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**Village**

**NEWS**

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**REGISTERS FOR OCTOBER**

**ASHBY**

**Baptism:** 2nd October Nova Utley

**BRAUNSTON**

**Wedding:** 21st October- Richard Watkins & Shannon  
Thompson



## PARISH PAGE

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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

7th November	Full Council Meeting
21st November	Precept Meeting
5th December	Full Council Meeting
9th January	Full Council Meeting

**All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website  
[www.braunston.org.uk/bpc](http://www.braunston.org.uk/bpc)**

## FLOODLIGHTING 2016

### October's floodlighting

3rd October - \* Lit by Julie Simpson for Debbie, Nina and friends.

5th October - \* In memory of Rose Bray, Boatwoman

6th October - \* **Ralph & Gill Maltby's Wedding Anniversary**

15th October - To celebrate the marriage of Lucy and Allan yesterday

22nd October - Commemorating the birthday of loving wife and mother DOT WARD

30th October - For Sue Woodward on her birthday

31st October - \* Remembering Joan & Bill Folkard and my brother, Michael, Love Lin



### November's floodlighting so far ...

3rd November John, with love on your 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday from Janet, Juliet, Melissa, Chappy and Farrell, Benedict & Francesca

6th November - \* Happy Birthday Pauline. Love Roy

8th November - In loving memory of our great granddaughter, Ava-May. Always in our thoughts.

12th November - \* Happy Anniversary Mick, with love

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – 20th October 2016

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## THE BRAUNSTON WEDDING VENUE

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## SARAH'S LETTER



### On Monsters in the church

For several years, our church spire has been home to a pair of peregrine falcons - welcome visitors, even though the first thing they did on arrival was to murder and eat the pair of beautiful white doves that had previously billed and cooed religiously on the church roof. Although their table manners are quite disgusting, (they drop half eaten carcasses all over the place including into the down pipes of the guttering where they fester revoltingly,) the falcons are nonetheless attractive guests and attract other welcome guests of the twitching variety who stand outside the church with binoculars or cameras aloft to enjoy their aerobatic parenting display. You've seen them I'm sure.

This summer has brought a new group of visitors. Boys are not renowned for their desire to visit churches so you may not be surprised that their presence here is not because they've had an attack of piety but because "here be monsters!" The church features in the game 'Pokemon Go' which imposes cute animated monsters on the landscape (on your phone screen not actually out there!) and has the distinction of being a 'gym' where these monsters can be battled. That is a new use for the building for sure.

Although, come to think of it, the Church has always been involved in fighting monsters of one sort or another. The bible tells us that our battle is not with flesh and blood but with powers and principalities- spiritual monsters- We all face them sometimes. Huge monsters from our pasts, vague shadowy terrifying monsters that seem to lurk in our future and mar our chance of happiness in the present. Monsters of guilt and shame and anger, broken relationships, despair and addiction. Monsters that have names like cancer or depression or dementia. Monsters have been fought here for generations and some of the battles have been long and terrible and lonely. But they are worth fighting because victory means transformed lives, peace, reconciliation and a knowledge of being valuable and loved as an individual under God.

Christ's Church in this place is a place where monsters may safely be faced and dealt with. A villager told me this week that the church is her "safe house" where everything can be faced and named. It is a quiet space filled with God- open every day and ready to welcome anyone who slips in for a think or a prayer or a few tears. It's a safe house where monsters are overpowered and it is yours.

Blessings, Sarah

## **Braunston Village Charities**

As many of you will be aware, but equally many of you may not, Braunston has, for a number of years, had a number of small charities dedicated to assisting and supporting villagers by making small, one-off grants and gifts. This has been possible thanks to a small band of Trustees who have worked very hard and with often very little recognition to identify where such support might be needed.

The Trustees decided last year that it would be sensible to review the way the Charities worked, to bring them together as a single organisation and make sure that they were representing and providing appropriate support to all the village. It was also decided to raise the profile of the Charities, to make sure that they were better known within the village and that villagers knew how to tell the Trustees of anyone who might benefit from a grant or a gift.

As a result of the review, a new constitution has been drafted. As the value of the combined Charities is below a certain amount, it is no longer necessary for them to be registered with the Charity Commission, but the constitution does have to be agreed with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs for tax purposes. It has been sent to them and we await any comments, but we don't expect there to be any problems.

Once the constitution has been accepted, we will make it available on the Village Website. We will also make available details of who the trustees are and how to contact them if you know of someone or a family that might benefit from the Charities. They must live in the village and the grant or gift cannot be to provide something that should be provided by the state.

The Board of Trustees is chaired by the Rector, with the Chair of the Parish Council being the Vice-Chair. If you would like to suggest someone who might be eligible for help from the Charities or want to find out more about the Charities, then for now, please contact Sandra Ashford, the Vice-Chair on 01788 899287, but not the Rector because of the other demands on her time and energy.

The other Trustees are: Kim Donald; Jo Longworth; Sally-Ann Longworth and Jason Pritchard. We will provide contact details for them once they have been agreed.

Steve Rolt is the Honorary Treasurer and I am the Honorary Secretary. We will keep the Village informed of the Trustees' activities through the Village website, the BVN and the Parish Meeting each year, though obviously not of the details of the recipients of any grants or gifts.

Pete Morgan

## JENNI'S JOTTINGS

One morning earlier this week I was walking on the path past my house with Bramble at about 7am. In front of me were two dogs walking the same way. I was rather surprised as there was no one else about. Bramble was about to go and investigate when on eof the 'dogs' coughed. As I got nearer I realised that what I was actually seeing was a pair of badgers! My brave hound immediately went behind me and attempted to climb up my trouser leg. I am rather fond of badgers even though where we lived before I lost two inquisitive kittens to badgers defending their sett. We also found a very young badger cub whose Mum had been killed. We managed to corner him by tempting him with peanuts. Chris (wearing strong gloves) picked him up and we put him in a cat basket and took him to Tiggywinkles Rescue. He was very very feisty. There has been a lot in the press and T.V recently about badgers and the spread of TB. Asa an animal lover I am very much against the current cull, I think more research needs to be carried out. However, I am not a livestock owner and can't imagine the pain and heartache caused by TB in cattle. I would be interesting in other opinions especially from our two cattle farmers in Braunston. I will get off my soap box now!!

Have you been to visit the Village Network vehicle? They here again on Wednesday afternoon on the 9th. They have lots of advice on a number of subjects so if you have any questions, do go and visit them.

After my cry for help last month for help with the distribution of the BVN I am hoping that the lady who is joining me with this months's distribution will enjoy carrying on where I leave it.

Enjoy November and I hope the weather isn't too bad. Please remember that the next issue of the BVN will be a double issue so if you have anything to report for January it will need to be with me by 20th November.

Jenni



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5:20pm - 5:45pm

Pro Primary Ballet (7-8 yrs)  
5:45pm - 6:30pm

Primary Ballet (9 yrs+)  
6:30pm - 7:15pm

Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+)  
7:15pm - 7:45pm

Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+)  
7:45pm - 8:15pm

Adult Ballet (no max age)  
8:15pm - 8:55pm

### Tuesday

Acting, Performance & Singing (all ages)  
5:45pm - 6:45pm

### Friday

Gymnastics (all ages)  
5:00pm - 5:30pm

Sweet Dance & Modern (8 yrs+)  
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Grade 3 Ballet (10 yrs+)  
6:30pm - 7:15pm

Grade 4 Ballet (10 yrs+)  
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## NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD

Could we really plant 1000 bulbs for the Purple for Polio campaign, 120 Matrix winter pansies for colour , pull out 100 metres of old hedge, take down 2 trees and weed and tidy the garden? The answer is with 27 volunteers (a new record) yes we can!

October was our most successful work morning to date. So much was achieved and such a difference was made. It was also so lovely to see so many children involved. Thank you so much to everyone involved.

We're now all set for Saturday November 12th our tree planting morning. We have 105 hedge trees to put in and 30 copse trees all provided by the Woodland Trust. Please come along and help us. Plant a tree for future generations.

**Next work morning: Saturday 12th November**

**Next Jetty Field meeting: Thursday 8th December**

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are pleased to report that the Plan has successfully passed external examination. This is a process that all neighbourhood plans must go through before they can become part of the development plan for the area.

In May, this year Daventry District Council appointed Ann Skippers Planning, an experienced consultancy from Essex, to do this work. An independent external examiner must be someone with no personal interest in the area of the plan. The examination was carried out by written representations and Ann Skippers made an independent visit to the area in September.

We have now received the examiner's report which we have on the village website, <http://www.braunston.org.uk/>. It is also on the website of Daventry District Council. The report is a 29-page document which we hope you will take the time to read. Please let us know if you would like a copy to be printed for you.

The purpose of the examination is to check that the Plan has been drawn up in an appropriate way, that local people, businesses and bodies have been consulted and that it meets the national planning conditions. The examiner has confirmed that this is the case. This means that all 13 of the policies that arose from the discussions held across the parish over four years will go forward. The report recommends changes to the wording of some of the policies. We will work with DDC on this.

It was very pleasing that the examiner understood the thinking behind our plan and recognised the desire that has arisen in the parish for the policies such as preventing coalescence with Daventry. It was particularly rewarding to read the positive comments about our well-defined vision in seeking to reinforce the distinctiveness of Braunston. We appreciated the description of our approach to community engagement as 'exemplary' and the presentation of our plan as 'refreshingly straightforward'.

We are now on target for a community referendum in early 2017.

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## Christmas Tree Scheme

Following on from parishioners requests the Parish Council has agreed to extend the current Christmas tree scheme to any resident that wishes to take part from within the Parish.

The resident will need to pay for bracket (£22.50) and lights (£9.99) upon order and then each year for a tree (current price £13.50)

The Parish Council will arrange to centrally order all the brackets and lights and have these delivered to each household. Orders will need to be with me by the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

The trees will be as usual ordered for the first weekend in December, delivery / collection arrangements will be confirmed nearer the time

If you wish to take part, please order using the form below

### Christmas Tree Scheme Order Form

Please can I order the following: -

Qty	Item	Price	Total
	Brackets	£22.50	
	Lights	£9.99	

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Whose judgment upon you must pass  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the one staring back from the glass.

He's the fellow to please – never mind all the rest  
For he's with you, clear to the end  
And you've passed your most difficult, dangerous test  
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years  
And get pats on the back as you pass  
But your final reward will be heartache and tears  
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

All Saints' Church, Braunston

# Autumn Fair

**Saturday 12th November  
2pm to 4pm  
in the Village Hall**

## 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
- Wine



## Can you help?

Help on the day - Tel 01788 899 157

If you are able to donate any of the above items, please bring to the Village Hall (from 11am on the day). Thank you!

**BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION**  
**Gardening together in Braunston**  
**NOVEMBER / DECEMBER EVENTS**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm**

Village Hall – Planning Meeting – all welcome – to plan programme for 2017

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 10am**

Village Hall – Community Gardening – all welcome

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 to 8.00pm AGM**

Village hall – all welcome to hear what we have been up to this year.

The AGM will be followed by a planning meeting.

**2017 OPEN GARDENS REMINDER** – please contact us if you would like to take part in 2017. We like a wide range of gardens, all shapes, sizes and styles to show off the variety of gardening taking place in Braunston. All to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Following a lovely visit to **Birmingham Botanical Gardens** in September where we discovered that Christmas cacti are epiphytes and enjoy a habit like this. We would like to hear from you with ideas for future gardens to visit and/or topics for talks .



Contact Kate Mawer  
[mawerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mawerk@hotmail.co.uk)  
or telephone  
01788 890340

## Gongoozlers Rest Café Boat



A huge thank you to everyone involved and who contributed to our **MacMillan Coffee Morning** when you helped us to raise **£460**. Special thanks go to Jackie, Fiona, Jenny and Chris at the butchers.

We are open every day from 9am to 2pm until close of trading on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Our reopening date will be displayed on the shop notice board, our web site and our Facebook page.

The Gongoozler is run very much as a team and Avril, Jackie and Fiona can equally deal with any enquiries you may have.

Avril and the crew wish you all a very happy Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year

# REMEMBRANCE



**11<sup>th</sup> November**

**All Saints' Church Braunston**

**11am Family Remembrance Service**

**3pm Remembrance Service**

## CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS NOVEMBER 2016

Day	Time	Event <b>B - Braunston A - Ashby</b>
Tue	1 09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	2 12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Fri	4 19:00	Sung Compline
Fri	4 19:30	Confirmations Rehearsal
Sun	6 09:15	Holy Communion Ash
	11:00	Parish Communion Br
	15:00	LPM Licencing and Confirmations
Mon	7 13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	8 09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	9 10:30	Preschool visit to church
Wed	9 12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	10 14:00	Autumn Fair
	17:30	Youth Church
Sun	13 08:00	Holy Communion Br
	11:00	Family Service Br
	12:00	Ashby Remembrance
	15:00	Braunston Remembrance
Mon	14 13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	15 09:00	Morning prayer - <b>B</b>
Wed	16 12:30	Peace at lunchtime
	18:30	How to pray Course
Sat	19 17:30	Youth Church
Sun	20 08:00	Holy Communion <b>B</b>
	09:15	Holy Communion <b>A</b>
	11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church <b>B</b>
Mon	21 13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	22 09:00	Morning prayer - <b>B</b>
Wed	23 12:30	Peace at lunchtime
	18:30	How to pray Course
Sat	26 17:30	Youth Church
Sun	27 08:00	Holy Communion <b>B</b>
	09:15	Breakfast Service <b>A</b>
	11:00	Family Communion <b>B</b>
	18:00	Deanery Advent Praise at Braunston
Mon	28 13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	29 09:00	Morning prayer - <b>B</b>
Wed	30 12:30	Peace at lunchtime
	18:30	How to pray course

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS NOVEMBER 2016

Tuesday	1st	Womens' Institute: Beavers: on.Royal British Legion talk Hillmorton
Wednesday	2nd	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	3rd	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	7th	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts: Parish Council Mtg
Tuesday	8th	Beavers: Royal British Legion meeting at the George Hotel, Kilsby
Wednesday	9th	Village Networks vehicle in afternoon: 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	10th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo: BVGA Planning Meeting
Friday	11th	Youth Club
Saturday	12th	Community Gardening: Jetty Field Work Party: Twinners Quiz
Sunday	13th	Royal British Legion Remembrance Services:11am Crocus planting in Playing Fields
Monday	14th	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	15th	Beavers: Dick Herne History Society
Wednesday	16th	Royal British Legion lunch at the Sporting Club, Barby 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	17th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Saturday	19th	Cinema Club Dinner
Sunday	20th	Community Gardening: Quiz night at the Wheatsheaf
Monday	21st	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	22nd	Beavers: 19.30 BVGA Autumn Talk
Wednesday	23rd to 26th	Braunston Players
Wednesday	23rd	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	24th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	25th	Mobile Library:
Saturday	26th	Twinners Craft Fair: Cinema Club
Monday	28th	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	29th	Beavers
Wednesday	30th	19.00 Yoga

## THE DICK HERNE HISTORY SOCIETY

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November in the Gallie Room  
at 7 30pm.**

**Illustrated Talk by Tim Clark:-**

### **“Warwick in the 1790’s. A time of rapid change.”**

Tim really knows Warwick and has a wealth of fascinating facts and information at his fingertips. Those of us who went on his guided walk through Warwick last year can testify to that.

Please come along and support your local history society,  
members free, Guests £2

### **BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY**

Last night, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 40 members and guests were in the village hall to hear charming, enthusiastic and very knowledgeable Ben Alsop from the British Museum give us an illustrated talk on “Tokens and Trade in the 17<sup>th</sup> century”.

Ben gave us a very clear picture of life in those times and the kind of shops and trades you could expect to find in an average town, such as Grocers, Chandlers, Apothecaries, Tobacconists, Booksellers, Inns and Public Houses. He made it relevant by giving examples of local areas, Daventry, Rugby and Warwick.

Individual traders could produce their own Tokens which could be traded locally for goods and provisions and he was able to show us many photos including one from “Daventry” which had the Danetree stamped onto it. He acknowledged that coins and tokens were not the most exciting of exhibits but it was the human and social history behind them that was so fascinating and he certainly made them so.

While here on his lightning trip from London Ben sampled Braunston’s wonderful fish and chips and he encouraged us to visit the British Museum if visiting London.

# OUR VILLAGE HALL



At the heart of every village are the church, the pubs and the village hall and we are blessed to have all of them.

After one hundred and twenty two years as a school the transformation to the village hall was completed in 1974.

The modernisation of the kitchen and Gallie room, completed in 2004 and the construction of the Pre-school extension give us the Village Hall we have today.

There are constant references throughout the information provided by our History Society as to the help and support given by the villagers to the Village Hall and this help and support continues today.

During 2017 we want to celebrate having our Village Hall and look forward to everybody enjoying what it has to offer

## BRAUNSTON WALKERS

Somerset Weekend 16/9-18/9

Basing ourselves at the wonderful Yarnmarket hotel in Dunster the group (19 people) planned several great walks, good company, great scenery, lots of beer and good food, what's not to like? Our first walk, a 5.5 miler, started outside the hotel in the shadow of the Yarnmarket itself. We walked through this lovely old village along a narrow road avoiding cars to pass a lovely old building called "the old nunnery" and then past the beautiful old stone church whose bells tolled various well known hymns. Twelve of us then walked down a lane with the leaf from an old Watermill babbling alongside then past some old thatched cottages and over the beautiful Gallox Bridge. A great place for Poo sticks but we had to get on. The weather threatened rain but as soon as we donned coats it stopped with glimpses of the sun and a cool breeze which, once we had tackled some steep hills and believe me they were steep, would be most welcome. We followed woodland paths climbing steadily or panting for mercy to reach the first viewpoint where the trees thinned and we gazed along a beautiful Exmoor valley. This pause was only short as we continued the climb. We reached a junction and turned right swiftly dropping downhill to reach the valley and an enchanted area which included the tallest Tree in Britain, a Douglas fir. It is 197 feet tall and stands majestically with lots of information plaques telling of the height being the equivalent of 14 double decker buses or of 22 elephants standing on each other's backs and higher than Nelson's column. Leaving this interesting dell we were climbing again up through denser woodland to pass a remote spooky house and on deeper into the forest. Our route was to take in the Iron Age fort known as Bats Castle and a local man explained that he knew it as Ceasar's Castle. We continued sweating, uphill and then emerged from the forest and walked up to the Iron Age fort with fantastic views over the Bristol Channel with the Welsh hills in the distance then inland over the valleys and hills that make up this fabulous area. We walked downhill back to the village meeting up with Nigel and Judith enroute then once in Dunster, decided we had earned a beer and called in to the Foresters Arms with its English elm bar, interesting publican, great local beer and a parrot with Tourettes! A great entertaining end to a super walk.

A fantastic three course dinner in the evening at the hotel and then a nightcap at the quirky old Lutterall Arms opposite, before bed ready for the big one tomorrow.

Saturday 17/9 we awoke to sunshine with a cool breeze, ideal walking weather and after a hearty breakfast set off in the hotel minibus through Minehead and steeply uphill to North Hill deep in Exmoor. Our driver gave us lots of interesting facts on the journey. At the car park way above the sea with clear views of Wales we started a classic walk along the South West Coast path. Stunning countryside and Exmoor ponies all around. At the high point we were looking down along the coast to Porlock itself and the harbour at Porlock Weir then along the coast as far as Lynmouth. Fantastic view. Our route left the main path onto a narrow track over the moor toward Hurlestone Point. The path dramatically and suddenly arrives alongside a sheer cliff around 200 metres above the sea and we negotiated our way down it with lots of shouts to stay

away from the edge to reach a narrow, hair raising, zig zag path to the sea, the point and the lonely, disused coastguard station. We paused to enjoy Nigel's sweets. A brilliant walk, well worth the effort. The way back took us along a pleasant wooded valley and over a river to reach the beautiful old village of Bossington. After a bit of off ramble, scrumping we followed narrow roads up into Porlock and The Ship Inn our lunch venue. This was about 6 miles and we were ready for refreshment. As it was so sunny we arranged ourselves in the garden with foaming pints of Exmoor ale while the waitress, who, bizarrely would only take 6 orders at a time, told us how busy they were and that they didn't know we were coming! I had driven to the pub two days earlier to make sure they remembered and was assured and shown that we were in the book. So after a bit of a delay food started to arrive and very good it was too. Bruce and Angela joined us at the pub and came with us for the 4 mile walk back along narrow lanes, then on marsh land with weird dead trees. Later I learned from our informative driver that the trees died after salt sea water breached the chesil beach. We arrived at the beach and walked on loose stones to reach a road into the delightful Porlock Weir with its thatched cottages and small harbour. It is a lovely place and we were soon sitting in the sun on a sea wall with delicious Styles, Somerset ice creams.

The minibus met us and took us on an informative and scenic route back to Dunster via the pretty village of Allerford, once designated the prettiest village in Devon even though it is actually in Somerset! After a cracking evening meal we crossed the road and went to the Lutterall Arms again for a nightcap in the secret garden where under torchlight we enjoyed our drinks and entertaining excerpts from Nigel Sykes Schooldays.

Sunday 18/9 Sadly today we had to pack up and check out and to drive back an hour or so to Churchill and a 5 mile walk from the Crown Inn. It was the third day of sunshine as we set off a little late due to my inept directions and conflicting Sat Navs and after admiring some pigs who clearly thought we were there to feed them, we walked along the busy A368 main road and then uphill steeply through dense woodland to eventually emerge onto a plateau which was a huge Iron Age fortress. From this vantage point we could see over the estuary to Cardiff and down the coast back to Minehead. Wonderful views all around. We crossed the fort and walked through increasingly, dense woodland around the hill, known as Dolebury Warren, then through a network of wooded paths passing a ruin, all that is left of a big house, back to Churchill. Unfortunately, we did not get back to the pub till 2.30 when they were beginning to close for food. Some had already ordered and the others were able to get into another pub 50 yards further down the road which had a great carvery all freshly cooked. It was then time to make our way back to Braunston.

This was a fantastic weekend, indeed one member said it was our best yet, enjoyed by all in one of the most picturesque areas of the country.

Thanks to Debbie and Ian for suggesting Somerset.

Our next walks as follows: 19/11 Brinklow 17/12 Xmas walk

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## FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
<b>November</b>		
7th	Full Council Meeting	
12th	Autumn fair	All Saints' Church
12th	Jetty Field Tree Planting	Friends of Jetty Field
12th	Brain of Braunston Quiz	Braunston Twinners
23rd-26th	November Show	Braunston Players
<b>December</b>		
8th	Jetty Field Workday	
8th	BVGA AGM	BVGA
10th	Christmas Concert	Royal British Legion
16th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints' Church

## HEALTH WALKS

All are welcome to join in our Health Walks in the Village. Walks last approx 30/40 minutes starting and finishing up at our Community Cafe.

Please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be across fields. Walks will start from outside the Community Cafe at 2pm on Fridays the 4th, 11th and 25th of November

Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)



# **BRAUNSTON PLAYERS**

*present*

# **WHAT'S NEXT?**

**a little bit of this, a little bit of that!**

**November 23-26<sup>th</sup> 7:45pm**

**Doors open 7:15pm - Braunston Village Hall**

**Tickets £6 Wed & Thu, £8 Fri & Sat**

**The Boat Shop, Bottom Lock - Tel 01788 891 310**

*Proceeds to support Braunston Village Hall*

## FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES

### Coo, what a lovely bird.

Every morning two huge pigeons perch on my bedroom balcony and coo loudly as they gaze in on a sleeping Frosty. I'm never totally sure about the many and various types of pigeons and doves that I see around Braunston and further afield. I do know my morning visitors are wood pigeons (*Columba palumbus*) the largest and commonest pigeon in Britain. Young wood pigeon meat, especially the breasts, can be delicious.

The wild rock dove (*Columba livia*) has long been domesticated and kept in dovecots to harvest both eggs and baby squabs for food. The prettiest are the pure white variety that are the symbol of peace and harmony. Today pure white homing pigeons (*Columba livia domestica*), rather than doves are being bred to be symbolically released at weddings and funerals. They use white homing pigeons because that way they can be sold over and over again, always returning to the loft ready to be sold for release at the next wedding or funeral.

Many rock doves have been bred in captivity for food, racing and just for show. Over the years many of these domesticated birds have escaped to live wild and hybridise with other feral pigeons. The result is the flocks of motley pigeon that are so familiar, and such a pest, in our towns. Fancy bird breeders after show prizes developed exotic shapes and colours from white, pale grey, various blues and even black. Those tints are all reflected in their wild relatives.

Stock doves (*Columba oenas*) are similar in size and appearance but are largely blue grey but with an attractive iridescent green band on the back of the neck.

Collared doves (*Streptopelia decaocto*) are one of the prettiest and most delicate of our pigeon species with pale pink grey plumage and the distinctive dark neck collar that gives them their name. They have deep red eyes like drops of blood and pink feet. Collared doves make their presence known by their monotonous cooing.

The turtle dove (*Streptopelia turtur*) is a much more dainty bird than most other doves and pigeons. It is not much bigger than a blackbird. Upper parts are distinctly mottled in chestnut and black. Its black tail has a white edge. The gentle purr of the turtle dove is an evocative sound of summer, but has become increasingly rare and the species is now included on the Red List of conservation concern.



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## BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB

Sat Nov 19th 7.30pm in the Village Hall

No film in November as it is the  
**MEMBERS ANNUAL DINNER**

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The next film will be on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

### Braunston Women's Institute



#### Next Meeting:-

Tuesday November 1st in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Our speaker at this meeting is **Lynda Johnston** who will demonstrate some lovely flower ideas for Christmas. Her arrangements will be raffled at the end of the meeting. For a chance to win one of them, come along and join us.

Contact Barbara on 01788 890452

### Braunston Friendly Club

#### Next Meetings:-

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30

Could be brought forward to 2pm because of the darker evenings.

We are probably going to Torchwood, Solihull for Christmas Shopping on one of the dates but I haven't written anything down so will have to check!

Gill 890763

### Braunston Fishing Club BINGO

Every Thursday throughout the year

8.00pm in the Village Hall

Non members welcome

#### TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL CALL:-

Mrs Leyla Clayson  
62 High Street  
Braunston

leylaclayson@gmail.com  
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### RAINFALL— 2014/2015

2015	2016
Jan 52.7	71.8
Feb 31.0	37.2
March 25.1	79.0
April 14.1	42.8
May 45.2	32.5
June 24.5	68.1
July 47.8	7.8
Aug 43.5	59.6
Sept 33.2	42.5
Oct 47.9	
Nov 61.3	
Dec 72.2	
Total 2015 498.5mm or 19.6 ins!!	

Information provided by Rob Buckley

# Purple4Polio



## **Braunston Village Gardens Association has linked up with Danetre Rotary Club to plant 5000 purple crocus bulbs around Braunston for the Purple4Polio campaign.**

But the BVGA could not do this alone! It has been a real village affair with many village organisations getting involved and planting together. We wondered whether you saw any of the groups in October.

Jetty Fields Association were the first to get planting. Quickly followed one evening by The Beavers and Parish Council. Then the BVGA, Youth Club, Village Hall, WI and the Cubs planted during mid to late October. Finally, and more recently, The Playing Fields Association and the Church Youth Group WOW were out and about planting.

### **WHY PLANT PURPLE CROCUS?**

When children in developing world countries go to have their vaccination against Polio they have their finger dipped into purple ink to show that they have been vaccinated.

### **WHAT IS THE CAMPAIGN ABOUT?**

Rotary have teamed up with the Royal Horticultural Society to transform public spaces and brighten up local communities by planting five million purple crocus corms across Britain and Ireland. Rotary has a long and successful history in its fight against polio, which it started in 1985, and Rotary continues to play a key role including raising funds and through its advocacy. When it started this challenge over 30 years ago there were 125 endemic countries and now there are just 2.

In 2015 there were 74 cases of polio recorded, and to date this year there have been 18. Through the Purple4Polio campaign, Rotary aims to reduce this number to zero.

Thank you Danetre Rotary for funding the crocuses and encouraging Braunston to take part in the 2016 campaign.



Crocus Planting in Jetty Field



Crocus Planting at Village Hall

## BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

### SUPPORT

# PURPLE 4 POLIO

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The annual Poppy collection will take place during the period 29<sup>th</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> November There will be a door to door collection and local businesses will, also, have collecting boxes. We can always do with additional collectors and will anyone able to spare a couple of hours please contact Colin White on 890390.

Remembrance Services will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November. The District service will be at Ashby Church at 10.30am and the local service at Braunston Church at 3.00pm. Will all members please parade 15 minutes prior to these times.

You are reminded of the Christmas concert to be given on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December by Daventry Brass. Full details will be given in the December issue of the BVN. Ticket in advance are available from Colin White.

We have been invited to join the Rugby RAF Association at 7.30 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> November at the Ex-Servicemens Club, Hillmorton, for a talk on Midlands Comedians. All are welcome.

Tony Saunderson    Tel.No. 01788 890797



## VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### WEEKLY

		<b>CONTACT</b>	
Monday	Zumba	7.00pm	Nicki 07887853886
Wednesday	Braunston Art Group	2.00pm	Nick 01788 890764
	Yoga	7.00pm	Sheila 01788 891831
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	1.45pm	Alan 1788 890011
	Bingo Club	8.00pm	Harry 01788 890396

### FORTNIGHTLY

Monday	Friendly Club	2.00pm	Gill 01788 890763
Friday	Youth Club	7.00pm	Leah 01788 89183

### MONTHLY

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

**Pre-School takes place Monday-Friday – [braunstonpreschool.org.uk](http://braunstonpreschool.org.uk)**

### OTHER VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 2016

Braunston Players will be rehearsing at various times during November in the run up to their show on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Can you sing, dance, perform or help with stage management? Why not contact Chris on 01788 890491 and come along to a rehearsal.

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All Saints Church Autumn Fair	2.00pm	
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Twinnors Brain of Braunston Quiz	7.30pm	
Wed. 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Braunston Players Show	7.30pm	

**Would you like to start a group in the Village Hall? Do you have any ideas for activities in the Hall? Contact Leyla on 01788 899138**

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