion
		17:30	Youth Church
		18:00	No Labels Worship
Tue	28	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
Wed	29	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church



An illustration on the left side of the poster shows a profile of a person's head in shades of purple, brown, and orange. Three black gears are positioned above the head, and two large black question marks are at the bottom. The entire poster is enclosed in a black border.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

QUIZ NIGHT

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL

**SATURDAY
18TH MAY
7PM FOR 7:30PM START**

**TEAMS NO MORE THAN 6
£10 PER PERSON
INCLUDES SUPPER
(CHOICE OF FISH & CHIPS
OR SAUSAGE & CHIPS)**

BYO DRINKS & GLASSES

**To BOOK:
CALL PAT ON 01788 899 157
(BETWEEN 10TH & 17TH MAY
PLEASE CALL 01788 891 604 INSTEAD) OR
SIGNUP AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

Parish Council Information and News

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Forthcoming Meetings

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

11 th May at 2:00 pm	Annual Parish Meeting
13 th May	Full Council Meeting
3 rd June	Full Council Meeting

All agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston Website:

www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc

and on the Parish Council notice board at The Green.

Notice of Annual Parish Council Meeting

Date: Saturday 11th May, 2:00 pm. Gallie Room, Village Hall

All parishioners are invited to attend.

This is an opportunity for members of the public to find out more about the work of the Parish Council. There will be information about a proposed installation on the Triangle at The Green.

A resolution has been submitted that the Parish Council should investigate the proposal to replace all street lights in the Parish with LED lighting. If agreed, the project is to be funded by savings to be achieved and the use of reserves already accumulated for the purpose of replacing street lights. It is envisaged the payback period will be about 5 years and thereafter annual savings of £4500 should be achievable along with a considerable reduction in carbon emissions. LED lights are already in use in Harrow Lane and opposite the Rectory on High Street.

Local clubs and groups in Braunston are invited to send a report about their activities during 2018/2019 to the parish clerk and/or stage a presentation at the event.

The full agenda will be available on the parish webpage.

County Councillor's Report

Malcolm Longley has confirmed the outcome of the 2018/19 financial year showing the County Council reaching a balanced budget. When the government's section 114 notice, which restricts spending, is lifted, the Council will continue to apply its own similar limits.

Police liaison

Graham Newman reported that there have been cases of vehicle number plate thefts in other areas. None have been reported in Braunston. The police have said that it is important to report a number plate theft as soon as possible by phoning 101.

Julie Jarratt, Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, has informed the council that the police have allocated an additional PCSO to our area. For Neighbourhood Watch enquiries contact Julie Jarett on 07952 858418 or 01788 890121.



Spring blossom in Archer Avenue

Play Area

Parish Councillor, Tom Sabin, reported, on behalf of the Playing Fields Association, that work will begin very soon on improving the play area.

Bin collections

1 st May	Food and Garden Waste
8 th May	Food, Recycling and Waste
15 th May	Food and Garden Waste
22 nd May	Food and Recycling
29 th May	Food, Waste and Garden Waste
6 th June	Food, Recycling and Waste

District Councillor's Report

District Councillor, Jason Pritchard, has reported potholes on many occasions to the company that the County Council has out-sourced highways work to. There is a particularly large one on Ashby Road. They prioritise where action is most urgently needed.

Jason also reported that it is likely that the government will propose wards for the new West Northamptonshire Unitary Authority based on the current county council electoral divisions. These will be multi-member wards but with only two councillors in each. This would lead to a significant reduction in local representation. The Parish Council will monitor this and respond when a consultation period is announced.

Disabled Facilities Grants

The Parish Council has put information on the village website about grants from Daventry District Council to adapt homes. These can be used to fund a wide range of improvements and adaptations, including widening doors, installing ramps and creating a ground floor bathroom or level access shower room.

Those who would like to enquire about their eligibility and further details should phone the District Council on 01327 871100 or email careandrepair@daventrydc.gov.uk

Planter

The Parish Council has allocated £60 to replace the planter next to the junction of Cross Lane and High Street. The wood of the original one has rotted.



Village Hall Information

News

This month we welcome our friends from Quincy-Voisins, host the Annual Parish Meeting, provide a venue for the All Saints' quiz and look forward to the Cinema Club.



Our regular activities continue and, with some parties booked in, it will be a busy month!

Hall hire charges

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

For all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply. Details of special events can also be found on our website:
braunstonvillagehall.org.uk

Email: villagehall@braunston.org.uk

Phone: 07890 072487.

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

	Braunston Residents	Non Residents
Gallie Room	£11 per hour	£22 per hour
Main Hall	£11 per hour	£22 per hour
Both Halls	£20 per hour	£40 per hour
Meeting Room	£6 per hour	£12 per hour

Contacts for regular activities in the Village Hall

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

Weekly

Monday	Pilates	6.45pm	Sam	07593 913686
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Tuesday	Pop Mobility	2.00pm	Lorraine	01788 890846
Wednesday	Art Group	2.00pm	Alan	01788 890164
	Yoga	7.00pm	Sheila	01788 891831
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	1.45pm	Alan	01788 890011
	Fishing Club Bingo	8.00pm	Harry	01788 890396

Fortnightly

Monday	Friendly Club	2.00pm	Jenny	01788 890186
Friday	Youth Club	7.00pm	Leah	01788 891833

Monthly

Tuesday	History Society	7.00pm	Annie	01788 891179
	Women's Institute	7.30pm	Barbara	01788 890452
Thursday	Linus Group	10.00am	Laura	01788 890102
Thursday	Gardens Association	7.30pm	Kate	01788 890340
Saturday	Cinema Club	7.30pm	Arthur	01788 890508

Monday-Friday Pre-School braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

Braunston C of E School



We give children opportunities to learn about keeping healthy and fit and many take part in these enrichment activities.

Children were introduced to cricket during an assembly and then took part in taster sessions which really whetted their appetite. In the summer term we will be getting the cricket kits out at lunchtimes.

Mrs Nash's Breakfast Dance Club has proved to be very popular. It is great to arrive to so much energy and enthusiasm from the children and from Mrs Nash! They have really developed their skills and performed to an audience of parents, siblings and staff. We anticipate they will be taking part in the Wolfhampcote Festival during the summer.

The basketball team goes from strength to strength. They practise hard every Friday morning and recently took part in a hard competition for a place in the County Championships. We are delighted that they got through and we look forward to seeing how they do later in the year.

Some of the children from years 5 and 6 took part in their first high 5 netball tournament on 3rd April. They played four matches and rotated around the positions over each half of the matches. They did very well, showing good netball skills, co-operating effectively as a team and respecting all rules of game play. They positioned fifth overall with two brilliant goals by their captain.

On Friday afternoons the Cross Country Running Club uses the village playing field. They took part in the Woodford Halse Event and did very well against many other schools from across the county.

Our football team practises weekly and competes against other schools in the local area. They have had considerable success and are always looking for more games to play.

Every child takes part in an exercise programme, Fitter Future and the Daily Mile. The summer months will see swimming lessons in the outdoor pool, so let's hope for warm weather!

Clubs and groups

Community Car

Braunston Community Car is for you. It is available to all residents to make a short journey in or out of the village to visit friends, go shopping or for hospital, dentist, doctors, and other appointments.

Just call **07984 412921 (24 hours notice please)**

Any payment is by voluntary contribution.

The team would like to thank Nigel of Braunston Garage for his continuing support.

At some point this year, we will be having a craft stall at one of the village events to raise funds for the Community Car. If anyone would like to contribute either finished items, or just wool for this, please contact Lynda on 01788 311384.

Community Café

The café is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm and Saturday 10:00am - 12:30pm.

Run by volunteers who are happy to chat.

Come along to enjoy tea, coffee, cake and light lunches.

Health Walks

Help yourselves get fit by joining our 30-40 minute Health Walks around the village. Walks resume in May and will take place every Friday starting from the Community Cafe in High Street at 2pm.

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

Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

Friendly Club

At the Friendly Club members enjoy tea, cake and a chat. Usually, we meet in The Gallie Room at the Village Hall where non-members are very welcome to join us. However, this May due to the nature of the meetings, they are only for members and pre-booking with Kate is essential.

Monday **13th May** – 2pm to 5.30pm

Outing to **Woodlands Garden Centre**, near Leicester. Please book your place via Kate.

Meet at the old bus shelter on The Green ready to **leave at 2pm**.

Monday **20th May** – 2pm to 4pm

Scone **cream tea**. Please remember change of venue, but still the same start time of 2pm. Private function so numbers are limited. Please book your place via Kate. No trolley raffle.

Monday **27th May** – Reminder – no meeting this week.

For more information telephone

Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340

Braunston Singers

Afternoon tea on 22nd June in the Village Hall in aid of Marie Curie. The Braunston Singers will entertain and serve you with delicious homemade cake, homemade scones, homemade jam and cucumber sandwiches, of course, with the crusts cut off. Tea and coffee is bottomless and the Singers will entertain you with favourite songs. All for £5.00, starting at 2pm and finishing at 4pm.

Please come along, have a chat with friends and enjoy a lovely afternoon tea.

Tickets can be bought from the village shop or Linda Harris 01788 890528.

Braunston Bakes

The next pop-up bakery is on Saturday 11th May in the Wheatsheaf. The sale opens at 10am. Please see the poster on page 19.

Please contact us if you are interested in baking.

braunstonbakes@gmail.com

Braunston Paddock Cricket Club

The first game of the season resulted in a close fought win over Bablake Old Boys from Coventry. Bablake batted first and were bowled out for 175. Kieren Bennett and Dom Goddard were among the wicket takers and Dom also took a catch and a run out. In reply Braunston reached the required total with one wicket to spare. Jordan Shingler scored 65 not out and Aston Shingler 15.

Bablake Old Boys 175 all out Braunston 176 for 9

Forthcoming matches:

Date	Team	Opposition	Venue
Sat 27 Apr	Friendly	Cognizant	Home
Wed 1 May	Wed XI	Newbold	Home
Sat 4 May	1st XI	Woodford Halse	Home
Sat 4 May	2nd XI	Preston Bissett	Away
Wed 8 May	Wed XI	Ashby St Ledgers	Away
Sat 11 May	1st XI	Gawcott & Hillsden	Away
Sat 11 May	2nd XI	Silverstone	Home
Wed 15 May	Wed XI	Willoughby	Home
Sat 18 May	1st XI	Chipping Warden	Home
Sat 18 May	2nd XI	Dunchurch & Bilton	Away
Wed 22 May	Wed XI	Yelvertoft	Home
Sat 25 May	1st XI	Evenly	Away
Wed 29 May	Wed XI	Oakfield & Rowland 3	Away
Sat 1 June	1st XI	Wicken	Home
Sat 1 June	2nd XI	Flecknoe	Away
Sun 2 June	Friendly	Farthingstone	Home

Contact: Tom 01788 891797 email braunstoncc@gmail.com

Braunston Village Gardens Association

Gardening together in Braunston. Every resident has free membership.

Saturday **11th May**

BVGA PLANT SALE with **BRAUNSTON BAKES**

10am to 12pm See posters.

Choose from a good selection of plants at the Village Hall. We are taking **pre orders for bedding plants** - please contact Kate.

Sunday **5th May** 11am to 12pm and every Sunday through May.

Visit the **GARDEN SHOP** at the Village Hall on Sundays for your gardening needs.

Multipurpose compost, Peat free compost, Growbags, Growmore, Pelleted chicken manure, Fish, blood & bone, 8ft canes, sunflower growing kits suitable for children and more.

BRAUNSTON SHOW Saturday **7th September**

It is time to get ahead with your entries for the Show.

Photograph classes:

103 Out and about in Braunston

104 Seasonal Beauty

105 A Mirror Image

106 Moment

107 Interesting Architecture

108 It's All In The Face

109 Creative Fun!

Handicraft classes include the following two open classes

A collage called 'Wildlife in the Garden', glued not sewn

'Make a bag', any medium.

Schedules will be delivered and available on the website in July. Next month in the BVN we will have more ideas for you to enter. We look forward to meeting you at our events.

For more information please contact Kate Mawer:

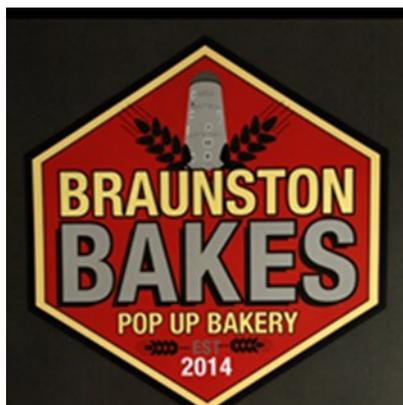
mawerk@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01788 890340.

SATURDAY 11th MAY
PLANTS, BAKES and GARDEN
STORE SALES

10am to 12pm

WHEATSHEAF and VILLAGE
HALL CAR PARK

BRAUNSTON NN11 7HW



Also open at the same time - the **Garden Store** for canes, composts, fertilisers and our popular sunflower kits.

Braunston Walkers

In March we enjoyed wonderful country full of the signs of spring, a cracking pub and great company on our walk from Shutford, west of Banbury. We climbed through fields full of lambs and then woodland before emerging on a Roman Road. A red kite swooped overhead as we gazed at Madmarston Hill, an Iron Age hillfort. We took a field path, lined with pungent wild garlic to the top of a steep sided valley.

We meet at Braunston Village Hall car park. Our next walks are:

27th Apr - Tanworth in Arden, a beautiful Warwickshire village. Meet at 10am.

18th May - Wetton in the Peak District. This walk through the beautiful White Peak involves a riverside stroll with some uphill stretches and caves. Meet at 8am.

15th June - Hanwell.

If you wish to join us and would like to know what a walk will entail, let me know your email address and I will add you to the mailing list.

Ray Scrivens 01788 891384

Braunston History Society

Tuesday May 21st 7 30pm in Village Hall.

“OUTLAWS, SHERRIFFS and WILD WEST
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE”

Crime and Punishment in the 14th Century (with all the gory bits).

Jackie Hibbert from Welton History Society takes us on a pictorial tour of our county, discovering crimes and strange medieval laws and punishments.

We look forward to seeing our members. Guests are welcome, £2 on the door.

Jetty Field– Braunston’s Pocket Park



Our April work morning

The Jetty Field volunteers were very busy on the latest work morning. The fence to the allotments has been fixed, the pocket park has been tidied and weeded, the dead hedge to the wild area has started to

be created, the new stile has been erected and the dead elm tree has been felled. All in a morning’s work. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make all this possible.

However, it is disappointing that we have noticed an increase in the amount of vandalism recently. The fence at the top of the pocket park has been broken and pushed over and one of the trees within the tree guards was almost snapped in two. This tree, which has been establishing over the last 5 years, has been repaired but whether it lives remains to be seen. The committee are looking at repairing the fence however this will cost a substantial sum of money. Please can we ask that everyone is vigilant when they’re walking through the field and any damage is report on the Braunston Bugle so we can react to it. Thank you for your help with this matter.

The **next workday** will be Saturday, 11th May. Please join us if you can. We start at 9am and meet at the top of Jetty Field. If possible, please bring a spade and gloves and we’ll bring the coffee and cake. We are usually finished by 12 noon at the latest or earlier if the weather is not being kind.

Our next **Jetty Field meeting** will be held on Tuesday, 7th May in the library room in the village hall at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us. We will be discussing the Nature Reserve and workday plans. Further meetings will be held on Tuesday 4th June and Tuesday 2nd July.

Zara Corbin: zaracorbin9@googlemail.com

Braunston Women's Institute

Next meeting - Tuesday May 7th in Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm. We shall be discussing and then voting on this year's resolution, a very important part of life in the WI.



Contact Barbara on 01788 890452 for more information.

Braunston Canal Society

March saw the BCS volunteers embarking on the makeover of the area around the dry dock at lock 1. This included removing part of a balance beam that had to be cut into three and lifted out of the bypass weir. At the end of the day 8 one-ton bags of brash and much else was loaded on to the truck with the help of Brian Eales from CRT.

The lock keeper's hut had its brickwork repaired, several coats of paint applied and the old notice board replaced. The flower beds were dug back and edging boards installed. Refurbishment of the bench seat was particularly satisfying as was the painting of the dry dock windows. The completion of this project next month means BCS can make an early start on this year's lock painting schedule.



The Society is always keen to welcome volunteers, so if you would like to come along and have some fun you can email me at braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com or phone/text me on 07817 435911.

Clive Joynson

Fishing Club

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

Harry 01788 890396

Braunston Cinema Club

Sat May 25th 2019 7.30pm in the Village Hall

STAN AND OLLIE

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Steve Coogan as Stan and John C Reilly as Ollie.

Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, and their heart-warming story as they embark on what becomes their swan song - a gruelling theatre tour of post-war Britain. The pair's love of performing, as well as for each other endures and they re-connect with legions of adoring fans, old and new.

Homemade refreshments are available to buy, please book tickets/food in advance to help with catering.

Bring a bottle & a glass

Film only: £4.50 members/£6.50 non-members

Some tickets may be available on the door

Tel: 01788 890508 or: batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com

Linus Group

The project Linus aim is to provide a sense of security and comfort to sick and traumatised babies, children and teenagers through the provision of new homemade patchwork quilts and knitted/crocheted blankets, and give volunteers across the UK the opportunity to contribute to their local community.”

If you would like to make quilts for children please join us. There are kits of fabric ready to sew together, just bring your sewing machine. Or just pop in for a cup of tea and to see what we are up to. We meet every fourth Thursday in the Village Hall.

Members have recently handed over 52 quilts and 8 knitted or crocheted blankets. They go to hospitals, hospices and mother and baby units in Northamptonshire.

laura@whitenap.plus.com

01788 890102 or 07812 190410

Braunston Scouts

Activities include ten pin bowling at Sixfields, up the high ropes and on a water adventure activity day at Willen Lakes, camping at The Quarries, Milton Keynes ('caving', archery, climbing, shooting and an obstacle course); Firelighting and open fire cooking at Welton, competing in Suntlet as well as cooking pancakes, a bit of gardening, artwork, visiting the police and learning how to use a map or help the disabled.

If this sounds like something your child would love to do Join Cubs! We meet Thursdays 18:15 to 19:45 at our Den in the village. Our members are boys and girls over 8 years old and less than 10¹/₂. Most, but not all, attend Braunston School

E Mail David Coleman david@braunstonscouts.co.uk or text him at:

07484 157588. Cub Scout Leader 2nd Braunston Cub Pack

Farewell Aubrey John Berriman, 1926-2019

Aubrey came to Braunston, with his wife Prim and two young children, in 1957 to work as a shipwright, maintaining the fleet at Samuel Barlow's Yard. He was already a master craftsman, having worked for 17 years at a shipyard in his home town of Bideford in Devon.

In 1958 he was involved with the building of 'Raymond', destined to become the last wooden, working narrowboat to be built. Throughout changes of ownership at the yard, Aubrey continued to maintain working boats as well as the increasing number of pleasure craft, until he was made redundant in 1986.

He soon found work as a carpenter in Rugby, but arthritis caused him to retire in 1988, aged 62. In retirement, he and Prim continued their joint love of dancing and travel. Aubrey also spent many happy hours in his shed repairing and restoring all manner of things he 'rescued', particularly furniture and clocks.

In 2008, Aubrey was invited to join the 50th birthday celebration for 'Raymond' and jointly cut the cake with actor, David Suchet. In 2018, he again joined Suchet on the back of 'Raymond' at the Historic Boat Gathering and in the cake-cutting ceremony for the boat's 60th birthday. Aubrey thoroughly enjoyed being the centre of attention amongst celebrity canal enthusiasts.

Prim passed away in 2014 after the couple had enjoyed 63 years of happy marriage. In 2017, Aubrey decided to 'try out' a retirement home in Rugby, and felt so happy there he decided to stay. He liked to make himself useful and was well-liked by staff and residents alike. Aubrey died, aged 93, on the 8th March after a short illness.

His funeral at Rainsbrook on 27th March 2019, was well-attended by family members, friends from Braunston and staff from the care home. 'Raymond', restored and moored in Braunston Marina, remains a memorial to this much-loved and respected man.

Brian Seymour

Rainfall in March

Thanks to Rob Buckley, the BVN is now in its fifth year of recording the rainfall for Braunston. Here are the figures for March:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
mm	25	79	54	104	47

The UK has a temperate climate in which rain can occur at any time of the year, although in some parts of the country, including Braunston, the annual totals are not high.

Braunston's rainfall in March 2019, has been below the average for that month in recent years and less than half of the previous year's figure. March 2018 was the only time in the whole of the period of recording that we have experienced a monthly total exceeding 100mm.

Road works

In 2018 Anglian Water carried out work on the A45 to make Braunston's water supply more secure. This involved digging the road up to insert a new pipe through the old water main which had been damaged by the weight of vehicles above.

In the days before Easter this year, they were working here again, hence the one-way traffic control. The tarmac above the 2018 work had sunk. To resolve this they removed the tarmac and replaced the sub-surface with a concrete platform before resurfacing the patch involved.



Features

Getting to know...Phil Clarke

How long have you lived in Braunston?

From when I was born in 1949. I left in 1971 and returned in 2003.

What do you like about living in the village?

Do I like living here? Well, I returned, didn't I, but it was a real 50/50 decision whether to stay in Clifton or move here.

We are well served with shops and pubs and we have to face up to the fact that sometime we may not be able to drive any more.

Nostalgia brought me back. I went to school here, in what's now the Village Hall. My father, Ernie, was a builder, church vergger and grave-digger in Braunston. I've seen massive changes but I like the rural aspect.

There's lots of good things here. I was a founder member of the Angling Club in 1961.

What is your favourite book?

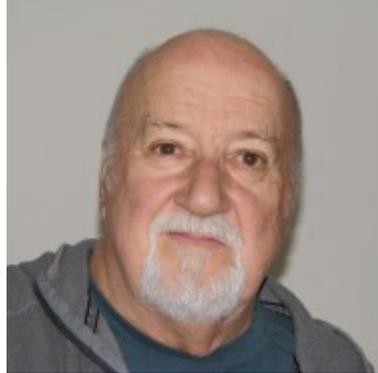
I read more on-line now. I get news from the internet.

Who is your favourite Singer/band?

I'm a bit 60s - Moody Blues, Queen, but also some classical. For a short while I used to do hospital radio at St Cross.

Where is your favourite place?

I have a soft spot for Wolfhampcote. I used to go there a lot as a child. It's peaceful. I'm also very fond of the Scilly Isles.



Please contact the editors if you would like to be interviewed for the 'Getting to know...' page. We would love to hear from you.

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Wild About Gardens

Did you know that hedgehogs are as endangered as tigers and could disappear within 15 to 20 years?

This was a prickly subject for the audience at the recent Braunston Village Gardens Association talk but we were provided with ideas for how we can make improvements in Braunston.

In the village we have many groups and individuals whose activities already support wildlife corridors and improve the connections of the Living Landscape; BVGA, Jetty Field Association, Braunston Canal Society, Playing Field Association, Farmers, 2nd Braunston Cubs, Parish Council, PCC churchyard, Allotment holders, Braunston School and Pre-school, businesses, pubs, cafes, The Marina, landowners and, of course, gardeners. But could we do more?

The BVGA is affiliated to the The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). They say, "Over the past 50 years we've seen declines in two thirds of the UK's plant and animal species, for a range of reasons, including loss of habitat. Many of our once regular garden visitors – hedgehogs, house sparrows and common frogs, for example – are becoming much less common.

But together we can make a difference! Our gardens and green spaces have tremendous potential to support wildlife – join our campaign to turn the UK's estimated 24 million gardens into a network of mini nature reserves". Follow the link <https://www.rhs.org.uk/get-involved/wild-about-gardens>

The speaker at the BVGA talk, Paul Wyer, from The Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust suggested that we could increase the biodiversity in Braunston with these ideas:



*The RHS and The Wildlife
Trusts – encouraging wildlife
into your garden*

- Create more habitats to encourage more insects, including beetles and caterpillars, hedgehogs' favourite food.
- Help to develop a Braunston Hedgehog Highway by ensuring there is a hole in your fences the size of a CD case.
- Leave an area of leaves for nesting and to encourage more insects. Ladybirds love huddling together in hollow stems.
- Grow flowers to increase the wildlife corridors of front gardens as well as back gardens.
- Increase the number of ponds and water in gardens, with routes out for wildlife. Then add it to the pond map on the Wild About Gardening website. There is at least one showing for Braunston.
- Keep an untidy area. This will provide wildlife some security from predators as well as being a useful food source. Brambles are particularly good.

The Wildlife Trust invite you to “Join our campaign for a Wilder Future”. Follow the link <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/news/badger-ratty-mole-and-toad-strike-out-wilder-future>



As Braunston residents are all automatically members of the BVGA, we would love to hear about the things you are doing to be WILD ABOUT GARDENS. The negative impacts of climate change on wildlife means that we need to act now.

Send some photographs and we will post them on the BVGA page of the Braunston website or go straight to the Bugle and post them there.

For more information about the BVGA contact Kate Mawer:

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Braunston and District Pig Club (Part 2)

People were encouraged to keep pigs during the war. There were regulations. It was forbidden to have a pigsty closer than 20 yards to a house. At least four families on the east side of Spinney Hill with longer gardens, including the Griffins, the Taylors, and the Worralls, had space for pigsties. The Begleys and the Isoms at Hill Row had sties.

Dan Overy, at Tudor House had room for 4 or 5 sties, and allowed others to keep their animals there. One belonged to Ronnie Clegg. The pigs were free-range, feeding in the orchard. Dan's daughter, Rachel May, remembers neighbours from Cross Lane complaining that a pig had got into their garden. It cost Dan a lot of pork chops to compensate for the damage done to the neighbours' gardens. It was a busy time when a pig was slaughtered. A woman came from Willoughby to make faggots out of offal and offcuts. Dan organised a truck-load of stock feed potatoes to be shunted into a siding at Braunston and Willoughby station and delivered them around the village for all the pig keepers.

Alan Pittam's father, Les, worked at Hargrave's butchers on High Street. Les, a licenced slaughterman, was in demand during the weekends before Christmas visiting pig keepers in Braunston and other villages to slaughter their animals. As a boy, Alan accompanied his father. It was said that the only waste on a pig was the squeal. Even the bladder was useful as boys would inflate one to use as a football.

People could buy a share in a pig and when it was slaughtered receive a proportion of the meat. Diseases were common, so pig clubs operated as an insurance scheme. In return for their subscription, members had vets' bills paid for them. A nick was put in the ear of each pig that was covered in this way.

Thanks to Alan Pittam, Rachel May, Jenny Oxborough and Gloria Taylor. Robert Cluett contributed information on the Hargrave family which will be included in a later edition.

Rachel May, with one of her father's pigs at Tudor House in 1951.



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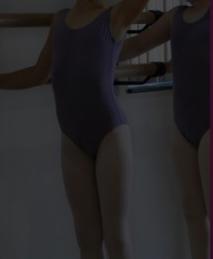
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