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Members of the Friendly Club enjoying their beautiful 50 year Anniversary cake

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REGISTERS FOR OCTOBER

ASHBY
Baptism—Sept 28th  Corbin Goodyer

BRAUNSTON
Baptism - October 5th  Victoria Pitt
Bethany Pitt
Anthony Hicks
October 12th  Sadie Gardner
October 18th  Lilly Parry-Hall
Funerals  October 2nd  Sandy Bowerman
October 3rd  Roger Baker
October 8th  Betty Wasser
Confirmanations: October 12th  Sam Flockhart
Colin Morgan
Justine Coad
Becci Burrows Watson
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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.

3rd Nov Full council meetings
17th Nov Neighbourhood Plan Steering group meeting
24th Nov Full council Budget Meeting
1st Dec Full council meeting
4th Dec Jetty Fields Sub Committee (5 Mill Close)
15th Dec Neighbourhood Plan Steering group meeting

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website
Floodlighting 2014

October’s floodlighting
1st October – In loving memory of Pascal Dubus from Quincy-Voisins
A dear friend of many in Braunston
3rd October - * Lit by Julie Simpson for Debbie, Nina and friends
5th October - * In memory of Rose Bray, Boatwoman
9th October - * Special 13th Birthday Patrick (HORAN – USA). Thinking of you lots. ‘Love you’ Granny xx
13th October - * For Betty on what would have been her 85th Birthday. With love, Cedric, Family & Friends
20th October - Owen/Dad – remembered with much love every day. Jo and Will xxx
30th October - For Sue Woodward on her 70th birthday
31st October - * Remembering Joan & Bill Folkard and my brother, Michael, Love Lin

November’s floodlighting so far …
5th November - Lit for Lily, a loving Mum & Grandma, forever in our thoughts. Love from all the family x
12th November - * Happy Anniversary Mick, with love
18th November – In memory of Alison, our lovely Mum, wife and daughter in law who is forever in our thoughts and prayers. With much love from Paul, Harry, William, Julie and David.
24th November – Prim and Aubrey Berriman on their 63rd Wedding Anniversary

* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - 20th October 2014

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 Friday from outside what was The Cake Slice Tearooms, in the High Street. meeting up at 2 pm
All are welcome (no charge) but please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be over fields.
Leader Rosemary Kendall (01788 8905)
On hell and damnation

Yesterday I took a Christening. It was the nineteenth this year. About ninety people came to celebrate including a great squawking wriggle of over twenty toddlers, so we had a fairly noisy time of it. I baptised the prettiest baby in the world, the toddlers and I danced, and the teenagers cringed and rolled their eyes. I'd guess that of the adults present about a third were sportingly cheerful about being in church on a sunny autumn afternoon and about two thirds would clearly have preferred to have been anywhere else having all their teeth extracted without anaesthetic by a chimpanzee wielding a pair of pliers. (I get that. To be honest, there are times when I feel that way myself.)

I was touched when one of the “rip my molars out but don’t make me go to church” contingent shook my hand and told me how much he had enjoyed the baptism and how great it was to see youngsters being shown God in a good light. He had attended a church school in the 1960’s where the pupils were endlessly threatened with hell and damnation to make them behave. God was nothing but a tyrant and a bully and the man had not been to church for forty years as a result. It’s a story I have heard with horror many times from that generation. If that had been my experience I’d be pretty hostile to God too.

The God that I know and love does not threaten and has no desire to consign his beloved people to eternal damnation. That would surely be failure on his part. The God I love will do almost anything to prevent that. The God I love is a god of love, grace and humanity. He is no tyrant. We are free to do things his way or walk away. But when we walk away sometimes we find that hell exists.

This is a time of year for remembering our loved ones and our soldiers. If you have a bad perception of God because of what some stupid, arrogant vicar said or did to you many years ago I pray that you will find the courage and will to look again for the wonderful loving and merciful God that was stolen from you. Services of remembrance are a good way to start. I hope to see you at one of them. You won’t find hell and damnation preached here.

Every blessing

Sarah
NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.

Ten very brave volunteers turned out on Saturday 4th October for three hours and achieved a great deal in the pouring rain. The Pocket Park garden was tidied and bulbs were planted. Another group cut back the undergrowth in the Conservation Area so that the young trees can flourish and the area can be better managed. Thank you to Carol and Zara for the refreshments!

The field has been cut and the hay baled. Thanks to a further gift from Daventry District Council, more wild flower seeds will be sown over the next few days. It may be a year or two before we see the full show as the young plants need to become established.

Over the next few months we hope that you will notice even more improvements in the whole area of Jetty Fields. New fences will be put up and hedges improved. We have already been asked if a larger “kissing gate” for wheel chairs and push chairs could be placed at the end of the path running along the back of the houses of Archer Avenue. This would follow the success of the one that has just been installed at the edge of the wooded area. Funds will have to be found but we are hopeful this may happen at some point in the future!

The two Lombardy Poplars that needed to be made safe have received attention. Volunteers will continue to undertake various tasks over the winter. If anyone wants to help then contact one of the Jetty Field Committee Members; we would be glad to welcome you!

THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.

Our Heritage Day was a great success! Members of Northamptonshire Society For Local History enjoyed a very busy day of talks and guided tours around the village. Members of the Braunston Society can be justly proud of a job well done!

On the 8th November about twenty people are visiting Bletchley Park, the home of the code breakers. There are no more places available but we will be organising other visits over the coming months.

Our next talk is by a very popular speaker, Malcolm Deacon. His talk is on the “JURASSIC WAY” AND IS AT 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL. MEMBERS FREE, NON MEMBERS £2. We welcome visitors and anybody who would like to become a member. You will receive a warm welcome!
Jenni’s Jottings

I think I can safely say that Autumn is here. The trees are turning the most beautiful colours and I love to hear the crunch of leaves underfoot. Even though it has been rather windy it is quite warm. Still in T-shirts when dog walking (that is me in T-shirts not the dogs!) There have been some great fund raising activities in the village in the past month and many congratulations to all who organised and supported them.

I have said on many occasions how lucky I feel to live in Braunston and still am. When we looked to move somewhere round here we wanted a village with some amenities and we certainly found it in Braunston. There can’t be many villages who can boast a butcher, a stores, a hairdresser, a garage a café on a boat on the canal and a lock side shop and of course a variety of splendid pubs. However as the old adage says we ‘Must use it or lose it!’ and I hope that all our wonderful businesses stay for years to come.

I am looking forward to gong to the Barn Dance at the beginning of the month and of course seeing the Braunston Players’ latest performance later on. So much to do so little time!!!

I for one, am very excited about the Community Café which seems to be getting nearer and nearer to opening. I can’t wait to get my pinny on and serve coffee and cakes.

Until next month, enjoy Autumn and keep well.

Remember if you meet someone who hasn’t got a smile—give them one of yours. (Thank you for that one Bob.)

Jenni

P.S. Chris & I have produced this edition using new software, if you find any errors please bear with us. L plates strapped firmly on our backs!

Quote of the month from Julie

Never look down on anybody,
Unless you are helping them up.

The Reverend Jesse Jackson.
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Ballet Lessons
Monday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange
4.30pm - Pre Primary Ballet (2-3 yrs)
4.30pm - Primary Ballet 2 (3-5 yrs)
5.00pm - Pre-Syllabus Ballet (5-6 yrs)
5.30pm - Pre Primary Ballet (2-3 yrs)
6.00pm - Primary Ballet (8 yrs+)
7.00pm - Grade 1 Ballet (12 yrs+)
7.45pm - Grade 2 Ballet (13 yrs+)
8.15pm - Adult Ballet (no age restriction)

Acting, Performance & Singing
Tuesday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange
5.45pm - Acting, Performance & Singing (all age groups)

Dance, Gym & Ballet
Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange
5.00pm - Gymnastics (all age groups)
6.30pm - Street Dance & Modern (8 yrs+)
6.30pm - Grade 3 Ballet (13 yrs+)
7.30pm - Grade 4 Ballet (14 yrs+)

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As Braunston Primary School Eco representatives, we have set ourselves a mission to improve the outdoor spaces around Braunston School’s site. Over the past few years we have added gardens and vegetable growing areas to the school grounds however they are in desperate need of some attention and improvement.

We need you!

On Saturday 8th November 2014
10:00 - 13:00

We would love it if some green fingered helpers could lend some time and muscle to our cause. We are hoping to:
- Dig over the current vegetable plots and weed them thoroughly.
- Dig some new vegetable plots to increase our growing areas.
- Weed and tidy our Values garden.
- Tidy up and weed around our pond area.
- Create some tyre planters.
- And anything else we can manage!

If you feel you can spare a few hours, then bring along your spade or fork! We can offer a range of cakes and biscuits, tea and coffee to keep you motivated.

If you cannot make it along to help on the day or you are feeling extra generous, then we would greatly appreciate any donations of the following:
- Cakes to fuel the workforce, Compost, Manure
- Sturdy pieces of wood, Unwanted plants or trees
- Any spare tools, Tarpaulins or similar to cover ground over winter.

Any donations will be gratefully received at the school on Friday 7th November.

We can’t wait to get stuck in and hope that you will come along to join us!

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ALL SOULS’ SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 2nd November 6:30pm
Come, Light a Candle & Remember a Loved One

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 9th November 3pm

2nd Braunston Scout Group
CAKE STALL
Saturday 15th Nov.
Opposite Select Convenience from 9am
Please support your local Scouts
All Saints' Church, Braunston

Autumn Fair

Saturday 15th November
2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall

Handicrafts, Cakes, Wines, Tombola, Gifts, Teas, Books, Raffle
...and loads more!

All Welcome!

APPEAL

If you are able to donate any of the following to the Fair, it would be greatly appreciated:

- Raffle Prizes
- Handicrafts
- Cakes
- Unwanted Gifts

Can you help?

Help on the day - Tel 01788 899 086
If you are able to donate any of the above items, please bring to the Village Hall
(from 10:30am on the day). Thank you!
The Royal British Legion Braunston and District.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1. 32 men from Braunston died in this war and are commemorated on the memorial in the Church grounds. The annual service of remembrance will be held on Sunday 9th November at 3.00 pm in Braunston Parish church and it is hoped that as many as possible will attend. Members of the Legion are requested to parade outside the church at 2.45pm. The district service this year will be held at Barby church at 10.30am and Legion members are requested to parade at 10.15am.

The Poppy Day collection will start on 25th October. There will be a door to door collection and it is hoped to cover the whole of the village. However, we are short of collectors this year but there will be collecting boxes in the shops and pubs for anyone that has been missed. Please let the undersigned know if there is anyone willing to spare a couple of hours to help with the collection.

Michael Stretton gave a very interesting illustrated talk at the October meeting. The subject was the 1917 battle of the Messine Ridge. This battle had great significance and began with the detonation of 19 mines which devastated the German front line defences and was followed by a creeping barrage which enabled the British to secure the ridge. It was the prelude to the 3rd battle of Ypres.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at The George Hotel, Kilsby on 11th November at the earlier starting time of 7.30 pm. The normal meeting will be followed immediately afterwards by the AGM. Please advise the secretary of any nominations for officers of the Branch. All members are urged to do their best to attend.

The November luncheon will be held at The George Hotel, Kilsby, on the 19th at midday. No booking needed, just come and select from the excellent George menu. All welcome.

Tony Saunderson - Tel. No. 01788 890797

Friends of Braunston Pocket Park

The AGM will be held on 6th November at 7.30 in the Library of the Village Hall. ‘Friends’ and any one else interested in the Pocket Park is welcome
I am the Parish Councillor responsible for Ashby Road and I am also on the Jetty Field committee, I am an active participant in the day to day work needed to maintain this great village asset.

My wife’s father originated from Braunston and my wife and I moved to the village in 1978 with our young daughter Paula. We settled into village life and soon made some great friends.

After a few years we had our son Shane who still lives in the village with his wife and two children.

Whilst living here I have done many different jobs, but the job I had for the most years was as a transport manager at Crick. I then moved to be a driver for the Post Office, which I really enjoyed, before I retired to look after my wife and mother in law.

I can been seen most days walking our dog Molly round the village and always make a point of covering Ashby Road at least four times a week. I am a very outdoor type of person and I enjoy working around the village. When asked I assist both Robert and Matthew Harrison on their farm, and they in return allow me to use their equipment like the digger. Benefitting the village in clearing the ditches and general maintenance of Jetty field.

My main reason for becoming a Parish Councillor was to help make the village thrive, so that my grandchildren will get the same enjoyment of living within the village as I have.
GETTING THINGS DONE WITHOUT FUSS.

During the past year I have been involved in a number of village based activities. They all have one thing in common. Regardless of the type of event or activity a number of local people come forward and make sure that everything goes ahead as smoothly as possible. An example of this was the HERITAGE DAY organised by The Dick Herne Braunston History Society for the Northamptonshire Association for Local History. Over 65 delegates were welcomed for the day to our village hall. There was a full day of talks and tours around our village. There was also a two course meal cooked for them all and refreshments provided throughout the day. Over twenty villagers rallied around to help and the day was a great success.

We received many very positive comments from our visitors; many of them remarking on our fantastic number of wonderful volunteers. This is just one example but there are many, many more that occur in our village all through the year. Without these people coming forward our community would not be able to offer all the events that occur week in, week out. A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO THEM ALL!

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Braunston Community Café

Plans are progressing well for our new Community Cafe and the formalities required for opening this new venture are nearly complete. Changes to the look of the cafe, both outside and in, have started and the new name will soon be unveiled. Again, we are grateful to Louis and Isobel for their kind agreement to this work being carried out. Donations, grants and loans have been received from local organisations and individuals, for which we thank them, and these will provide a secure financial basis for the launch of the project. This venture will be a self-supporting, stand-alone project for the benefit of our local community and will be run entirely by volunteers. Our aims are fourfold:

- To encourage Braunston residents to meet with friends outside of their own homes. This would be especially important for people who are living alone.

- To encourage visitors to the village and canal environment to come ‘uphill.’ It is recognised that many visitors request a place for coffee/tea whilst visiting the shops.

- To enable local organisations to hold informal meetings in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

- To enable village residents to contribute to the life of their village by offering their time as volunteers to help run the cafe.

The community cafe will be a non-profit making venture. All excess of income over expenditure will be available for distribution to local community projects, for example, in support of the community car scheme.

Our volunteers will be the key to the success of our cafe. We have received many responses and expressions of interest, however, in order to open the cafe regularly throughout the year we will need a large pool of volunteers. If you would like more information or to register your interest in joining the team, please contact Ingrid Alsop on 01788 890856 or David Maltby on 01788 890576. We look forward to hearing from you.
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Braunston Canal Society

During October we have been concentrating on the double bridge at Braunston Junction. Due to weed and grass the appearance from the top was not good but it was equally bad from either side due to the grass etc growing through the steel work. We have a further visit planned, that, weather permitting, will be on 23rd of Oct. Hopefully this will see most of the area cleared.

CRT have confirmed that they will arrange a public opening of Lock 3, outside the Admiral Nelson on Saturday January 24th 2015. Access into the lock chamber will be available and both CRT and BCS will be on site to talk to people. More news in next month’s BVN.

Chris Burton

HEART START - BE EXTRAORDINARY!

Learn how to save a life in just two hours!

Interested?

We are intending to run these BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION courses in the new year in the village hall.

You will be taught to recognise the signs and symptoms of a heart attack, perform CPR, deal with choking and serious bleeding and how to put someone in the recovery position.

It is a FREE COURSE, hands on and teaches you the simple skills that saves lives!

**Watch out for more details in the December B.V.N. and on the Braunston village website.**
Hope and Homes for Children

**Funds Raised since last shown in BVN**

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This would not be possible without your continued support.

Thank you all so much

Brenda Hobbs on behalf of
Hope and Homes for Children
Tel 01788 899086

**Breaking News**

Money donated in September, October and November, will be matched pound for pound by the UK Government. So could you please return you Penny Pots, even if they are not completely full, to:-

- 30 Church Road Braunston;
- Braunston Village Stores; or hand them to someone at All Saints Church, Braunston
Are your loved ones or friends blind or partially sighted? Are you wondering what to buy them for Christmas?

Then why not visit one of Northamptonshire Association for the Blind's Sight Centres to see a range of different gift ideas. They display and sell a variety of specialist aids and equipment that can make the perfect birthday or Christmas gifts for someone living with sight loss.

Why not visit our NEW Mobile Sight Centre when it visits your area shortly. It will be in Daventry parked near Shopmobility, New Street, on Wednesday November 19th between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

If you are unable to visit any of our locations but would like to obtain a catalogue or place an order, get in touch with us:

Helpline: 01604 719193
www.nab.org.uk
FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

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SOME VILLAGE FUND RAISING NEWS

The Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day in September raised a magnificent figure of £2200

Thanks to everybody who supported this event
I’m Adam Simmonds, your Police and Crime Commissioner. It is my role to work with the Chief Constable and Northamptonshire Police, to cut crime and make our communities safer.

A large part of my role is setting the strategic priorities of the Northamptonshire Police, for which the Chief Constable has responsibility to ensure their successful implementation. To do this effectively, it is vital that local communities are involved wherever possible.

I want Northamptonshire to be the safest place in the country and I am confident that we can achieve this. When I was elected as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire in November 2012, I set out the strategic priorities in my Police and Crime Plan. These included a 40% reduction in violent crime; making Northamptonshire’s roads safer; addressing the complex issues of rural crime; and a large expansion of the Force’s Special Constabulary. My full plan can be viewed at: http://www.northantspcc.org.uk.

Since November 2012, the Force has made great strides in achieving the ambitious targets that I set out in my Police and Crime Plan. However, to build on this success, it is important that communities such as Braunston are involved and able to have their say and provide feedback to enable us to improve further and make progress.

I will continue to engage with communities across the county, updating you with information relevant to your area. I invite you to contact me with any concerns or share your feedback on the policing of Braunston, or the wider county. Please contact me on commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk. Alternatively, you can write to me at Force Headquarters, address detailed below.

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming a Special Constable based in Braunston? Contact me at commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk.

If you would like to receive regular updates via my newsletter, please sign up using the following link: http://www.northantspcc.org.uk/signup.aspx
It's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25th November and I will be supporting local events to mark this important date. Reports of domestic violence have increased across the county over the past year. In our District, the rise is 13.9 per cent, with the number of victims rising by 35 per cent compared with the same period last year. The rise has partly been explained by changes in how domestic violence is recorded. Nonetheless, I'm sure you'll agree that these are very disturbing statistics.

Football
I’m in conversation with Daventry Town FC about starting up kids’ football sessions at the Playing Field. Northants FA are also talking about helping get adult sessions off the ground, in partnership with the Admiral Nelson. There’s a meeting about the adult sessions on Tuesday 18 November in the old library of the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in getting involved is welcome to attend.

Daventry East Children’s Centre
Northants CC are closing down Daventry East Children’s Centre, despite overwhelming public support for keeping it open and strong criticism from Northants Healthwatch. I campaigned hard against the closure, and I will continue to campaign to ensure families across our District get the support they need. What happens in pregnancy and the early years of a child’s life has a profound impact on the rest of his or her life.

Community Car and Café
Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the £1 car and café appeal. Rev Sarah and I are thrilled to announce that together, you have raised over £500, a testament to the amazing generosity of this village. It is hoped that the car and the café might be up and running next month.

Parking
Plans are progressing to set up a walking bus and other initiatives to reduce the need to park around the school. In the meantime, please park with care (not on the double yellows), giving thought to pedestrians, neighbours and other drivers.

Buses
I continue to lobby the County and District Council, and Stagecoach, about the needs of bus users in our village. I’m aware that many young people having a long and expensive journey to school or college in the absence of the number 10. Please could any parent or young person who is facing challenges getting to and from school on public transport let me know – the more stories and experiences I can share, the better. 

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Mickle Well Park
An outline planning application (for up to 450 houses, a primary school, a community 'hub' and allotments) on land off the A361 (opposite Middlemore) is now available to view on www.daventrydc.gov.uk.

My next Ward Walkabout will be on Saturday 15 November 3.30-4.30 around Eastfields and The Green.

With best wishes, Abigail

ALL SAINTS’ HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
NOVEMBER 2014

The detailed specification and drawings for the restoration works have been completed by our architect. These have been submitted to English Heritage for their technical approval. Once this approval is given we can then issue these documents to our list of pre-qualified contractors for tendering.

We are still aiming to have the tenders returned to us in early December. Providing the tenders match our current budget estimates then we expect to complete our Second Stage Submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in January 2015. This will request approval and release of the main HLF grant to enable orders to be placed for work to commence in Spring 2015.

We have submitted our Progress Report and invoices received to HLF covering work done to date on the Development Project. This has been approved and their second payment (£5880) is being credited to our account. Drafts of all the new Guide Sheets for the church have been prepared and are being reviewed (Final publication will be during the second stage, the Delivery Project). All other planned initiatives are under way.

Let us hope that the tenders for the restoration works are within our budget, otherwise we will need to put our thinking caps on again!
Braunston Women’s Institute

Next Meeting:-

Tuesday 4th November at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

This is a Christmas Craft Evening which we always enjoy, especially as it gives us chance for a natter and to catch up with everybody.

Visitors are always very welcome.

Barbara 01788 890452

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Braunston Friendly Club

Next Meeting:-

10th November – A coach rip to Touchwood Shopping Centre at Solihull. The coach leaves The Green at 10.30am. The cost is £9. There are still a number of seats available. Contact Gill on 890763 or Janet on 890336.

Monday, 24th November at 2.30 in the Village Hall - TBA

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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TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL

CALL:-

Mrs Jac Morris
01788 890686

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RAINFALL— 2014

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Information provided by Rob Buckley
BRAUNSTON PLAYERS present

Noughties, Tens & the ROARING Twenties

Tickets £6 from The Boat Shop, Bottom Lock Tel 01788 891 310

November 26-29th 7:45pm
Doors open 7:15pm
Braunston Village Hall
Parish Councillor Vacancy

Due to a resignation of a councillor there is a vacancy on the Parish Council.

If you are interested in being co-opted on to the Parish Council please contact the clerk either by phone on 07956 682733 or emailing at clerk@braunstonpc.org

Please could you contact the clerk by Friday 14th November at the latest, there will be a short interview process after this date to select the successful candidate.
FROSTY’S NATURE NOTES

Little Trotty Wagtail

Little trotty wagtail he went in the rain,
And tittering, tottering sideways he ne’er got straight again,
He stooped to get a worm, and looked up to get a fly,
And then he flew away ere his feathers they were dry.

Little trotty wagtail, he waddled in the mud,
And left his little footmarks, trample where he would.
He waddled in the water-pudge, and waggle went his tail,
And chrrrupt up his wings to dry upon the garden rail.

Little trotty wagtail, he wandered down the aisle,
In Tesco’s massive superstore, he made the punters smile
The managers at Tesco called for a man and gun.
but customers protested, and trotty wagtail won.

So wrote Northamptonshire poet, John Clare. (Well actually I helped him a bit with that last verse). Clare, who died 150 years ago, hated what rich landowners were doing to his beloved Northamptonshire countryside and wildlife. It literally drove him mad and he spent his later years in a Northampton asylum.

Earlier this summer supermarket giant Tesco planned to to shoot a pied wagtail in its Great Yarmouth store. The action caused a storm of local and national protest. TV naturalist and Springwatch presenter Chris Packham joined in the opposition. He helped find experts who liberated the bird.

Our three species of wagtail; yellow (Motacilla flava); grey (Motacilla cinerea) and pied (Motacilla alba) that breed in the UK are all suffering long-term declines. Yellow wagtails, farmland birds which migrate to sub-Saharan Africa, have seen numbers reduce by more than two-fifths (43%) between 1995 and 2012. Changes in British agriculture are thought to be to blame. Problems overseas, including shooting on migration routes also contribute to the decline.

Grey wagtails, once very common by canals, are down by a third (32%) in 20 years. The pied has seen declines of 11%. Fortunately there are still a few little trotty wagtails to be seen along our Braunston towpath. These jaunty birds still have the ability to entertain and amuse us today, just as they lifted poet John Clare’s depression 150 years ago.
Sad and Blue Christmas Service – All Saints’ Braunston
6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 7th December

Christmas can be a painful time for some- the loss of a loved one, the anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, loneliness, can all can weigh heavy at this time.

If you are feeling this way, if you need encouragement for the days ahead, if you just want to find some peace among the preparations, then come and join us for our Sad and Blue Christmas service.

Through prayers, scripture, and music we will acknowledge that God’s presence is for those who mourn and struggle; that God’s Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Together we will share in the hope of Christmas.

Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome. The short service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.

At a loose end on Christmas Day?

You are invited to celebrate Christmas with a traditional 3 course lunch & all the trimmings at Braunston Village Hall - 1:30pm on 25th Dec!

Adults: £10 (concessions available) Children over 5 years: £5
£5 deposit secures your place - book soon, numbers limited!
RSVP: Tel 01788 891 604

Transport will be arranged for those who need it

Organised & supported by All Saints’ Church, Braunston
Braunston Walkers Walk Saturday 18/10/14 - Cropredy

Nine of us set off braving the weather forecast which was not looking good with massive blobs of blue all over our area. We had driven to the village of Mollington to start the walk on the Darcy Dalton Way, a 66 mile long distance footpath named after an army colonel, the late W. P. d’Arcy Dalton, who was a champion of rights of way in the county. It follows the western boundary of Oxfordshire and visits some beautiful country. Our path started in Mollington and followed a sunken grassy lane up to the church and then passes their quirky village shop before entering fields behind a caravan site. We then caught up with another group of walkers and their dogs which were Cockapoos, a cross between cockatoos and poodles or was it spaniels? They and their dogs were enjoying a weekend away together. After passing through several hedges we arrived in Farnborough Park with magnificent views over to Edge Hill which was being treated to one of the forecasted downpours but we remained dry and surprisingly warm and with the obelisk at Farnborough off to our left we continued through extensive parkland. We crossed a minor road and climbed steeply up to the village church and then turned right passing an old walled garden now not in use and finally crossed the A423 walking through autumnal trees giving a fantastic display of yellow, orange and red. Our path then dropped downhill and joined a track which took us over the busy main Stratford to Banbury main railway line with some caution as trains were very regular and very fast and beeped at each foot crossing. This path goes into Claydon but we turned right to reach a very cute Shetland pony with a superb fringe who approached us for some fuss. We sucked on Foxes Glacier Mints kindly supplied by Terry and continued over a road and downhill over fields to reach the delightfully named Clattercote where horses grazed as we crossed the railway yet again, avoiding trains, then after climbing a hill and pausing to admire a display from a huge dragonfly we paused to try to read a faded memorial stone set on a grassy hummock before continuing past a farm at Cropredy Lawn and after several more fields we emerged on the Mollington Road to enter Cropredy and our eagerly awaited lunch stop at The Brazenose Arms. Coincidentally as we doffed muddy boots and entered the pub another group of nine also arrived. The pub coped well with the mix up and we were soon ensconced over toasted sandwiches, chips and pints of foaming Hookey. Fantastic and highly recommended. Our route back started in the cul de sac just along from the pub with the unlikely name of Cup and Saucer where a stone font with a stone in it stood looking like a real man size Pestle and Mortar on the grass verge. We crossed several fields away from Cropredy and it was still dry as we reached and crossed the A423 before taking a path that leads us back to the cars at Mollington. This was a great walk and just goes to show that the forecasters sometimes get it wrong. Don’t let them discourage you come and join our next walks as follows:

15th November Woodland Walk (c.10 miles)  20th December Christmas Walk (c.7 miles)
HARVEST Supper
The annual Harvest Supper was held at the School on Monday 6th of October where 38 people enjoyed a great evening. The main meal consisted of Beef Casserole and vegetables swilled down with ample supplies of cider. There was a roar of laughter when Pat invited the gathering to form an "Elderly" queue for the tasty puddings.

After the meal the Auction took place headed by our resident auctioneer Trevor, who tried to keep order while selling the perishable items. It would appear that there was a surplus of marrows this year! The Auction raised £ 170:50 to go towards the Community Cafe and Car.

Our thanks go to the Catering staff headed by Alison with Annette and Barbara and also to the providers of food and produce for the evening.

Trevor Mnnett and Pat Milner auctioning the goods after the supper

SOME MORE VILLAGE FUND RAISING NEWS

The Braunston W.I. held a Coffee Morning for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice and raised £141

There were a number of McMillan Coffee Mornings held in the village during October and jointly they raised nearly £1600 for this wonderful cause. Many thanks to one in the Village Hall, The Gongoozlers’ Rest and the Stop House.

This is apart from all the money raised towards the Community Cafe and Community Car.
What a brilliant achievement.
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