Love where you live
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Intrepid Ride & Striders
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No Christenings, Weddings or Funerals in October
On the importance of landmarks

November is one of those months when people who normally would have little interest in setting foot in the church building apart from for weddings and funerals might come and join in with the remembering of our dead, our wars and some delightfully batty but devoted saints of old. It is misty and cold but it is a landmark month for remembering and I hope to see you at one or two of those services of remembrance and commemoration.

Talking of landmarks I’ve been thinking about the church building and our amazing crotcheted spire, visible for miles by road and canal. It was built to glorify God and as a centre for the ministry and mission of the Church in Braunston- and it still serves those purposes today. It is very much part of Braunston's heritage but it is first and foremost an active Church and there is no question in my mind that without the worshipping community the building would be redundant, except as a landmark, and it would very soon fall into dereliction. Although that worshipping community is growing the cost and heritage know-how required to maintain the building is vast and distracts from the main business of the Church.

Fortunately we are blessed by the existence of the Friends of All Saints who have taken on the challenge of raising money solely to repair our beautiful landmark- looking for funds to mend the roof and keep the building intact and dry. If, like Mr Andrews, a recent generous donor you have no interest in the ministry and mission of the church but treasure it for its presence as an ancient building and a significant local landmark or for the part it has played in the life of families over the generations then you might like to find out more about the Friends. Better still, if you could keep the books or help with publicity or raise funds please get in touch.

The worshipping community is required by law to maintain the building to the best of our ability and we will keep trying but it is foreseeable that we might not always manage it- If the Friends cannot find external funding for the urgent £200,000 worth of repairs to the roof the church community will not be able to do that work and would effectively have to review its situation regarding the church building. Don't misunderstand me. That is not any kind of threat- we love the prayer-soaked old place, cold and uninsulated though it is and would be most reluctant to leave it. But it is an unpleasant spectre hovering somewhere over the horizon.

Whether such a landmark and piece of heritage is worth maintaining regardless of its purpose is a question for all of us to ponder.
Every blessing
Sarah
October's floodlighting so far …
3rd October - * Lit by Julie Simpson for Debbie, Nina and friends
5th October - * Lit for Rose Bray
21st October - * Dave & Claire’s Wedding Anniversary
30th October - * Happy birthday Sue Woodward
31st October - * Remembering Joan & Bill Folkard and my brother, Michael, Love Lin

November's floodlighting so far …
2nd November - Love to all the family, Jean and Geoff
12th November - * Happy Anniversary Mick, with love

* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - 20th October 2013

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**All Saints Church Calendar 2014**
**NOW AVAILABLE** Price £6

The church calendar for 2014 is now available and can be purchased from the following locations:
- Charisma
- Braunston Marina
- Village Stores & Post Office
- Or at the Church.

Copies are limited so please do not delay!

If you purchase your calendar at the church please give your money to one of the church wardens, or duty side person so that the cash can be identified. All proceeds from the calendar is used to support All Saints Braunston
All Saints’ Church, Braunston

All Souls’ Service of Remembrance
Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November 6pm
Come, Light a Candle & Remember a Loved One

Remembrance Service
Sunday 10\textsuperscript{th} November 3pm
With the British Legion & Uniformed Organisations

Our Autumn and Winter Opening Times
* Monday 9.00 am until 2.00 pm
* Thursday to Sunday 8.00 am until 2.00 pm

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Christmas and New Year Closing
We will be closed from Monday December 23rd
Reopening Monday January 20th 9.00 am to 2.00 pm
Avril and her Crew would wish to thank you for your custom during 2013
And look forward to seeing you again in 2014
Tel: 07940973529
NEWS FROM JETTY FIELDS
The committee would like to thank all those who have helped to maintain and improve Jetty Field in the past year. On Saturday 19th October 15 people came to help, yet again! They represented the young and old of our village and were:- Carol, Abigail, Jim, Gloria, Brian, Barbara, Jo, Ingrid, Thomas, Elizabeth, Edith, Richard, Billy, Peter and Andrew. Thank you to Carol for supplying the refreshments and for the sweets from Brenda! We were also supported by our chairman, Pat., and his wife, Sybil. Just as we were finishing Brian suddenly collapsed and had to be taken to hospital. He is now recovering well from a suspected stroke. Brian Oliver has worked on Jetty Field from the beginning and has been a driving force behind much of its success. We wish him a speedy recovery.
We are grateful for the many positive comments about the whole of Jetty Field. Peter, Paul and Brian have worked especially hard over the past few weeks on the fencing around the field. The sheep should be in the field by now. They are only there until the end of December at the latest. We are very grateful for your past support in keeping your dogs on leads during the time sheep are in the field.
Please read the pamphlet about "The Friends of Jetty Field", it would be wonderful if you could help with our work!
The new Allotment Holders' agreement will be available soon. We are also changing the lock on the gate as the old one is now proving unreliable. The new one will be a combination lock. Allotment Holders will be given the combination before it is put in place!
We look forward to even more progress in all five areas of Jetty Field in the New Year. Thank you, once again, for your help and support.

DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.

TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2013.
7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

A TALK BY MALCOLM DEACON :-

"ELIZABETHAN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE."

£2 NON MEMBERS. MEMBERS FREE.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!
**BRAUNSTON PARCELS**

1,302 Braunston Parcels have now been sent to members of our armed forces serving overseas since April 2007. Of the 1,302 parcels, 54 have been sent to our current recipients serving in Afghanistan (2 ROYAL TANK REGIMENT), since the start of their deployment in May 2012 and 4 have now been sent to HMS MONTROSE which is on patrol in the Gulf and the Indian Ocean. My sincere thanks go to everyone who continues to support this very worthy cause. Thank you!

During mid-October I received a photograph and letter from the Captain of HMS MONTROSE thanking us for the initial parcel. Apparently, the contents of the parcel had already been distributed among the junior ratings messdecks and, according to Mrs Bell, Tristan had to do it!! The photo of the ship has already been photocopied and is on display at the front of the counter in the village shop. I do hope that many of you have already seen it.

Members of the ROYAL TANK REGIMENT are nearing the end of their deployment in Afghanistan and should be returning to their headquarters in November. Their Welfare Officer recently told me that to date they had had a very successful deployment, so let us hope it stays that way.

My thanks, once again, to all of you who contribute to "the box" because we all know that our parcels and their contents are appreciated by everyone who receives them.

Val Worrall

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**DAVENTRY HEALTH WALK SCHEME**

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

Walks in November will take place every Thursday from outside The Cake Slice Tearooms, in the High Street. at 2.pm

All are welcome but please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be over fields.

Leader Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

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**RECYCLING - Reminder, as reported in the Gusher**

Don't forget you can now use old supermarket carrier bags to line your food waste bins, as opposed to newspaper and bio-degradable bags.
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BRAUNSTON LADIES GROUP

Tuesday 12th November
Making simple Christmas Cards with Tamsen Flack
Meet at 7.30pm at 20 Welton Road

Tuesday 10th December
Safari Supper meet at 7.30pm
More details later on
Everyone is welcome at all meetings - no annual subscription.

PAEDIATRIC NURSE’S BABY WEIGHING & ADVICE SERVICE
AT BRAUNSTON TODDLER GROUP (Located in Village Hall):

Tuesday 12th November from 1.30
Tuesday 26th November from 1.30
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*Register by 30th November, see website for details
Braunston Parish Council – Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Parish Council organised a Car Safety Day and were pleased that we could share The Green with the air ambulance fund raisers on 28th September. We would like to thank all parishioners who took part in the consultation. We are grateful to the Daventry Community Safety Partnership, Northampton Advanced Motorists, Braunston Neighbourhood Watch and our local PCSO, Kevin Thompson for contributing to the event.

Participants were asked to identify roads safety hazard points on a map. Points selected were the three entrances to the village where road priorities were changed about 8 years ago as well as Welton Road and the entrance to Eastfields, which one person also thought could be a problem for emergency vehicles. There was concern that cars on Church Road travelled too fast particularly at ‘school run’ times.

Questionnaire results.
About half of the respondents thought that there is not a significant road safety problem. About two thirds thought that there should be more parts of the village where parking is not allowed on roads. Three quarters thought that parked cars cause drivers to slow down. Two thirds thought that the village entrance junctions reduced the speed of vehicles.

Most people thought that the 30mph speed limit in the village is inappropriate; most of these would prefer it reduced to 20mph. All but one person thought that the 40mph limit on the A45 is appropriate and a little over half thought it should be extended further up the hill towards Daventry.

Almost all people know that the County Council has responsibility for roads. The majority did not know that the Stagecoach bus service is a commercial route that does not receive a direct subsidy. Fewer than one in five people said they would use a through bus service to Northampton if a company introduced one.

Additional comments made by parishioners
Two people wanted traffic calming; some others said that they did not want speed bumps. Some felt that the Church junction could be improved by making a mini-roundabout. Two people suggested a mirror at this junction to improve visibility. One resident stated that yellow lines at The Green cause a shortage of parking. One person suggested having speed camera signs on the A45. It was thought that Spinney Hill and Church Road should be resurfaced.

All the other comments you made and the full consultation results will be added to the ideas collected as part of the community questionnaire carried out last winter and will considered by the Neighbourhood Development Plan working groups.
The B.Y.C

Formerly known as
Braunston Youth Club
Village Hall

Disco
with New Games, Ice Hockey, Large Connect 4,
Football/Table Tennis/Pool Table x 2/Craft Activities

7pm to 9pm
Entrance Fee: £1

Members ages: 9 - 16 years of age

15th November
6th December, 13th December, 20th December

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!

Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday, 8th November 20
at 7.30pm, Village Hall Braunston
ALL WELCOME
Please come and support this Youth Club

Volunteers are still needed, if interested please ring Judy on 079694355x
Remembrance Day. The local service will be held in Braunston Church at 3.00 am on 10th November. Members are asked to meet at the Church at 2.40 am. The District service this year will be held at Welton Church at 10.40 pm and members are asked to meet at 10.20 pm outside the Church.

Poppy Day. Door to door collection will start on 26th October and so please have some change ready for when our collectors call. If you get missed there will be collecting boxes in most local businesses. Please give generously.

Next Meeting and AGM. Will be at the George Hotel Kilsby on November 12th. Please note the earlier start time of 7.30 pm. The normal meeting will be followed immediately afterwards by the AGM. Please advise nominations for officers in advance if possible.

Braunston Autumn Fair. The Branch will have a stall at the Village fair being held in the Village Hall on 16th November. We will be pleased to receive donations of Bottles for the raffle or anything else that can be sold on the stall. Please contact the undersigned.

Galanos House. Much of the Branch income, mainly derived from bequests from deceased members, goes to provide extra amenities for the Legion retirement home at Southam. We reported in the last issue that the Branch has spent £2000 to help finance the provision of equipment for a kitchen for use by the residents. We have now provided a table and four seats in the grounds of Galanos House at a further cost of £700. We would like to thank all those families whose generosity in the past has made this possible.

Monthly Lunch. Will be at the Boathouse on 20th November at midday. Usual arrangements - just come, no booking needed.

Submitted by Tony Saunderson
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How The Internet Started.

How the Internet Started (according to the Bible)...

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy.
And Dot Com was a comely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.
And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou can't trade without ever leaving thy tent?"
And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"
And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."
Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums.
And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.
To prevent neighboring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP).
And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.
And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.
And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."
And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."
And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."
"YAHOO," said Abraham.
And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.
Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).
That is how it all began.

BRAUNSTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB.

We would welcome new members.
We meet 1-30 p.m. to 4-00 p.m. Thursdays in the Village Hall.
We are a friendly group who gather for a social form of fun and exercise.
Come and join us and have a go; there is no age limit and no equipment required apart from soft flat shoes as woods are available.
For any further information please contact Alan Eley  01788-890011.
Braunston Christmas Market

Back by popular demand....
Saturday 7 December
Braunston Village Green
11-3
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Sunday 8th - All Saints' Church
Monday 9th - Friendly Club
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Keren Andrews on 01788 891343
RIDE AND STRIDE

The Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust held its annual Sponsored Bike Ride/Walk on Saturday 14th September 2013. The above picture shows one of the groups from the Braunston’s congregation, myself (Peter Hobbs), Alice Wren, Margaret Hick, and Sandra Stapley setting off on our sponsored walk. We walked from Braunston Church, to Ashby, then Welton and then back again to Braunston. We were welcomed in each of the Churches we visited, and were able to enjoy the beauty of country-side. We in this group raised £227. 50% of this will go to All Saint Church, the remainder going to the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, to help restore Historic Churches. Many thanks to those who sponsored us and similar groups. The blisters have at last healed, after several visits to the nurse at the doctors but won't be easily forgotten.

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BRAUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY

I am glad to report that we have gained a few new members amongst which are some younger fitter people. October has seen a comprehensive litter pick extending beyond our adopted area, it was pleasing not to find too much, it is still a problem but is greatly improved. We also repeated our offside clearance work concentrating on the section between the Marina Entrance and Butchers Bridge. This, along with some cutting back on the towpath side and hedge cutting at the Stop House kept members busy for 2 days over a recent weekend. There is much similar work to do through this winter subject to sorting out access in some instance. The work on the offside was again assisted by volunteers from The Blisworth Canal Partnership and The Friends of Raymond. Our particular thanks to Nick Scarcliffe from Blisworth whose Chainsaw skills made much of this work possible. Thanks also to Lee King at CRT without whose trust in our abilities and provision of all the preparatory work and certification made this operation possible. It was also good to see three independent volunteer groups working so well together. Due to my recent accident my input was much reduced, however the set up of our groups means that there are always others to step in and get the work moving - My personal thanks to everybody.

Chris Burton - www.braunstoncanalsociety.org.uk

POLICE REPORT - crimes reported

BRAUNSTON - theft from motor vehicle - Ashby road

Please be aware -

* An elderly resident who lives on her own in Braunston was visited by an Indian male wearing a dark suite carrying a black brief case arrived in a silver/grey car. The male made no attempt to sell anything but was asking questions - Do you live alone? How much money do you have? Do you have credit cards/cheque book? Seemed eager to use upstairs bathroom? Repeatedly asked for a cup of tea - possibly to be left on his own

* Other - Please be aware of scam - driver flags down oncoming vehicle and states that they have 'run out of petrol' and then offer 'gold' for petrol money - the gold is fake and worthless - please call 101 and report if you come across this scam. Recently seen in the Byfield area.

* Halloween/Bonfire night are fast approaching and I will be going into local school to do talks on safety and behaviour on these special nights.
"Ironic"
"Speech in which meaning is opposite of that actually expressed; words used with inner meaning".

Our Parish Council has long been at the forefront of a campaign to try to get irresponsible or ignorant dog owners to clean up after their pets; many of these owners are residents of the village and like to use that publicly owned space in the village known as "Jetty Field", along with the responsible majority of dog owners who value that space to let their dogs have a good exercise and will 'clean up' after their charges.

Now our elected representatives have (again) announced they will be allowing sheep to have the unfettered run of that publicly owned space "Jetty Field" and have asked dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead whilst the sheep are present.

As there are actually VERY few open spaces in and around Braunston where a responsible dog owner can let his dog run freely off lead, I voiced my objections to the Clerk of The Parish Council allowing sheep onto a public open space. These included the curtailment of letting our dogs run free. Sheep are the most potentially vermin carrying of any domesticated farm animal or beast, carrying ticks and fleas in abundance, is this an ideal to promote in "Jetty Field"? The presence of sheep cause a metal gate to be closed at its northern entrance off The Green and mums and buggies certainly are not able to squeeze through that particular kissing gate.

The Parish Council's reponse is interesting. They are hiding behind a condition that apparently National Starch insisted on when gifting "Jetty Field" to the Parish that "the area should be kept as open landscape and encourage wildflowers and wildlife to the area and that the overall area should be saved as a meadow area". Well laudable. Then the Parish Council state "at this time advice was taken from experts and the Jetty Fields committee were advised that livestock would be needed to graze the land to encourage the growth of wild flowers and to maintain a meadow style field". To anyone walking the numerous public rights of way across private farmland will see that where sheep graze, flowers are lacking in the extreme. My final objection was to having to walk through sheep faeces in a publicly owned space, and now anyone with children, young or old, those choosing to use a child buggy/pram etc in "Jetty Field" can look forward to having to clean sheep faeces from their children, buggies etc. In the view of the writer, sheep faeces' are as objectionable - in a public park - as dog faeces.

However for the record your elected representatives know best and unanimously agreed to ignore all my seemingly reasonable objections and vote to let the sheep in!

Oh and finally to the irony. Although the Parish Council quite correctly abhor the proletarian stepping in dog faeces, they positively welcome the scraping of sheep faeces from the same.

And finally, finally if you are still with me, the sheep have been absent for some years because of the amount of dog faeces in "Jetty Field" that the sheep owner didn't want his creatures there. There is a moral somewhere here - or a dilemma. Perhaps we shouldn't castigate those irresponsible and ignorant dog owners for leaving presents behind. Irony! There is little truth in the rumour that the Parish Council no longer sing "The Red Flag" or "The National Anthem" at meetings. Strains of "Where sheep may safely graze" were heard it is said! Discuss
CINEMA CLUB

The Cinema Club is having a special members' night in November, so the next general screening will be Christmas Story on 21st December. We're planning an exciting programme of events in 2014, including a special 80s night - complete with 80s-themed food. Look out for more details early in the new year.

200 Club Winners latest results 2013

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This is our fourth weekend away as a group and the others, Hay on Wye, Swaledale and Dorset, were all crackers so we hoped for even better this time around. We were not disappointed. It was fantastic. The weather stayed sunny and warm, the hotel was superb, the food was just amazing and the company was great. The walks were also good as Norfolk is largely flat! Just ask Bharat. We were based at the Heacham Manor Hotel near to Sandringham, a delightful old stone manor house with a beautiful duck pond and we were in "cottages" set in the grounds. Nine of us met the first morning for a civilized coffee in the hotel lounge before starting the first walk.

Holme Next the Sea to Thornham 6 miles (Friday)

We parked at Holme, a short stroll to the dunes along the beach and set off parallel with the shore in fine spirits. The sun shone and we were all impressed with the North Norfolk coast path. Two miles and lots of laughs later we reached a pine wood by the Holme Dunes Nature reserve visitor centre where we sucked sweets and listened while the warden explained the difference between a Buzzard and a Marsh Harrier. He was very enthusiastic and even lent people his expensive binoculars to spot the birds of prey over the marsh area. Our path was blocked for essential repairs which meant we had to divert along a tree lined path and out onto the busy A149. Walking in single file we arrived in Thornham and The Lifeboat Inn facing out to the coast. This pub is now owned by the French chef, Marco Pierre White, and I was concerned that it would cost an arm and a leg but it was reasonably priced and the food was very good as was the IPA beer we were soon quaffing. Two more joined us for the return, inland, walk which included our first hill much to Bharat's disgust. We turned off the quiet road along a grassy path called Green Bank and then off right along a narrow track leading to Holme village strewn with beautiful, flint, cottages. Really, chocolate box, picturesque. We made it back to the cars. A great opening walk.

Dinner in the evening, where we were joined by our last two members, at the hotel was a triumph. The food was wonderful and the company were in high spirits. We had a great evening.

Wells Next the Sea to Burnham Overy 13 miles.

After a light, full Norfolk breakfast, twelve people set off along the coast road past old windmills and more quaint flint villages to Wells where we drove along the causeway to the beach car park. We were joined there by Lystra and Peter who had been away from Braunston in the Caribbean for 3 years and had decided to join the walk. It was great to see them both. We walked onto the vast sands of Wells beach just as an old ship with bright red sails passed by, as if prearranged, before passing a row of multi coloured beach huts. The tide was on its way out which would become significant later in the walk and we had to cross the dry sand which was difficult going, before reaching the firmer wet stuff. After two miles of beach walking, we arrived opposite
Holkham Gap, a break in the pine woods and our next destination but as the tide was only halfway out we were confronted with a wide, fast flowing and deep, river which we had to cross. Boots were removed and debates were held as to the best place to cross before we waded over. I picked the wrong place and was soon in water thigh deep much to the amusement of the others. We soon dried out in the hot sunshine and after a short delay cleaning sand off our feet we arrived at a tree lined avenue, called Lady Ann's Drive and went into the deer park of imposing Holkham Hall. Walking through the grounds we passed the lovely old lake and past a field of pigs, gently steaming in the heat, out of the estate. After a short road walk we turned right onto Gong Lane, down to the tiny village of Burnham Overy Staithe and The Hero pub. We sat roasting in the sun with our pints of Wherry Ale, a delicious local brew, and tucking into enormous, doorstop, sandwiches. Nelson was born a couple of miles from here at Burnham Thorpe and he would have been impressed with the pub named after him. We returned to the coast path and sat on an old tree trunk crafted into a bench eating ice cream. We walked on a raised bank meandering out alongside Overy Creek where boats gently bobbed in the tide, before it became a boardwalk (humming "Under the Boardwalk" as we walked) over the dunes onto a fantastic sandy beach with thousands of razor clam shells crunching underfoot. This hike on the sands takes in the magnificent beach used in the film "Shakespeare In Love" We made for the dunes and a pine wood track back to Wells. We were a little tired as we drove back to the hotel and Margaret was 2 inches shorter than when we set out.

Dinner in the evening was at The Orange Tree, Thornham a great, varied menu. Lots more laughs and really good food. Highly recommended should you be up that way.

Around Castle Acre 6 miles (Sunday)

After another fabulous breakfast we checked out of the hotel and set off in a convoy of cars completely ignoring Bharat's insistent satnav to reach historic Castle Acre, site of a cluniac priory and castle. Our walk took us out of the lovely old village square along the Nar Valley Way past the priory next to the gently flowing river. After two miles we reached the first ford in the river where we stood in the hot sunshine watching the trout under the old bridge. There are no roads around this area and it is really sleepy and peaceful, even the river is not in a rush! We continued to another ford at West Acre, another small village with yet another old priory before turning left away from the river into rolling countryside back towards Castle Acre. We walked along Petticoat Drove to reach South Acre then along a lane over the river to get back to Castle Acre and lunch at the Ostrich pub. Peter and Lystra joined us again for lunch and we all enjoyed her sticky toffee pudding before driving home.

A fantastic weekend!!!

Our next walks are as follows:  19th Oct Medbourne (c.10 miles) 16th Nov Around Flore (c.10 miles) 21st Dec Christmas Walk (c.6 miles
Residents' priorities
DDC has just published the results of its latest residents' survey, compiled from the rolling programme of housing needs surveys and based on responses from 60 parishes and over 6,000 households. These are the headlines:

What defines a good place to live?
Level of crime, Health services, Access to Nature, Clean Streets and Education Provision

What most needs improving in Daventry District?
Road and pavement repairs; activities for teenagers; public transport; traffic congestion; affordable decent homes.

It's telling that 'affordable decent homes' appears as a priority for the first time in over five years: a clear local indicator of the profound economic and housing challenges facing local people. Braunston's own Housing Needs Survey will take place later this month; I'd urge you to fill it in to make your views count. But I'd guess our priorities may be similar if my caseload is anything to go by: e.g. I'm busy campaigning for improvements to the road surface on Spinney Hill; helping to raise funds for the skatepark; lobbying for a bus service that meets our needs; and assisting with the neighbourhood plan, which is designed to put our village in a better position to meet local housing needs.

Braunston Community Car
Rev. Sarah and I are getting closer to be able to launch the Braunston Community Car scheme. The scheme is registered with the Community Transport Association, and will soon become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. If you'd like to get involved or become a volunteer driver, please do get in touch with me or Reverend Sarah.

Ward Walkabout
My next Ward Walkabout will be around Archer Avenue and Cross Lane on Saturday 30 November 10-11.30am. Look out for the cards I'll deliver a week or so before this date, and then put one in your window on the day if you'd like to talk to me.

Best wishes, Abigail

email acampbell@daventrydc.gov.uk or call 01788 891782
Hope and Homes for Children

Funds Raised
Money raised from Penny Pots this last month £ 82.66
Making total raised since 1st. March 2013 £ 1,274.62

Looking forward to Christmas? We are holding a Christmas Coffee, Croissants, Crafts and Gifts morning 10:00am to 12 noon on Saturday 7th Dec. at The Village Hall.

If you would like to sell your own crafts and Gifts (£10 a Table) contact Brenda 899086
Stall currently planned are

If you are able to help on the Morning or bake a cake, I would be very grateful.

Thank you for your support
Brenda Hobbs 899086
on behalf of
Hope and Homes for Children

Come and burn your rubbish!
If you don't have suitable space for a bonfire, bring your burnable rubbish to the garden behind the Green Barn at Champion House, The Wharf on Sat 9th Nov from 6pm.(weather permitting)

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The Challenge this time -  
A Christmas Decoration

Contact Barbara Bury - 890452

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**Friendly Club**

**Next Meeting:** Monday November 12th.

A Christmas Shopping Trip to Banbury. The coach leaves the Green at 10am returning at 4.30 approx

Enquiries to Gill - 890763

**November 25th** - An afternoon of tea and chat.

(An apology for giving the wrong phone number for Janet McCarthy it should be 890336

Gill Powell 890763

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**Braunston Fishing Club**

**BINGO**

Every Thursday throughout the year

8.00pm in the Village Hall

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**Rainfall**

No information received
All Saints’ Church, Braunston

Autumn Fair
Saturday 16th November
2pm to 4pm - in the Village Hall

Handicrafts, Cakes, Food Tombola, Gifts,
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... and loads more, all Welcome!

Can you help?
Help on the day - Tel 01788 899 086
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Lee was born in the village and now has family of his own here too; we as a family are very passionate about “The Old Plough” and look forward to making the pub welcoming to all!

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**Diary Of Events for November**

09th November... Kabooshe Band

16th November...Record Covers

22nd November...Dave Pepper

30th November...Folk night

We are able to offer our lovely lounge bar for private functions i.e.; christenings, birthday parties, private dining, funerals and any other events you may have. Please contact us for further information, buffet menus available on request.

Please add us on facebook if you have a page as we regularly add special offers and events to this page :( Facebook page The Old Plough Braunston).
JENNI'S JOTTINGS

Well, what strange weather we are having at the moment. After some really lovely autumnal sunshine the rain has come back with a vengeance. There have been some beautiful evening and morning skies plus some spectacular rainbows - hopefully someone finds the pot of gold at the end! Mind I can't complain if you see who won the 200 Club last month!!

You will note that The Braunston Canal Society reported that a lot less litter was found when they did their recent litter pick, however, the age old problem of dog poo is still with us. Walking down the high street I noticed several ‘deposits’ one morning last week which is unpleasant for everyone. Please if you have a dog clear up after it.

Whilst compiling this issue of the BVN I have noticed that we have some event clashes this month. As you will see below I have begun a chart of Forthcoming events. This is for anyone and everyone who is planning an event. I don't need full details if it is way in the future just a brief note i.e. Twinners Quiz 10th May 2014 (made up example). So come on all you Associations who are proposing to hold events next year PLEASE let me have some details no matter how brief so that we won't get any more clashes.

Best wishes to you all
Jenni

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Braunston Players present

Around the World

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The Boat Shop, Bottom Lock

in aid of Village Hall funds
Saturday 9th November - Live music performed by "Big Wednesday"

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Saturday 30th November - Karaoke Night

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